

Item I-E

PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH

WHEREAS, radon is a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas that may threaten the health of our citizens and their families; and

WHEREAS, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. and is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers; and

WHEREAS, the National Academy of Sciences estimates that up to 21,000 lung cancer deaths occur in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, it is found that one in 15 homes across the U.S. have elevated radon levels; and

WHEREAS, any home may have elevated levels of radon, even if neighboring homes do not, and living in a home with an average radon level of 4 picocuries per liter of air poses a similar risk of developing lung cancer as smoking half a pack of cigarettes a day; and

WHEREAS, testing for radon is simple and inexpensive and radon problems can be fixed; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Health Department, the U.S. Surgeon General, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the NC Department of Health and Human Services' NC Radon Program and the North Carolina Advisory Committee on Cancer Coordination and Control support efforts to encourage homeowners to test their homes for radon, and to have elevated levels of radon reduced; and

WHEREAS, many residents in Franklin County don't know about radon, yet need to know, for the safety and health of their families and a proclamation of National Radon Action Month is an opportunity to educate individuals on the available measures to reduce radon;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim **January 2020 as National Radon Action Month in Franklin County, North Carolina.**

Item I-G

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #2			
BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Franklin, North Carolina, that pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 159-15, the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.			
Section 1. To amend the General Fund to recognize Board action from previous meetings, Crisis Intervention Grant funds received from NC DHHS, funds appropriated for the Comprehensive Development Plan in FY 2019 but not expended till 2020, additional grant funds received from NC Department of Public Safety for JCPC programs, insurance payment for damaged vehicle, grant funds received from United Way for Department of Aging, LSTA grant funds received for the Library, DSS grant funds received from Emergency Food and Shelter Program, funds appropriated for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan in FY 2019 but not expended till 2020, funds for Sheriff vehicles approved in FY 2019 but vehicles not delivered until FY 2020, donations for Shop with the Sheriff. To amend the Federal DEA Fund to recognize funds received in previous fiscal year and not spent, to amend the Water and Sewer Fund for additional professional service expenses and the approved Water Supply Study, to amend the E911 Special Revenue Fund for radio upgrade project expenses and E911 Grant funds budgeted in FY 2019 but not expended till 2020.			
Expenditures		Account #	Amount of Increase
Crisis Intervention		10-612-0350	\$ 26,955
Planning- Professional Services		10-490-0040	\$ 61,000
Cooperative Extension- Vehicle Maint		10-605-0170	\$ 710
Aging- Supplemental Meals		10-631-0354	\$ 1,724
Library Budget		10-630-0000	\$ 29,086
DSS Budget		10-612-0000	\$ 12,659
Fleming Forest Road Assessment		10-506-0724	\$ 15,169
Central Services Budget		10-506-0000	\$ 30,696
Transfer to Fund 43		10-506-0560	\$ 841,501
Recreation - Professional Services		10-493-0040	\$ 7,000
Sheriff- Capital Outlay Vehicles		10-510-0744	\$ 129,289
Sheriff- Shop with the Sheriff		10-510-0440	\$ 9,480
Central Services - Salary Plan		10-506-0985	\$ 2,830
Sewer Fund - Professional Services		45-510-0040	\$ 7,827
Water Fund - Professional Services		45-511-0040	\$ 217,207
Transfer to Fund 48		45-510-0750	\$ 17,500
E911- Capital Outlay Other		44-511-0760	\$ 249,277
Equipment Federal Funds		41-510-0355	\$ 12,497
		Total	\$ 1,672,407
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Revenues	Account #	Amount of Increase
GF Fund Balance	10-399-0000	1,056,789
DHHS Crisis Intervention Program	10-377-0010	26,955
OJJP Reimbursement	10-389-0000	30,696
United Way Grant	10-376-0013	1,724
Library Grant	10-378-0600	29,086
DSS Emergency Food and Shelter	10-377-1045	12,659
Sheriff Contributions	10-358-0090	9,480
Proceeds from Insurance Claims	10-335-9901	710
Federal DEA Fund Balance	41-399-0000	12,497
E911 Special Revenue Fund Balance	44-399-0000	71,545
E911 Grant	44-347-0020	177,732
Water and Sewer Fund Balance	45-399-0000	242,534
	Total	1,672,407
Section 2. Copies of this amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, the Budget Officer, and the Finance Officer for their direction.		
Adopted this 21st day of January 2020.		
Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners		
Clerk to the Board		

Item 1-H

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE
FRANKLIN COUNTY E 911 PSAP BUILDING**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 159-8 and 159-13.2, the following project ordinance is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1: The project authorized is for the architect fees, consultant services and construction cost to construct a stand-alone 911 center to serve Franklin County.

SECTION 2: The following revenues are available to complete the project:

North Carolina 911 Board Grant	\$3,958,873
Franklin County 911 Funds	329,500
County Funds	<u>841,501</u>
Total	\$5,129,874

SECTION 3: The following line item is created for this project and line item appropriation is hereby approved:

E 911 PSAP Project costs	\$5,129,874
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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.

SECTION 5: The Finance Officer is directed to report quarterly on the financial status of the project and the total revenues received.

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.

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED THIS 21ST DAY OF JANUARY 202.

SIDNEY E. DUNSTON, CHAIRMAN

KRISTEN G. KING, CLERK

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. No comments were offered.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

Text Amendment – Franklin County UDO

The Board was asked to conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of a text amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance to amend Section 28-4-3C: Final Plat Certificates.

Chairman Dunston opened and closed the hearing with no comments offered during the public hearing.

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FRANKLIN COUNTY UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (TEXT) SECTION 28-4-3C: FINAL PLAT CERTIFICATES.

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board Of Commissioners has reviewed said petition and favorably recommends amendment per the requirements of the Franklin County Unified Development Ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing of the Board Of Commissioners has been scheduled, duly advertised, per the requirements of G. S. 153A, and conducted on January 21, 2020 and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Board Of Commissioners has acted favorably on the petition and provides the following amending ordinance.

SECTION I That the Franklin County Unified Development Ordinance be amended as follows:

SECTION 28-4-3C: Final Plat Certificates

(x) The following certificates, where applicable, shall be placed on the final plat:

13. Certificate of Public Utilities

All obligations and requirements for the utilities to serve
Subdivision,

as set forth by the Franklin County Public Utilities Department, have been met and are satisfactory for the purpose of recording the subdivision map.

DATE _____ PUBLIC UTILITIES DIRECTOR

Note: No Structures to be built inside any Utility Easement.

SECTION II That this ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this the 21st day of January, 2020.

4. PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO SYSTEM INFORMATION AND UPDATE

Emergency Communications Director Christy Shearin provided information regarding the Public Safety Radio System and an update regarding the most recent upgrade. Her presentation follows.

Franklin County Radio System

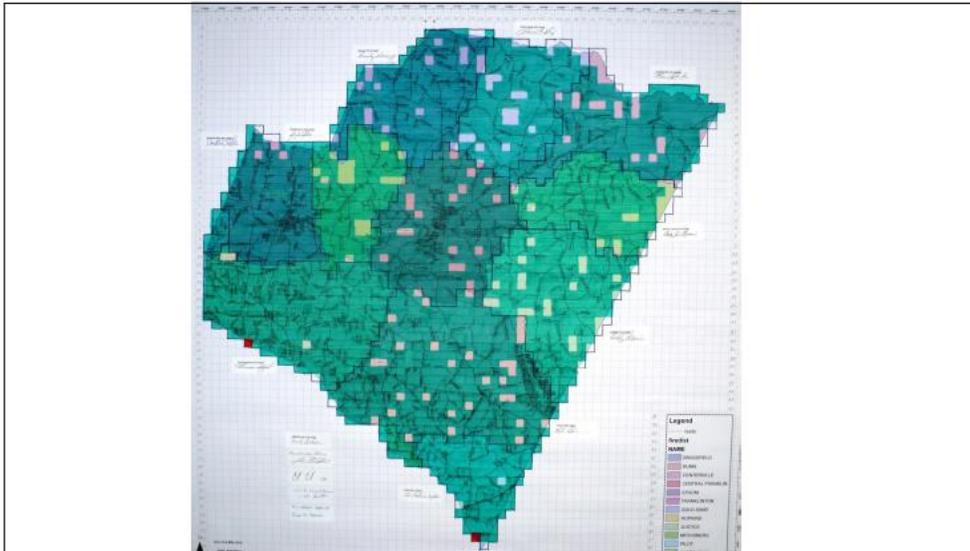
January 21, 2020

Radio System History

- 2002/2003 Upgrade: 95/95 County Wide Coverage Requirement
 - Constructed new 300 ft tower at the 911 center
 - 3 Remote Receiver Sites (Youngsville, Bunn, Laurel Mill)
- 2005: Contracted with L. Robert Kimball & Associates to conduct an assessment
- 2010: Contracted with Harris for VHF P25 Digital Simulcast Trunked System as recommended by the consultant, L. Robert Kimball & Associates

2010

- VIPER:
 - Coverage of 95/95 in street portable coverage
 - 2 to 3 towers in the County at the time
 - Will not support paging capabilities
 - December 2004 VIPER Legislative Report:
 - The possibility exists that this coverage will not provide the building penetration desired by some local agencies. It is the responsibility of the local agency to conduct the building penetration coverage analysis, secure the necessary additional tower locations, purchase and install all equipment and provide connectivity to VIPER.



Harris System after Cutover (2012)

- Dropped Audio/Low Audio
- Garbled Audio
- Incorrect Frequency
- New frequency due to interference

- XG-75 Portable Radio Problems
 - Replaced in 2014
 - Repaired in 2016

Harris System after Cutover (2012)

- Unity radios replaced due to desense issue

- Self Interference due to close spacing of frequencies

- Youngsville area coverage problems
 - Youngsville tower added by Harris

Upgrade to Radio System

- Upgrade the existing system to Phase 2 technology
 - This will allow two talk paths per channel
 - Currently have 3 working channels – this will expand the working channels to 6
- Add 2 additional channels to the system – resulting in 10 working channels
 - This expansion will solve the County’s capacity issue with margin to spare.
- Incorporate the Youngsville Site via Microwave Link
 - This will improve the reliability of the Youngsville Site
- Upgrade the NSC (core) equipment
 - This allows multiple control points in the system which will eliminate the single point of failure that exists today and further harden the system
- Upgrade Radio Dispatch Consoles
 - Current Consoles have reached their end of life and will no longer be supported

Issues during/after Upgrade cutover

- Limited channel availability
- During cutover some radios did not successfully switch and had to be reprogrammed – 10 to 15 radios
- Garbled Audio/Dropped Audio
- Uneven volumes of console/field audio – Radio and Paging
- Reoccurring Outage in the White Level area

Issues remaining

- Unstable Paging audio
- Garbled / Dropped audio
- Mobile Radio Phase 2 Issue identified

Mrs. Shearin stated an issue with mobile radios has recently been identified since the implementation of Phase 2. She thanked Epsom Fire Department with their assistance in finding the problem. She noted a fix had been created and then turned the presentation over to representatives of Harris Corporation and Williams Communication.

Mike Axford (Harris representative) and Bryan Kocher (Williams Communication representative) were in attendance. They confirmed there is a possible remedy identified for the mobile radios that would soon be deployed at NO COST to Franklin County. They also promised to introduce an outreach program across all disciplines of emergency response to include education on how to best use the system and to receive feedback from users on the challenges they face.

Harris representatives will report back to the Board within 30 days with an update on system issues and progress.
 No official action was requested.

5. APPOINTMENTS

Board members were asked to consider appointments to the following boards/commissions.

A. Chairman Appointments

<p style="text-align: center;">Shelley Dickerson Economic Development Commission Firefighters Association</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sidney Dunston Project Advisory Committee for Scattered Site Housing Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments (COG) Kerr-Tar Rural Planning Organization (RPO) Work Force Development Public Utilities Advisory Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Harry Foy Aging Advisory Board Kerr-Tar Area Transit System (KARTS)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Michael Schriver Economic Development Commission Rescue Squad Association Public Utilities Advisory Committee Chamber of Commerce</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mark Speed Social Services Board Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunity</p> <p style="text-align: center;">David Bunn Library Board Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunity</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cedric Jones Board of Health Mental Health Board Public Utilities Advisory Committee</p>
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B. Economic Development Commission

Commissioner Bunn was asked to appoint a representative. No appointment was made.

C. Library Board

Commissioner Foy was asked to appoint a representative. No appointment was made.

D. Youngsville Planning Board ETJ

The Board was asked to consider reappointing John Cyrus to the Youngsville Planning Board ETJ for a term to expire January 31, 2023.

Commissioner Schriver made a motion to reappoint John Cyrus to the Youngsville Planning Board ETJ, seconded by Commissioner Speed. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- Panhandling – Planning & Inspections Director Scott Hammerbacher was asked to provide information relative to how other communities address panhandling in our region at the request of Commissioner Schriver. Mr. Hammerbacher stated Wake County has regulations in place that require a panhandling permit (at no cost), and that the person be over 18 years of age with restrictive hours. He said he was unable to locate regulations in Granville, Nash, Chatham and Vance Counties. He stated there were no existing Franklin County ordinances that address panhandling and that the only municipality that had regulations in place was the Town of Franklinton. He said the County would be within its legal right to create an ordinance regulating panhandling which must then be enforced by law enforcement. Commissioner Schriver stated there are currently three locations in Youngsville that are becoming problematic as it pertains to panhandling and feels the County must prepare accordingly by prohibiting panhandling in Franklin County.

- Commissioner Schriver then made a motion to allow staff to craft an ordinance prohibiting panhandling, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion passed with a 4 to 3 vote, with Commissioners Dunston, Dickerson and Foy voting “NO.” Staff will present a draft ordinance to the Board in the near future.

7. 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: Commissioner Foy asked for an update regarding the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council and the possible reestablishment of an Animal Advisory Board. County Manager Angela L. Harris noted she would address both topics later in the meeting.

Commissioner Bunn: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Dickerson: Commissioner Dickerson made reference to an email she received regarding the county’s animal shelter. She acknowledged the County Manager has arranged for a status report at the Board’s February 3, 2020 meeting.

Commissioner Schriver: Commissioner Schriver stated he was also interested in an update on the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council and Animal Advisory Board. He thanked Emergency Communications Director Christy Shearin for her update on the radio system and said it is important to recognize technology changes quickly. He said the radio system is like other technology in that it will need to be monitored, maintained and constantly improved and asked that everyone work together as challenges for improvements are faced.

Commissioner Jones: Relative to issues with the Emergency Radio System discussed earlier in the meeting, Commissioner Jones stated his hope the system will soon satisfy all emergency responders. He also commented on his attendance at two recent functions in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Commissioner Speed: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Dunston: Commissioner Dunston highlighted the observance of the recent holiday set aside to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He also commented on a visit earlier in the day in Franklin County by Congressman David Price. He said he was pleased to hear the Congressman talk about the importance of various forms of infrastructure including water/sewer, broadband and transportation. Relative to the emergency communications system, he said he appreciated representatives from Harris being in attendance and said he looks forward to hearing a status report (within 30 days) and answering questions that have been raised as it relates to the system.

County Manager Angela L. Harris: Mrs. Harris commented on the following:

- In response to questions about reactivating the Emergency Services Advisory Commission (EMSAC), Mrs. Harris stated a meeting was planned for January 29, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Emergency Operations Center. She said discussion topics will include the purpose of the committee and what its purpose will be moving forward.
- In response to questions about the reinstatement of an Animal Advisory Board, she stated the topic would be part of an update/discussion presented by Sheriff Kent Winstead at the Board’s meeting on February 3, 2020.
- Mrs. Harris commented on the radio system update provided earlier in the meeting. She said the system has experienced ongoing improvements since it was implemented with

changes by the state and Federal Communications Commission. She also noted that as the Board of Commissioners planned for system growth with added channels, there were adjustments that had to be addressed as well.

- Mrs. Harris then introduced new Senior Services Director Cindy H. Jones. Mrs. Jones stated today was her first day as director and stated her goal is to improve services for all Franklin County senior adults.
- Mrs. Harris commented on the bond rating process. During the process she said the County's ratings improved which translates to a savings when the County borrows money. A bond sale is scheduled for January 28, 2020 and the closing is expected February 19, 2020. Depending on market conditions, a savings of approximately \$775,000 to \$1,000,000 is anticipated over ten years.
- Mrs. Harris attended the recent annual banquet of the Civil Air Patrol.
- Economic Development Director Richie Duncan commented on a visit earlier in the day by Congressman David Price. With changes in districts, Congressman Price is now representing Franklin County once again.
- Mrs. Harris attended the recent annual banquet of the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce.

8. CLOSED SESSION

The Board was asked to enter into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a)(3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.

At approximately 8:07 P.M., Commissioner Jones made a motion to enter into closed session, seconded by Commissioner Speed. The motion carried 6 to 1, with Commissioner Foy voting in opposition.

At approximately 8:37 P.M., Commissioner Jones 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 8:38 P.M., Commissioner Speed made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

Sidney E. Dunston, Chair

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board