



## **Franklin County Tourism Development Authority**

### **Franklin County Tourism Development Authority Board Meeting**

Due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic and North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper's Executive Order 121, the Tourism Development Authority of Franklin County, North Carolina met for its regular meeting at 5:00 P.M. via an electronic meeting (Zoom)

### **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Franklin County Tourism Development Authority was held on Monday, March 15, 2021 via ZOOM with Bob Sykes, Chairperson calling the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m. Bob welcomed the members to the meeting.

### **GREATER FRANKLIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RELOCATION**

There was a discussion regarding the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce rent increase and office relocation. John Barnes, Executive Director of the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce presented the following information:

- The Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce has sold the building on Nash Street and will rent a building from the Town of Louisburg on Church Street.
- Currently the FCTDA pays \$625 per month for office space that includes Fannie's salary and rent.
- The rent will increase \$150 to \$750 per month for office space and Fannie's salary.
- The Chamber will process the payroll including the 1099 Form, provide office supplies, copier utilization, conference room accessibility, and move existing furniture, Internet, possibly telephone system or cell phones. FCTDA will need to provide a cell phone. The move will be completed by April 1, 2021. Moving began last Friday, March 12, 2021.

Richie Duncan moved to that the FCTDA accept the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce rent increase for the new location. Melissa Cogliati seconded the motion.

The Roll Call Vote resulted in 3 ayes and 2 nays. The group decided to investigate other options and meet again on Monday, March 22, 2021 virtually at 5:00 p.m.

Melissa Cogliati submitted a grant request for a Bluegrass Festival on July 10, 2021. FCTDA Board members discussed the FCTDA Grant Regulations that include the stipulation that the funds will be used to market the event. Funds may not be used for capital improvements/expenditures or for paying entertainers, etc. Grant funds are reimbursable at the conclusion of the event.

Bob Sykes reported that his health issue changed; he will possibly have surgery and may be unable fulfill his duties as FCTDA Chairperson. He suggested that Bobby Cooper, Vice Chair would assume that responsibility. Board members stated that they would be supportive and praying for him.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned since no further business needed to be discussed at 5:21 p.m.

### **Present**

Bob Sykes, Chairman, Bobby Cooper, Vice-Chairman, Jamie Holtzman, Melissa Cogliati, Richie Duncan, and Fannie Brown, TDA Liaison

Minutes submitted by: Fannie W. Brown, TDA Liaison

Approved by: Bob Sykes, Chairperson