

August 3, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic, the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina, met for its Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M. via an electronic meeting (Zoom) with the following Commissioners present: Chairman Sidney E. Dunston, Vice-Chair Shelley Dickerson, Cedric K. Jones, Sr., Harry L. Foy, Jr., Mark Speed and Michael Schriver. Commissioner David Bunn was absent.

The public was not allowed to physically attend this meeting; however, the meeting was livestreamed on YouTube at <http://franklincounty.today>. Citizens were also able to view or listen to the meeting via Zoom.

Chairman Dunston called the meeting to order and asked the Board to consider approval of the consent agenda.

Commissioner Foy made a motion to remove Item 1-H for discussion. Commissioner Schriver seconded the motion and the motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

Commissioner Foy asked if money from the Coronavirus Relief Fund could be used to assist with the broadband project. Staff will investigate although uses for the funds are specific.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the entire consent agenda (including Item 1-H). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dickerson and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

The items approved are as follows.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. July 6, 2020 Minutes
- B. Resolution authorizing upset bid process for Parcel 026264 – Vaiden Road
- C. Surplus of Glock 17 pistol (serial #VUS347) valued at approximately \$360 to sell to retiring officer Billy Brewer in the amount of \$1
- D. Surplus of Glock 17 pistol (serial #VUS322) valued at approximately \$360 to sell to retiring officer Stephen Hyer in the amount of \$1
- E. Law Enforcement Separation Allowance Policy Amendment
- F. Budget Ordinance Amendment #1 (Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 159-15, the County Finance Officer is requesting a budget ordinance amendment in the amount of \$23,797.)
- G. Airport Project Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 1 in the amount of \$38,555
- H. Coronavirus Relief Fund Project Budget Ordinance in the amount of \$1,237,587
- I. Cornerclean Contract for Public Utilities (multiyear contract)
- J. Louisburg Lawn Contract for Public Utilities (multiyear contract)

Item I-B

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING UPSET BID PROCESS
PARCEL 026264 – VAIDEN ROAD**

WHEREAS, Franklin County owns certain property described as Parcel #026264, located off Vaiden Road, Louisburg, NC and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 160A-269 permits the County to sell property by upset bid, after receipt of an offer for the property; and

WHEREAS, the County has received an offer to purchase the property described above, in the amount of \$16,500, submitted by Akeem Bolarinwa of 1145 Lake Royale, Louisburg; and

WHEREAS, Akeem Bolarinwa has paid the required five percent (5%) deposit on his offer;

THEREFORE, THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLVES THAT:

1. The Board hereby authorizes sale of the property described above through the upset bid procedure of North Carolina General Statute § 160A-269.
2. The Clerk to the Board shall cause a notice of the proposed sale to be published. The notice shall describe the property, the amount of the offer, and shall state the terms under which the offer may be upset.
3. Any person may submit an upset bid to the office of the Clerk to the Board within 10 days after the notice of sale is published. Once a qualifying higher bid has been received, that bid will become the new offer.
4. If a qualifying higher bid is received, the Clerk to the Board shall cause a new notice of upset bid to be published and shall continue to do so until a 10-day period has passed without any qualifying upset bid having been received. At that time, the amount of the final high bid shall be reported to the Board of Commissioners.
5. A qualifying higher bid is one that raises the existing offer by not less than ten percent (10%) of the first \$1,000.00 of that offer and five percent (5%) of the remainder of that offer.
6. A qualifying higher bid must also be accompanied by a deposit in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid; the deposit may be made by cashier's check or certified check. The County will return the deposit on any bid not accepted and will return the deposit on an offer subject to upset if a qualifying higher bid is received. The County will return the deposit of the final high bidder at closing.
7. The terms of the final sale are that
 - the Board of Commissioners must approve the final high offer before the sale is closed, which it will do within 30 days after the final upset bid period has passed, and
 - the buyer must pay with a cashier's check or certified funds at the time of closing.
8. The County reserves the right to withdraw the property from sale at any time before the final high bid is accepted and the right to reject at any time all bids.
9. If no qualifying upset bid is received after the initial public notice, the offer set forth above is hereby accepted. The appropriate county officials are authorized to execute the instruments necessary to convey the property to Akeem Bolarinwa.

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Finance Office
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 113 Market Street
 Louisburg, NC 27549
 Phone: 919.496.3182

Amendment to the Franklin County Budget Ordinance
 2020/2021
 Amendment No. 1

BE IT ORDAINED by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 159-15, the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

SECTION 1: of the Franklin County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the General Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows:

Increase/(Decrease) Appropriations:

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| Rescue & Ambulance Services | \$ 1,547 |
| Soil and Water Conservation | \$ 500 |
| WIC | \$ 21,750 |
| Total | \$ 23,797 |

Increase/(Decrease) Revenues:

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| Health Family Planning Grant | \$ 21,750 |
| Fund Balance Appropriated | \$ 2,047 |
| Total | \$ 23,797 |

This Amendment:

- * appropriates funds to the Rescue & Ambulance Services budget for grant funding for the Community Paramedic Program from Cardinal Innovations. The funds were received in Fiscal Year 2020 but were not spent.
 Funding Source: Fund Balance Appropriated
- * appropriates funds to the Soil and Water Conservation budget for funds received in Fiscal Year 2020 but were not spent.
 Funding Source: Fund Balance Appropriated
- * appropriates funds to the WIC budget for additional grant funding.
 Funding Source: NC Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health Nutrition Services Branch

SECTION 2: Copies of this amendment shall be made available to the Budget Officer and the Finance Director for direction in carrying out this project.

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Franklin County
 Airport Project Budget Ordinance
 Amendment No. 1

BE IT ORDAINED by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 159-8 and 159-13.2, the following amendment be made to the Airport Project Ordinance:

SECTION 1: The following revenues of the Airport Project Ordinance shall be amended as follows:

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| NC Department of Transportation Grant | \$ 34,699 |
| County Funds | \$ 3,856 |
| Total | \$ 38,555 |

SECTION 2: The following line item appropriations of the Airport Project Ordinance shall be amended as follows:

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| Project Cost (36237.31.18.1) | \$ 38,555 |
| Total | \$ 38,555 |

This Amendment:

- * recognizes additional Federal appropriation of funds for the Triangle North Executive Airport Airfield Lighting Rehabilitation project and required local match.

SECTION 3: Copies of this amendment shall be made available to the Budget Officer and the Finance Director for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.

 SIDNEY E. DUNSTON, CHAIRMAN

 KRISTEN KING, CLERK

Item 1-H

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|  <p>Franklin County A Research Triangle Region Community</p> | <p>Item 1-H Finance Office Jamie Holtzman, Finance Director 113 Market Street Louisburg, NC 27549 Phone: 919.496.3182</p> |
| <p>Franklin County Coronavirus Relief Fund Project Budget Ordinance</p> | |
| <p>BE IT ORDAINED by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 159-26 (b)(2), the following project ordinance is hereby adopted:</p> | |
| <p>SECTION 1: The project is authorized to reflect the accounting and oversight of the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) CARES Act Grant received by Franklin County that provides funding to cover COVID-19 expenses for the public health emergency.</p> | |
| <p>SECTION 2: The following revenues are available for this project:</p> | |
| <p>Coronavirus Relief Fund CARES Act Grant</p> | <p>\$1,237,587</p> |
| <p>Total</p> | <p><u>\$1,237,587</u></p> |
| <p>SECTION 3: The following line items are created for this project and line item appropriations are hereby approved:</p> | |
| <p>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)</p> | <p>\$ 417,639</p> |
| <p>Cleaning and Sanitizing</p> | <p>150,000</p> |
| <p>Salaries</p> | <p>518,699</p> |
| <p>Distribution to Towns</p> | <p><u>151,249</u></p> |
| <p>Total</p> | <p><u>\$ 1,237,587</u></p> |
| <p>SECTION 4: The County's Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain sufficient detailed accounting records to provide the accounting for the recordation of revenues and expenses for this project.</p> | |
| <p>SECTION 5: The Finance Officer is directed to report quarterly on the financial status of the project and the total revenues received.</p> | |
| <p>SECTION 6: Copies of this ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer and the Finance Director for direction in carrying out this project.</p> | |
| <p>THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.</p> | |
| <p>_____ SIDNEY E. DUNSTON, CHAIRMAN</p> | |
| <p>_____ KRISTEN KING, CLERK</p> | |

2. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

This was the time set aside by the Board of Commissioners to allow individuals to address the Board on issues concerning the county.

Members of the public who wished to make public comments were required to register by emailing publiccomments@franklincountync.us before 12:00 pm (noon) on Monday, August 3, 2020 and include their name, address, comment topic, phone number they would call from and email address. Individuals were recognized (by video or phone call using the instructions listed at the beginning of this agenda) for comments in the order registered. The time limit for each speaker was five minutes with a total time limit set aside for informal public comments totaling 30 minutes.

Scott Strickland, 40 Sheila Lane, Louisburg, NC

- Open Broadband Internet
- Safety of First Responders

Frank Winstead, 145 Victoria Court, Youngsville, NC

- Solid Waste Tax

3. PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING REQUEST

The Board was asked to consider approval of a rezoning request by Summit Design and Engineering Services. They request to rezone 4.57 acres at 6814 NC 96 Hwy W in Youngsville Township from Residential-40 (R-40) to Neighborhood Business (NB).

Members of the public who wished to participate in the public hearing were asked to share their comments in one of two methods:

- Share comments during the meeting using Zoom via audio or video. If you wish to address the Board, you must register at publiccomments@franklincountync.us before 12:00 pm (noon) on Monday, August 3, 2020. Please include your name, address, public hearing topic, phone number you will be calling from and email address. You will be recognized by the Chairman for comments in the order that you registered.
- Email written comments to publiccomments@franklincountync.us before 12:00 pm (noon) on Monday, August 3, 2020. Please include your name, address and public hearing topic. Comments will be shared with the Board and made part of the official record. Written comments received within 24 hours after the hearing is closed will also be shared with the Board and made a part of the official record.

Planning & Inspections Director Scott Hammerbacher presented the request and stated the item was unanimously approved by the Planning Board.

At approximately 7:16 P.M., Chairman Dunston called the public hearing to order.

Speakers expressed their understanding the petitioner's desire to open a convenient store near the entrance of their subdivision, Olde Liberty. Mr. Hammerbacher noted in the application the petitioner clearly stated the desire to open a storage facility rather than convenient store. Regardless, speakers commented on decreased land and home values, traffic, pollution, trash, noise, loitering and crime as reasons against the rezoning.

The following individuals participated by electronic means and shared their comments against the rezoning.

- Michelle Quick, 10 Point View Way, Franklinton
- Robert Sossoman, 120 N. Ridge Way, Franklinton
- Kevin Cormier, 320 Long View Drive, Franklinton
- Mari McNeil, 30 Olde Liberty
- Tim Smith, 1107 Tupelo Drive, Hillsborough
- Kevin Curry, 484 Long View Drive, Franklinton
- Sherwood Spells, 75 Sutherland Drive
- Jenn Rendon, 625 Clubhouse Drive, Youngsville
- Chris Hilton, 65 Olde Liberty Drive, Youngsville
- Dorothy Mitchell, 7298 Highway 96 W

The following individuals submitted their comments in writing. Comments were read aloud during the meeting and shared with the Board in email form.

- Kimberly Weston, 95 N. Ridge View Way, Franklinton
- Brian Weston, 95 N. Ridge View Way, Franklinton
- Chris Hilton, 65 Olde Liberty Drive, Youngsville
- Jarvis James (no address shared)
- Jason Thibodeaux, 135 Ashberry Lane, Youngsville
- Allison Luehring, 110 Sutherland Drive
- Andrea Fonville-White, 155 Olde Liberty Drive
- David and Jacqueline Murphy (no address shared)
- Howard and Angela Barraclough, 545 Clubhouse Drive, Youngsville
- Christine Rodriguez, 170 Long View Drive, Franklinton (in favor of rezoning)
- Debra Walsh, Summit Pointe, Youngsville
- John T. Jorgensen, 120 Olde Liberty Drive, Youngsville
- John R. Dillon, 105 Olde Liberty Drive, Youngsville
- Gale Rullman, 245 Olde Liberty Drive, Youngsville
- Elaine Dillon, 105 Olde Liberty Drive, Youngsville
- James and Marsha Wallace (no address shared)
- Judy and Johnny Bailey, 300 Long View Drive, Franklinton
- Ben Sikes (no address shared)
- John and Lisa Nelson, 605 Long View Drive, Youngsville
- Greg and Debbie Thomas (no address shared)

- Carol Phillips, 65 Clubhouse Drive, Youngsville
- Mary E. Allen, 215 Olde Liberty Drive, Youngsville
- Lucian and Dana Hughes, 25 Summit Point, Franklinton
- Jill Putnam, Olde Liberty Resident
- David and Jennifer Goldman, 250 Long View Drive, Franklinton
- Nikki Bowen (no address shared)
- Lisa and James Pressley, 210 Olde Liberty Drive
- Frank Allen, 215 Olde Liberty Drive, Youngsville
- Hodge Jacobson (no address shared)
- Sandra Gomez (no address shared)
- David and Juana DeBolt, 30 Canter Gable Place, Youngsville
- Alan and Robin Colanduono, 110 Olde Liberty Drive, Youngsville
- Jeff Rullman, 245 Olde Liberty Drive, Youngsville
- Milly Boyt, 235 Olde Liberty Drive, Youngsville
- Michael Boyt, 235 Olde Liberty Drive, Youngsville
- John H. and Diane Lock, 140 Olde Liberty Drive, Youngsville
- David and Avenelle Purdy, 230 Olde Liberty Drive, Youngsville
- DeShaunya Young, 75 Olde Liberty Drive
- Wandaw Whitmore, Olde Liberty Drive
- Doug and Kathy Little, 90 Olde Liberty Drive, Youngsville
- Frank and Jo Fisher 200 Olde Liberty Drive, Youngsville
- Comecia Jackson, 50 Olde Liberty Drive, Youngsville
- John Impelluso, 165 Olde Liberty Drive, Youngsville
- Rebecca Fisher, 70 Olde Liberty Drive, Youngsville
- Waye Yohe, 265 Olde Liberty Drive, Youngsville
- Michael and Maria Martin, 35 Olde Liberty Drive, Youngsville

At approximately 8:48 P.M., Chairman Dunston closed the public hearing.

Comments must be accepted up until 24 hours after the hearing. Approval will be considered at a later date.

Chairman Dunston asked the Board to remove Item 4 from the agenda. Health Director Scott LaVigne was not available to join the meeting.

Commissioner Schriver made a motion to remove the item from the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Dickerson. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting “AYE.” A written report will be emailed to the Board.

~~4. UPDATE: COVID-19~~

~~Health Director Scott LaVigne will provide an update on the pandemic.~~

~~ACTION REQUESTED: None.~~

5. END USER COMMENTS – RADIO SYSTEM

On July 6, 2020, the Board asked representatives from all end users to provide input on the radio system and their experience with it since June 8, 2020. Participants who wish to provide input are asked to use the “raise hand” feature to be recognized during the zoom meeting. To use the “raise hand” feature, click on the icon labeled “Participants” at the bottom center of your computer screen. At the bottom of the window on the right side of the screen, click the button labeled “raise hand” and the digital hand is raised. If you are participating via phone, please dial “*9” to raise your hand to be recognized for comment. Participants were asked to limit comments to five minutes.

Dwayne Cottrell, 49 NC 39 Highway North, Louisburg

- Mr. Cottrell is Assistant Chief of Epsom Fire Department. He stated he has experienced issues with paging since June, issues with portables not working and asked for Viper.

No action was requested or taken.

6. OPEN BROADBAND UPDATE

Assistant County Manager Kim Denton stated support for broadband comes in many forms including the following:

- The Board approved matching funds for an Interactive Bookmobile Grant that will provide internet service and personal access to patrons from the vehicle in addition to book delivery materials.
- A separate grant has been secured for wireless hotspots that will be available for checkout from libraries.
- Mrs. Denton mentioned there are now hotspots on school buses that students have access to. A bus can be parked at a particular location and transmit to devices located within proximity.
- The county will determine whether it qualifies for the opportunity as a Tier 2 county to apply for a GREAT grant, also known as the Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology Program that provides funds to private providers of broadband services to facilitate the deployment of broadband service to unserved areas of North Carolina.
- Mrs. Denton also noted Chairman Dunston's previous request to approve a resolution of support noting Franklin County's commitment to broadband.

Mrs. Denton then introduced Kent Winrich and Alan Helias of Open Broadband LLC, who provided an update on progress related to the implementation of Open Broadband's fixed wireless services in Franklin County. The county participated in a regional RFP process with Granville and Vance Counties and Open Broadband was the selected provider to assist in improving broadband access to rural areas.

Mr. Helias updated the Board on where Open Broadband is in the implementation phase of broadband in Franklin. Currently fiber circuits have been installed and are active at the 911 center. Additional equipment is expected to be delivered within the next two weeks. Equipment will be deployed first on the Louisburg 911 Center tower then the White Level Road tower, followed by the tower on Cone Drive and the Bible Broadcasting tower in Alert. He said all should be installed within the same week.

Mr. Helias said certain residences have been selected as testing sites. Once the tests have cleared, he said a survey would be conducted and equipment would be installed at residences in different areas. Owens Park has been established as a priority and will be one of the first to function as one of the public WIFI stations. After another testing phase and an opportunity to residents to become familiar with the new system coverage and speeds, Open Broadband can begin deploying to private residences and businesses.

Mr. Winrich said equipment arrived earlier in the day for Owen's Park. He responded to comments made relative to using Coronavirus Relief Fund dollars and said he was aware other areas had been successful using the funding for broadband. He promised to share information with Mrs. Denton following the meeting.

The community may sign up on Open Broadband's website for a newsletter that provides updates on progress of broadband deployment in Franklin.

No action was requested or taken.

7. APPOINTMENTS

A. Kerr Tar Workforce Development Board

The Board was asked to consider the appointment of Vanessa Cooke-Alvarado to the Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board for a two-year term.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to appoint Vanessa Cooke-Alvarado to the Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board for a two-year term, seconded by Commissioner Foy. The motion duly carried with all present voting ‘AYE.’”

She will serve in the required position of Private Industry.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

No additional business was presented.

9. BOARD, MANAGER AND CLERK’S COMMENTS

This was the time set aside for the Board of County Commissioners, the County Manager, and the Clerk to the Board to report on various activities. The Board may also discuss other items of interest.

Clerk to the Board Kristen G. King: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Sidney E. Dunston: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Shelley Dickerson: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Harry L. Foy, Jr.: No comments were offered.

Commissioner David Bunn: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Mark Speed: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Cedric K. Jones, Sr.: Commissioner Jones commented on his recent attendance at an event held in Franklinton to encourage new business and development.

Commissioner Michael Schriver: No comments were offered.

County Manager Angela L. Harris: No comments were offered.

10. CLOSED SESSION

The Board was asked to conduct a closed session pursuant to the following North Carolina General Statutes:

- NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (4) Industry/Economic Development
- NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) Attorney-Client Privileged Communication

At 9:31 P.M., Commissioner Jones made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) Attorney-Client Privileged Communication. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schriver and was approved 5 to 1 with Commissioner Foy voting in opposition.

Commissioner Schriver made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) Attorney-Client Privileged Communication. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and was approved 5 to 1 with Commissioner Foy voting in opposition.

Following closed session, Commissioner Schriver made a motion to enter back into open session, seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting “AYE.”

Emergency Communications Director Christy Shearin stated there are several items she would like the Board to consider. The items are as follows:

- Franklin County Public Safety Communications P25 Trunked Radio System and Analog Paging System Policy Revision

The Franklin County Public Safety Communications P25 Trunked Radio System and Analog Paging System Policies have been revised to include Exhibit B: Mobile Radio Installation Requirements and Standard Procedures and Exhibit C: Mobile Radio Installation Worksheet. This will provide a standard of practice to improve reliability of communications from mobile radios utilized by public safety personnel.

Commissioner Schriver made a motion to approve the Franklin County Public Safety Communications P25 Trunked Radio System and Analog Paging System Policy Revision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

- Radio Terminal Maintenance Agreement / Terminal Repairs Needed

During the Radio Desensitization Remediation Work conducted by L3Harris, several radio terminals in need of repair were identified. These repairs include antenna relocations, proper grounding, and wiring corrections necessary to ensure optimal performance of the terminal radios. The cost to repair these terminals is \$41,750.

Additionally, several maintenance related items were identified during this work. In order to ensure continued optimal performance of radio terminals proper preventative maintenance and timely repairs is necessary. The Radio Terminal Maintenance Agreement will be managed through Emergency Communications Staff to ensure each radio is maintained regularly, repaired as needed once the trouble is reported, and records maintained throughout the process. The cost of the Radio Terminal Maintenance Agreement is \$111,991.50. Any repairs needed that are not covered by the maintenance agreement (e.g. physical damage to the radio, etc.) will be the responsibility of the respective department to fund.

Commissioner Schriver made a motion to Consider approval of the Radio Terminal Maintenance Agreement at a cost of \$111,991.50 and Terminal Repairs needed at a cost of \$41,750. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion and the motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

Commissioner Speed lost internet connection at approximately 11:45pm and unable to vote on this item.

- Radio User Training Videos

User radio training has previously been identified as a need. Due to COVID-19, large in-person training sessions are inadvisable. Additionally, radio users in the County would benefit from a training resource that would be accessible anytime. TUSA Consulting has provided a Training Video Proposal for \$62,000. These videos which would be accessible online, would provide information regarding overall operation of the radio system, features and functions of each Harris radio, as well as troubleshooting techniques.

Commissioner Schriver made a motion to approve TUSA's Training Video Proposal at a cost of \$62,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

Commissioner Speed lost internet connection and was unable to vote on this item.

- Testing and plans to pursue VIPER coverage

Mrs. Shearin asked the Board to approve plans for testing and the pursuit of VIPER coverage with plans to report back to the Board within 30 days.

Commissioner Schriver made a motion to approve the testing and pursuit of VIPER, seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting “AYE.”

Commissioner Speed was able to reestablish connection and voted favorably on this motion.

- County Manager Angela L. Harris then asked the Board to approve an amendment to the Louisburg Water Contract and to allow the County Manager to complete and sign the amendment.

Commissioner Schriver made a motion to approve the amendment to the Louisburg Water Contract and to allow the County Manager to complete and sign the amendment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and duly carried approval with all present voting “AYE.”

Once more Commissioner Speed lost internet connection and was unable to vote on this item.

The amendment to the contract will be effective August 1, 2020 for a one-year term with annual renewals. A second amendment of the water contract between Franklin County and the Town of Louisburg has been prepared to document the agreement reached between the county and the town. Staff, legal and consultants recommended approval of the amendment and to authorize the County Manager to finalize and sign the amendment.

- County Manager Harris then asked the Board to grant authority to condemn and execute required documents.

She stated the recently approved emergency water purchase agreement with the City of Raleigh necessitates the installation of water quality equipment, disinfection and a pump station to allow for an interconnection with the City of Raleigh Water Facility. After thorough site review and facilities assessment in the area, the appropriate location for the most effective exchange of water is at 1438 Wall Road which is property currently owned by the Christian Congregation of the United States. Discussions with the property owner have revealed the county’s condemnation of the property will be needed before a property appraisal will be obtained by the property owners. Part of the condemnation statute notes property value is set at the time condemnation is filed. Condemnation may also give the property owners favorable tax treatment. The requested area for an easement is .14 acres adjacent to the roadway from the total 1.09 acre tract. The county’s planned structure for the site will resemble a utility shed. The county may agree to landscaping around the shed. Staff and legal council requested authority to condemn the property so that progress can continue on insuring that emergency water will be available as agreed upon with the City of Raleigh.

Commissioner Schriver made a motion to grant authority to condemn and execute the required documents. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dickerson and was approved 5 to 1, with Commissioner Foy voting in opposition.

Commissioner Speed was able to reestablish connection and voted favorably on this motion.

At approximately 11:55 P.M., Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Schriver. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting “AYE.”

Sidney E. Dunston, Chair

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board

