February 18, 2019

The Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina, met for its Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M. in the Hamilton Hobgood Courthouse Annex with the following Commissioners present: Chairman Sidney E. Dunston, Vice-Chairman Shelley L. Dickerson, Commissioners Michael S. Schriver, David T. Bunn, Mark Speed, and Harry L. Foy, Jr. Commissioner Cedric K. Jones was absent.

Chairman Dunston called the meeting to order and asked the Board to consider an addendum to the agenda to include the following consent agenda items:

- Resolution for the appointment of an interim deputy finance officer
- Surplus Vehicles

Commissioner Bunn made a motion to amend the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Schriver. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting “AYE.”

Chairman Dunston then asked the Board to consider approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Bunn made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Speed and duly carried approval with all present voting “AYE.”

The items approved are as follows.

1. CONSENT AGENDA
   A. January 7, 2019 Minutes
   B. January 22, 2019 Minutes
   C. January 29, 2019 Minutes
   D. February 4, 2019 Minutes
   E. Releases, Adjustments, Refunds, and Tax Collection Report
   F. Girl Scout Week Proclamation 2019
   G. Audit engagement letter with Winston, Williams, Creech, Evans & Company for Fiscal Year 2019, 2020 and 2021
   H. Audit contract with Winston, Williams, Creech, Evans & Company for Fiscal Year 2019
   I. Resolution for the appointment of an interim deputy finance officer
   J. Surplus Vehicles

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**Girl Scout Week Proclamation 2019**

**WHEREAS**, March 12, marks the 107th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA, founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912 in Savannah, Georgia; and,

**WHEREAS**, throughout its distinguished history, Girl Scouting has inspired millions of girls and women with the highest ideals of courage, confidence, and character; and,

**WHEREAS**, through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience girls gain knowledge and develop skills that will serve them a lifetime so that they may contribute to their communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, Girl Scouting takes an active role in increasing girls’ awareness of the opportunities available to them today in science, technology, engineering, math and the arts as well as other fields that can expand their horizons; and,

**WHEREAS**, Girl Scouts has shaped the lives of 53 percent of female senior executives and business owners, 60 percent of women in Congress, and virtually every female astronaut;
WHEREAS, more than 2.7 million current Girl Scout members nationwide will be celebrating 107 years of this American tradition, with nearly 50 million women who are former Girl Scouts and living proof of the impact of this amazing Movement;

WHEREAS, in partnership with over 9,000 adult volunteers, Girl Scouts – North Carolina Coastal Pines serves nearly 26,000 girl members in 41 central and eastern North Carolina counties, including 400 adult and girl members in Franklin County, North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners does hereby applaud the commitment Girl Scouting has made to support the life and leadership development of girls and proudly proclaim the week of March 10-16, 2019, as Girl Scout Week.

RESOLUTION
FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERIM DEPUTY FINANCE OFFICER

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 159-24 states each local government and public authority shall appoint a Finance Officer who is responsible for providing financial safeguard and ensuring all duties of the position are adequately and efficiently covered; and

WHEREAS, the existing Finance Director, Jamie Holtzman, has been designated as the Finance Officer; and

WHEREAS, these statutes also allow the Board of County Commissioners to designate other staff as Deputy Finance Officers to execute documents in her absence or disability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County hereby appoint Tracy Stevenson, Finance Specialist, as Interim Deputy Finance Officer for the time period of Monday, February 18, 2019 through Tuesday, April 30, 2019.

To whom it may concern:

The Sheriff’s Office would like to request that the following county vehicles be declared surplus for the purpose of selling them at public auction. These vehicles are no longer in operable condition, and it would be cost prohibitive to repair them. These vehicles came from Franklin County Sheriff’s Office, and are currently stored at the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office at 285 T. Kemp Rd., Louisburg.

(*) Vehicle mileage denoted with (*) are shown with last recorded mileage before odometers stopped working.

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Respectfully,

Kent Winstead
Sheriff

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2. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

Laura Pedersen, 6328 Willowlawn Drive, Wake Forest, NC
- Ms. Pederson serves on the Board of Directors for Paws for Life. She said she wanted to reiterate she is asking for funding to assist the local animal shelter. She thanked the board and the public for listening and said she looks forward to working together for a solution.

3. UPDATE: TAR RIVER CENTER FOR HISTORY & CULTURE

Harriett Sturges, Chair of the Tar River Center for History and Culture, made a presentation. She thanked the Board for providing funding to the center and offered an update on how funds are being spent in the community.

- She stated the Board now meets monthly (formerly it met quarterly)
- Former center director Maury York retired
- Work continues on the canoe exhibit at Terrell Lane Middle School
- More county-wide programs are being offered (Alston Anderson Funeral Home & Louisburg United Methodist Church)
- An upcoming project in April, 2019 will feature the train depot in Franklinton (the first train in North Carolina travelled to Franklinton and Youngsville)
- The center has placed brochures at all visitor centers in North Carolina
- The center has worked with the River of Yesteryear in Louisburg
- The center is organizing a tea party
- The center is branching out and expanding in the county in an effort to reflect the history of the entire community
- Maury York continues to write an article in The Franklin Times monthly

No action was requested or taken.

4. 4-H YOUTH UPDATE

County Extension Director Charles Mitchell and Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development Meg Wyatt provided an update on Franklin County 4-H Youth activities including information about the County Council and the number of youth served by our 4-H programs.
What is 4-H

- 6 Million Participants Nationwide
- 208,000 Youth in NC
- Over 21,000 Volunteers in NC

4-H is learning, exploring and discovering, making new friends, developing new skills, becoming leaders that help shape their communities.

What Is 4-H

- STEM
- AGRICULTURE
- HEALTHY LIVING
- CITIZENSHIP

"4-H Empowers Youth With The Skills To Lead For a Lifetime"

- President Jimmy Carter
- Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis
- General Henry Hugh Shelton
- Ag Commissioner Steve Troxler
- Elaine Marshall
Goal of NC 4-H

"Provide a Positive Youth Development Framework"

Provide a one-on-one relationship with a caring adult; a sense of belonging; a safe place to learn and grow; a healthy start and healthy future; a marketable skill to use upon graduation; and a chance to give back to their peers and community through active volunteerism.

Resource: https://nc4h.ces.ncsu.edu/4-h-research/

Goal of Franklin County 4-H

Same goal as NC but ensure that we are delivering in all areas of Franklin County and in all venues such as schools, churches, after school programs, community groups, etc. to ages 5 to 18.

Through many opportunities provided to 4-H’ers we have seen many learn and grow, have a great starting point for what they want to do in their lives, set goals to become successful after graduation and return to their communities to give back as a volunteer.

What does NC 4-H have to offer?

- 4-H Clubs*
- 4-H Entertainers*
- 4-H Volunteers*
- 4-H Ambassadors*
- 4-H Group Awards*
- 4-H Presentations and Public Speaking*
- 4-H Project Records*
- 4-H Internship Programs
- 4-H Internship Application, Interview, Resume, and Essay (AIRE*)
- 4-H Overnight Week Camp*
- 4-H Leadership Focus*
- NC 4-H Citizenship Focus*
- College Scholarship*
- Piloting Curriculum*
- Dairy Events*
- Entomology/Events*
- District Activity Day*
- Horse Events*
- Livestock Events*
- Electric Congress*
- Horticulture Contest
What does NC 4-H have to offer? (Cont’d)

Make it With Wool Competition*  Youth Volunteer Awards*
NC 4-H Congress*  4-H Achievement Plan*
NC 4-H Honor Club*  County Activity Day*
Shooting Sports Program*  County Council*
State 4-H Project Award  Expressive Arts
State Photo Contest*  State Fair 4-H Opportunities*
State 4-H Council Officers*  
District 4-H Officers*  
Teen Retreats*  
TRY  
Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program

In addition Franklin County offers:

• School Enrichment  
• Volunteer Trainings  
• Advisory Leadership Council  
• Young Farmer and Rancher Program  
• Sizzling Summer Sessions  
• Opportunities at a variety of different universities such as but not limited to NCSU, NC A&T State University, and University of Mount Olive.  
• Workshops on Public Speaking, Presentations, Project Record Books, Livestock Showmanship, and other life skills  
• Community Service  
• Citizenship Opportunities  
• 4-H Summer Program Internships for Teens  
• Leadership Opportunities  
• Partnerships with other Franklin County organizations

Joining 4-H

• Free to join  
• Easy online 4-H enrollment  
• No uniforms

Visit https://nc4h.ces.ncsu.edu/4honline/
No action was requested or taken.

5. **DISCUSSION: SALE OF MIXED DRINKS**

County Attorney Pete Tomlinson led a discussion about the county's options involving the sale of mixed drinks.

Mr. Tomlinson spoke specifically to a request by Russ Vollmer to sell mixed drinks in the Town of Bunn. Mr. Tomlinson stated there must be 300 registered voters in the Town of Bunn in order to conduct a referendum on the sale of mixed drinks. At this time there are only 266 registered voters in the Town of Bunn.

Another option is for the county to place a referendum on the ballot. In order to do so, the county must have its own ABC store, placing the county in direct competition with ABC stores located in Franklin County’s municipalities.

Mr. Tomlinson stated Wake County decided to have a single ABC Board to encompass all of the county and its municipalities. He said Franklin could do the same, but each municipality would have to be in agreement. In such an arrangement, each municipality would be represented on the board.

Another option, Mr. Tomlinson noted, is a special act passed by the legislature allowing one particular establishment to sell mixed drinks without regard to the number of registered voters or to exempt Bunn from needing 300 registered voters in order to place a referendum on the ballot.

Chairman Dunston noted Mr. Vollmer was not the only business interested in selling mixed drinks within the county.

Mr. Tomlinson was asked to relay the information presented this evening to Mr. Vollmer.

No action was requested or taken.

6. **APPOINTMENTS**

   A. **Tourism Development Authority**

      The Board was asked to appoint Jamie Holtzman (FC Finance Officer).

      Commissioner Schriver made a motion to appoint Jamie Holtzman, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting “AYE.”
B. Bunn Planning & Zoning Board ETJ

The Board was asked to reappoint Russ Vollmer.

Commissioner Schriver made a motion to reappoint Russ Vollmer, seconded by Commissioner Speed. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting “AYE.”

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Bunn commented on his interest in the Brunch Bill which would allow Sunday morning alcoholic beverage sales beginning at 10:00 A.M. Commissioner Foy said he too was interested.

County Attorney Pete Tomlinson stated the matter could be considered by referendum during the general election.

Commissioner Foy made a motion to request the Board of Elections place the referendum on the ballot in the next election. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schriver and was approved 5 to 1, with Commissioner Dunston voting “NO.”

Chairman Dunston then acknowledged the presence of Ms. Michelle Chavis, the new director of the Franklin County Board of Elections.

8. 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.

County Clerk Kristen G. King: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Foy: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Bunn: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Jones: Commissioner Jones was absent.

Commissioner Dunston: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Schriver: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Dickerson: Commissioner Dickerson commented on the 4-H presentation made earlier in the evening. She stated her sons have been involved in all aspects of 4-H and have learned much by participating.

Commissioner Speed: No comments were offered.

County Manager Angela L. Harris:
- Mrs. Harris reminded the Board of its next retreat scheduled for February 25, 2019.
- Mrs. Harris noted a meeting with the Local Government Commissioner was scheduled later in the week (February 21, 2019) to discuss upcoming wastewater projects.
- Mrs. Harris asked Public Utilities Director Chris Doherty to provide a brief project update on the Franklinton and Youngsville Pump Station replacement. The Youngsville Regional Pump Station is nearly complete and in operation. The Franklinton Regional Pump Station is scheduled for equipment startup within a week. Tie in is expected within a couple of weeks. Mr. Doherty’s presentation follows.

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PROJECT UPDATE
Franklinton & Youngsville
Pump Station Replacement

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YOUNGSVILLE REGIONAL PUMP STATION

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9. CLOSED SESSION

The Board was asked to conduct a closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a)(3) Attorney-Client Privileged Communication.

At approximately 7:50 P.M., Commissioner Schriver made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(3). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Speed and was approved 5 to 1 with Commissioner Foy voting “NO.”

At approximately 8:44 P.M., Commissioner Bunn made a motion to enter back into open session, seconded by Commissioner Dickerson. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting “AYE.”

No action was taken as a result of closed session.

At approximately 8:44 P.M., Commissioner Bunn then made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Dickerson. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting “AYE.”