

January 7, 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 Cedric K. Jones, Michael S. Schriver, David T. Bunn, Mark Speed, and Harry L. Foy, Jr.

Chairman Dunston called the meeting to order and 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 Dickerson and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

The items approved are as follows.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. November 5, 2018 Minutes
- B. November 19, 2018 Minutes
- C. December 3, 2018 Minutes
- D. December 6, 2018 Minutes
- E. Amendment to Audit Contract
- F. Surplus of Glock 26 handgun (serial #BCSY655) valued at approximately \$360 to sell to retiring Major Rudy Baker in the amount of \$1

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.

Dr. Jimmy Foster, 702 Cool Springs Road, Sanford, NC  
 Representative Bobbie Richardson, 7309 NC Highway 561, Louisburg, NC  
 Randall Thomas, Centerville, NC  
 Willie Durham, Wood, NC

- These individuals spoke on behalf of the Northeastern Franklin County Revitalization Group. The group's top priority is to improve broadband service in the northeastern area of Franklin County. They encouraged the Board to work toward improvements as soon as possible.

Laura Honeycutt, 40 Polo Drive, Franklinton, NC (Second Chance Pet Adoption/FC Humane Society)  
 Lydia Currin, 3109 Sledge Road, Louisburg, NC (New Moon Animal Refuge)  
 Laura Peterson, Wake Forest, NC (Real Estate professional/Paws for Life)

- These individuals asked the Board to consider additional staffing at the Franklin County Animal Shelter to allow for improved rates of adoption.

3. RECOGNITION: COMMISSIONER CEDRIC K. JONES

Chairman Sidney Dunston presented Commissioner Cedric Jones with a plaque in recognition for his service as 2018 Chair of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners.

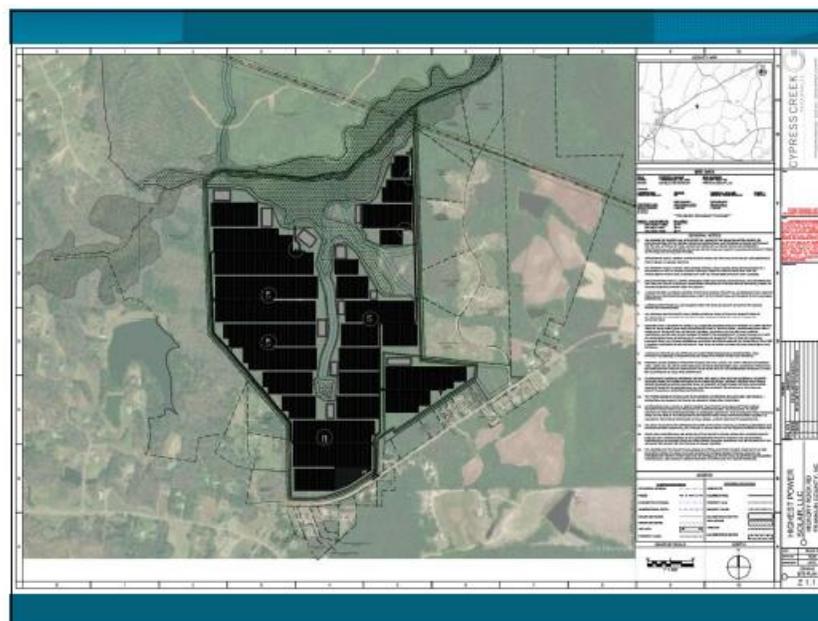
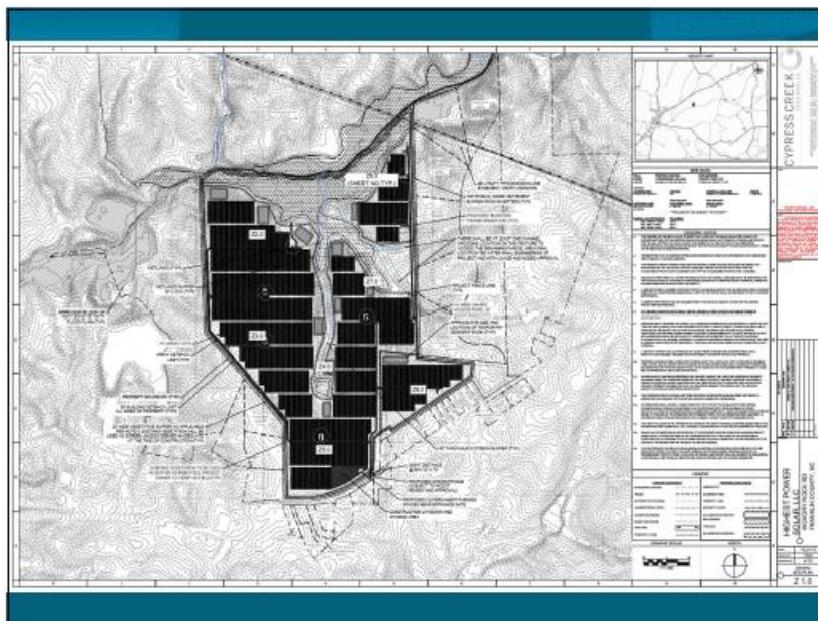
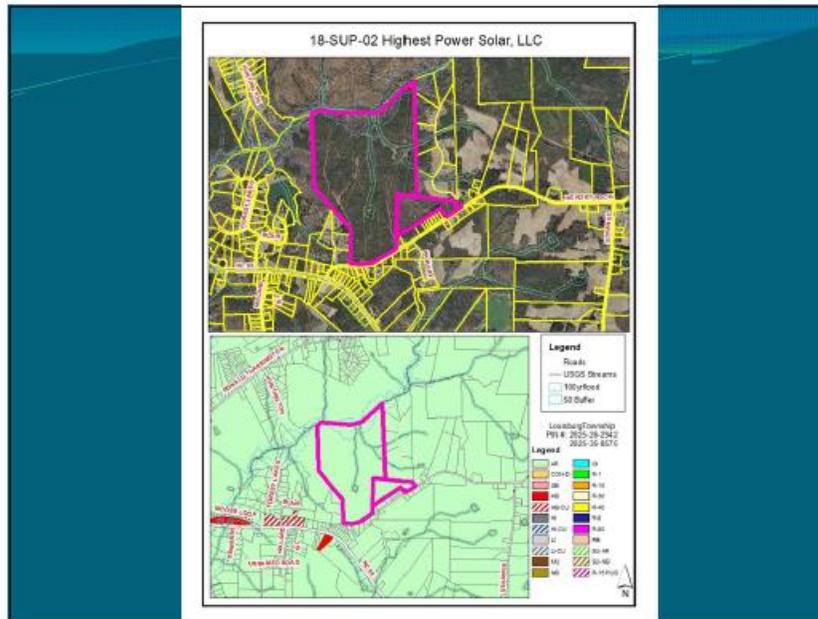
4. PUBLIC HEARING

Rezoning Request- Highest Power Solar (18-SUP-02)

The Board was asked to consider approval of a special use permit request by Solterra Partners, LLC to construct a solar energy farm on 180 +/- acres of approximately 251.4 acres located off Hickory Rock Road (State Road 1421) in Louisburg Township in the Agricultural Residential (AR) Zoning District.

Planning and Inspections Director Scott Hammerbacher noted the request received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Board with conditions of approval. *Conditions are modified with recommendations by the Board of Commissioners and listed below within the Summary of Evidence.*

Mr. Hammerbacher's presentation is below.



### UDO Requirements

- (1) A Special Use Permit is required as outlined in Article 9 (Special Uses) for Solar Energy Farms locating in the following zoning districts: AR, R-1, R-8, R-15, R-30, R-40, R-80, LI, and HI.
- (2) Structures shall not exceed twenty-five (25) feet in height, as measured from finished grade at the base of the structure to its highest point.
- (3) Solar farm facilities and structures shall conform to the principal building setbacks of the underlying zoning district which they are located.
- (4) Solar farm facilities shall be enclosed by a six (6) foot high fence.
- (5) Solar farm facilities shall not create a visual safety hazard for passing motorist.
- (6) Lighting. Lighting shall be such that it is not directed onto any adjacent properties or right-of-ways.

- (7) Screening. Shall conform to Article 14, Landscape Requirements and Section 8-1 Notes to the Table of Area, Height, and Yard Requirements Note 6. Buffer Strips. Landscaping shall be installed at a minimum of six (6) feet tall at time of planting.
- (8) Minimum lot area. Minimum lot area shall be the same as required by the underlying zoning district.
- (9) Parking. There must be an area designated outside of DOT right-of-way to accommodate a minimum of three (3) maintenance vehicles.
- (10) Solar farm facilities shall be removed, at the owner's expense within one hundred eighty (180) days of a determination by the Administrator that the facility is no longer being maintained in an operable state of good repair. Financial assurance may be required of the applicant to provide for the removal of solar facilities.

### Conditions of Approval

1. Prior to securing building permits from the County, documentation from all other applicable state and federal agencies shall be submitted to the Franklin County Planning & Inspections Department verifying permit approval.
2. Final Tar/Pamlico stormwater plan approval.
3. An engineering estimate for the removal of the facility will need to be submitted in addition to a financial surety prior to the issuance of building permits. The financial surety shall not have an expiration date.
4. Approval of a NC Department of Transportation driveway permit.
5. No lighting shall be installed without approval from the Franklin County Planning & Inspections staff.
6. Screening shall conform to Article 14. Landscape Requirements and Article 8., Section 8-1, Note 6. Buffer Strips. (As shown on the site plan, existing vegetation is being used where feasible to satisfy this requirement. It shall remain in place or landscaping shall be installed at a minimum of six (6) feet tall at time of planting.) Planning Staff may require additional landscape buffering around the perimeter of the site if existing vegetation is not sufficient. This shall be installed prior to final inspection and approval.

### Conditions of Approval

7. Approval from local fire department for knox box.
8. Approval of final layout and design of all solar panels and associated structures (substations/inverters/transformers) shall be submitted for review to the Franklin County Planning Department prior to the issuance of building permits.
9. A determination letter shall be obtained from the Department on Environmental and Natural Resources (NCDENR) for any impacted streams or crossings.
10. All substations/inverters/transformers shall not exceed a noise level of 60 dB (decibels) at property line.
11. **Setbacks must be maintained off the existing property lines of parcels 018982 and 016283 or a recombination survey will be required.**

### Findings of Fact:

- A. The use or development is located, designed, and proposed to be operated so as to maintain or promote the public health, safety and general welfare;  
  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- B. The use or the development complies with all required regulations of this Unified Development Ordinance and all applicable specific standards and regulations;  
  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- C. The use or development is located, designed and proposed to be operated so as to maintain or enhance the value of contiguous property, or that the use or development is a public necessity;  
  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

- D. The use or development conforms with general plans for the physical development of the County's planning jurisdiction as embodied in this chapter, the Franklin County Comprehensive Development Plan, or other development policies as adopted by the Board of Commissioners;  
  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- E. The location and arrangement of the use on the site, screening, buffering, landscaping, and pedestrian ways harmonize with adjoining properties and the general area and minimize adverse impacts;  
  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- F. The type, size, and intensity of the proposed use, including such considerations as the hours of operation and number of people who are likely to utilize or be attracted to the use, will not have significant adverse impact on adjoining properties or the neighborhood;  
  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- G. Utilities, school, fire, police, and other necessary public and private facilities and services will be adequate to handle the proposed use;  
  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Chairman Dunston opened the public hearing at approximately 7:36 P.M.

*County Attorney Pete Tomlinson informed those in attendance of how a quasi-judicial hearing must be conducted and swore in each speaker under oath.*

**Nathan Duggins, P.O. Box 2888, Greensboro, NC**

- Mr. Duggins is an attorney from Greensboro representing Cypress Creek and Solterra (applicant). Mr. Duggins noted a second solar farm had been approved in the area and commented on the \$1.7 million dollar tax benefit to Franklin County that would come as a result of the proposed solar farm being discussed this evening. Mr. Duggins entered into evidence a document entitled *Special Use Permit Application for Highest Power Solar/Proposed Solar Farm/Site Address: Hickory Rock Road (SR 1421)* and introduced witnesses that would later present evidence to the Board regarding the special use permit request. The speakers include Phillip Martin, Chris Sandofer and Nick Kirkland. Mr. Duggins noted the request is in compliance with the required regulations of the Unified Development Ordinance and complies with the Comprehensive Development Plan.

**Phillip Martin, Cypress Creek Renewables, 5310 S. Alston Ave., Durham, NC**

- Mr. Martin serves as Community Engagement Manager for Cypress Creek Renewables. He stated his background is in real estate and municipal planning. He travels across North Carolina obtaining permitting for solar farms.
- Mr. Martin spoke to the harmony of the project in the area. The project was originally developed by Solterra and is being co-developed by Cypress Creek. He said this project is a 64 megawatt project that could power approximately 6,600 homes.
- A community meeting was held November 8, 2018 at Vance Granville Community College in order to address neighbor concerns. As a result of the meeting, the site plan was changed on the east and west sides to include a 50-foot buffer. He said the proposed solar farm would not offer noise, he said a light at the substation would shine down rather than out and stated there would be no odor or dust once constructed. He also stated there would be little activity at the solar farm once constructed. He stated solar farms are harmonious with other uses allowed in the AR (Agricultural/Residential) district.

**Chris Sandofer, 3118 Green Road, Spring Hope, NC**

- Mr. Sandofer shared his background and stated he is a Clemson University graduate. He stated he worked for Duke Energy for 30 years in various capacities. He is a licensed electrical engineer and licensed electrical contractor. Mr. Sandofer stated he not only installs solar panels, he owns land that has solar panels located on it. Mr. Sandofer also serves on the Nash County Planning Board.
- Mr. Sandofer stated equipment used at this site will include inverters, solar panels and transformers. He said the technology is mature and noted solar panels have been around over 50 years. He said the transformers interconnecting the facility have been around over 100 years and the posts in the ground are galvanized steel and have been used for 150 years in this country. Mr. Sandofer said solar farms are well established and are not harmful to the health and safety of anyone installing them or being around them.
- Mr. Sandofer stated the site will include a substation that will be locked and secured with a fence and signage posted. He also stated the site would have little traffic travelling on the property and said a solar farm is a benign use of the land. He said solar farms will not hurt or destroy anything in the time it will be located on the property and could easily be removed once the farm's life is complete. He said there are no residuals that would cause any harmful problems and that the project would not affect the health and safety of Franklin County citizens.

**Nick Kirkland, 901 Ocaneechee Drive, Fuquay Varina, NC**

- Mr. Kirkland is a trainee appraiser representing Kirkland Appraisals. He researches and gathers data on solar farms similar to the proposed solar farm in question. He said he's examined over 500 solar farms across the country, over 300 of which have been in North Carolina. He stated paired sales analysis is used to determine whether or not there is impact to property values that adjoin solar farms, a methodology supported by the Appraisal Institute. Mr. Kirkland stated there are over 20 matched pairs that show there is no impact to adjoining agricultural or residential property values. He stated it is his professional opinion that the proposed solar farm, if built according to the site plan, will not impact adjoining property values.

Following the testimonies, Mr. Duggins stated proof was provided to satisfy each item on the special use permit checklist and asked the Board to grant the special use permit application.

Chairman Dunston then asked for additional public comment to be offered.

Mary Mendoza, 20 Sycamore Ridge Road, Louisburg, NC

- Mrs. Mendoza stated she and her husband own property near the proposed solar farm. She said she received letters to attend the community meeting held at Vance Granville Community College and was also notified of the Planning Board and Board of Commissioner meetings in which the solar farm was to be discussed. She said she attended all meetings and commented the company was very respectful to her comments, questions and concerns especially as it pertained to making certain adequate vegetative buffers were in place. She said she was ensured additional buffer would be included. Mrs. Mendoza stated she was not against the solar farm, but stated she does not wish to see the solar farm from her porch.

No other public comments were offered and since no one voiced opposition to the proposal, County Attorney Tomlinson advised the Board to consider adopting the findings of the Planning Board and accept the packet as a motion to approve the solar farm.

Commissioner Foy made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Board to include the conditions located within the Summary of Evidence located in the table below. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion and the special use permit request was unanimously approved.

**SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE  
REQUEST FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT SOLTERRA PARTNERS, LLC (18-SUP-02)**

On January 7, 2019, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing and by a vote of 7 to 0, approved the special use permit filed by Solterra Partners, LLC, for a solar farm on 251.4 +/- acres located off Hickory Rock Rd in the Agricultural Residential (AR) Zoning District in the Louisburg Township.

Having heard all the evidence and arguments presented at the hearing, the Board finds that the application should be approved and is complete and complies with Article 9, (E), (1) of the Franklin County Unified Development Ordinance. The Board made the following findings as presented at the public hearing:

- a) The use or development is located, designed, and proposed to be operated so as to maintain or promote the public health, safety and general welfare.

This project will pose minimal impact and the land can be easily restored upon completion of the lessee, therefore it will maintain the public health, safety and general welfare.

- The Board voted in the affirmative based upon testimony submitted by the petitioner.

- b) The use or the development complies with all required regulations of this Unified Development Ordinance and all applicable specific standards and regulations.

The solar energy farm will comply with all applicable local codes, NC utility requirements, NCDENR requirements, and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission requirements.

- The Board voted in the affirmative based upon testimony submitted by the petitioner.

- c) The use or development is located, designed and proposed to be operated so as to maintain or enhance the value of contiguous property, or that use or development is a public necessity.

There will be no impact on the value of the property. The only impact will be visual and that issue will be addressed by screening, buffering, and existing natural vegetation.

- The Board voted in the affirmative based upon testimony submitted by the petitioner.

- d) The use or development conforms with general plans for the physical development of the County's planning jurisdiction as embodied in the chapter, the Franklin County Comprehensive Development Plan, or other development policies as adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

Solar farms do not increase the density and are not long living permanent structures. As such they serve as holding use for future development, if conditions and demand permit, much the same way as agricultural uses.

- The Board voted in the affirmative based upon testimony submitted by the petitioner.

- e) The location and arrangement of the use on the site, screening, buffering, landscaping, and pedestrian ways harmonize with adjoining properties and the general area and minimize adverse impacts.

The solar farm will use existing vegetation to screen the arrays from neighboring residential properties and along road frontage. Where existing vegetation is not in place a buffer will be planted as by UDO requirements.

- The Board voted in the affirmative based upon testimony submitted by the petitioner.

- f) The type, size, and intensity of the proposed use, including such considerations as the hours of operation and number of people who are likely to utilize or be attracted to the use, will not have significant adverse impacts on adjoining properties or the neighborhood.

Solar farm will have no daily employees once construction is completed. It will have one entrance and is expected to generate +/- 3 vehicle trips a week to service and maintain the facility.

- The Board voted in the affirmative based upon testimony submitted by the petitioner.

- g) Utilities, schools, fire, police, and other necessary public and private facilities and services will be adequate to handle the proposed use.

This project will have no impact on public and private facilities and services, because it will not require any to maintain or operate the development.

- The Board voted in the affirmative based upon testimony submitted by the petitioner.

Special Conditions approved by the Board of Commissioners:

In addition to requirements listed in the Franklin County UDO, the following will be required:

1. Prior to securing building permits from the County, documentation from all other applicable state and federal agencies shall be submitted to the Franklin County Planning & Inspections Department verifying permit approval.
2. Final Tar/Pamlico stormwater plan approval.
3. An engineering estimate for the removal of the facility will need to be submitted in addition to a financial surety prior to the issuance of building permits. The financial surety shall not have an expiration date.
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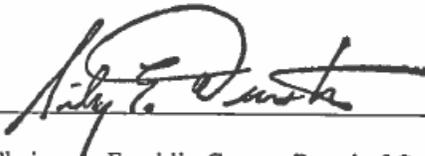
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10. All substations/inverters/transformers shall not exceed a noise level of 60 dB (decibels) at property line.
11. Setbacks must be maintained off the existing property lines of parcels 018982 and 016283 or a recombination survey will be required.
12. Additional buffering agreed upon by the developer and adjoining property owners shall be installed as noted on the site plan with a species comparable to the Nellie R Stevens Holly.

Date: 1-07-19

Sidney E. Dunston  
 Chairman, Franklin County Board of Commissioners

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 Decision of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners:

Petition Approved  \_\_\_\_\_ Petition Denied  \_\_\_\_\_

  
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 Chairman, Franklin County Board of Commissioners

**5. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL CONTROL OF SCHOOL CALENDARS**

Dr. Rhonda Schuhler presented a resolution to the Board approved by the Board of Education on December 17, 2018 and ask Commissioners to approve a similar resolution that supports giving local school boards more control over local school calendars in order to better plan and prepare for weather related closings and increase student achievement by scheduling first semester exams before winter break and aligning calendars with community colleges and universities.

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

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL CONTROL OF  
 SCHOOL CALENDARS**

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina General Statutes give local boards of education powers of supervision and control of local school systems; and

**WHEREAS**, local control over establishing school calendars is an integral component of school system supervision and administrative powers with which local boards of education have been vested; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2004 the North Carolina General Assembly seized control of setting school calendars and imposed a one-size-fits-all mandate on how school calendars are to be set; and

**WHEREAS**, the current one-size-fits-all school calendar start date is no earlier than the Monday closest to August 26 and the end date is no later than the Friday closest to June 11; and

**WHEREAS**, the State mandated late August start date means high schools do not complete the first semester until mid to late January; and

WHEREAS, the current law essentially requires high school students to take first semester exams after the winter break, which negatively impacts test scores, according to students and educators; and

WHEREAS, the second semester for high schools starts two to three weeks later than community colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, superintendents report that the calendar misalignment makes it nearly impossible for high school students or recent winter graduates to take courses at a nearby community college or university during the second semester; and

WHEREAS, exams for Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate classes are given on the same day nationwide, and the current calendar law shortens the amount of time North Carolina's students have to learn the material before test day; and

WHEREAS, it is well-documented through multiple studies that children will experience a phenomenon known as summer learning loss, which has a disproportionate impact on low-income children; and

WHEREAS, long summer breaks can also negatively impact child nutrition, as low-income children who have access to regular meals at school through the free and reduced priced meal program may not have access to regular meals at home; and

WHEREAS, with little flexibility built in to the calendar, scheduling make-up days is extremely challenging; and

WHEREAS, fall sports and band begin August 1, schedules for extracurriculars have not changed to coincide with the State-mandated school calendar; and

WHEREAS, local boards of education are best equipped to understand the balancing act of meeting the community's needs and maximizing student success; and

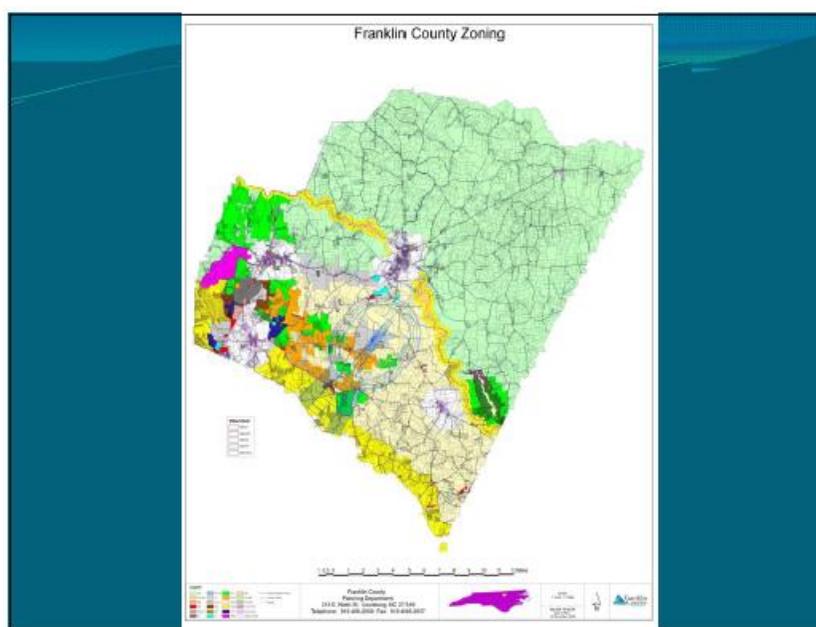
WHEREAS, restoring local control of school calendars will allow local boards of education to best meet the calendar preferences of the families, educators, and businesses in our community while allowing for innovative experimental approaches to improve student achievement.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Franklin County Board of Commissioners supports calendar flexibility.

## 6. REQUEST FOR HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION

The Franklin County Historic Preservation Commission unanimously recommended the Board consider approval of Historic Landmark designation for the County's "Old Jail" located at 305 East Nash Street.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to designate the County's "Old Jail" located at 305 East Nash Street as a historic landmark. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schriver and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."



## 7. NCWATERWARN AND NCRWA MOU FOR MERGING

Public Utilities Director Chris Doherty informed the Board of a merger with NCWaterWARN and NCRWA and asked the Board to go on record in support of the merger.

Commissioner Dickerson made a motion in support of the merger, seconded by Commissioner Speed. The motion duly carried with all present voting “AYE.”

## 8. UPDATE: SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

Solid Waste Director Brian Haynesworth was scheduled to provide an update on the county’s solid waste management programs and opportunities impacting the department, however the County Manager suggested the presentation be given at a future meeting and removed from the current agenda.

Commissioner Bunn made a motion to remove the item from the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Speed. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting “AYE.”

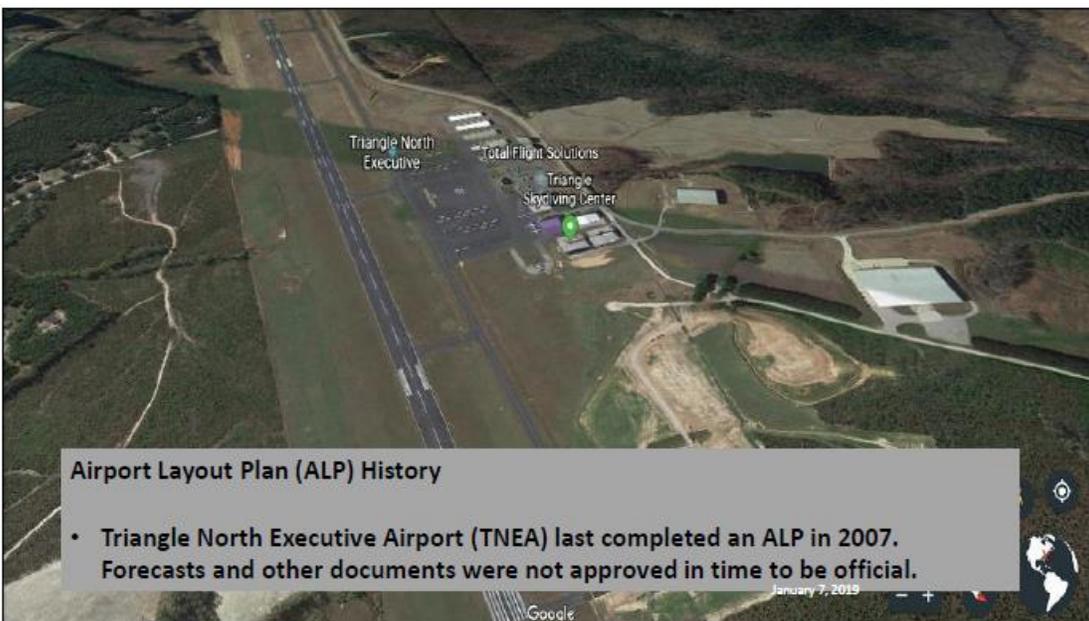
## 9. FUNDING APPROVAL: AIRPORT MASTER LAYOUT PLAN

Interim Airport Manager Bo Carson asked the Board to consider approval of funding for the Triangle North Executive Airport’s Master Layout Plan. Project fees total \$410,948.67 to be paid for by Non-Primary Entitlement (NPE) Funds with a local match of \$41,948.67. The amount is already approved within the 2018-2019 budget.

Commissioner Foy stated he would not support the funding request.

Commissioner Schriver made a motion to approve funding for the Master Layout Plan in the amount of \$41,948.67. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dickerson and was approved with a 6 to 1 vote. Commissioner Foy voted “NO.”

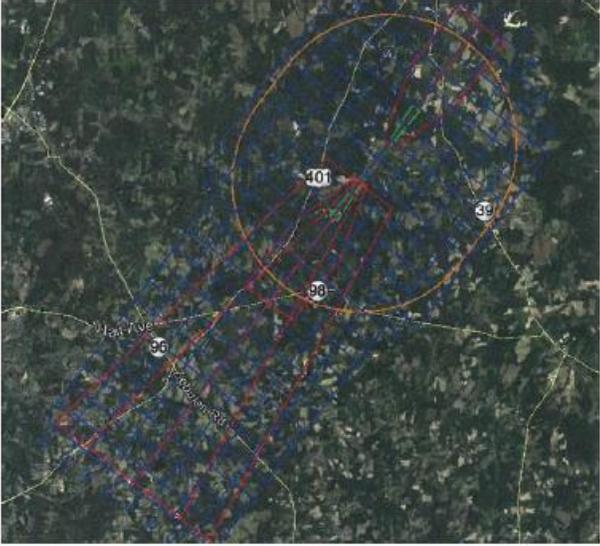
Mr. Carson’s presentation follows.



**MLP Implementation Approved to Date:**

- Approved by Franklin County Board of Commissioners on 9/17/2018.
- Flight Layout Plan – Aerial Survey (Complete)
- Cost: \$35,600 (Phase 1A) - Reimbursable expense is eligible for reimbursement per MLP approval.
- Payment: Work has been completed and billed; Franklin County has paid upfront cost.

Vendor:  **WOOLPERT**  
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**Request for Approval to Fund Master Layout Plan (MLP)**

- As of 12/19/18, NC DOA reviewed and approved the scope and fees associated with constructing Triangle North Executive Airport's new Master Layout Plan
- MLP Updated Cost: \$410,948.67

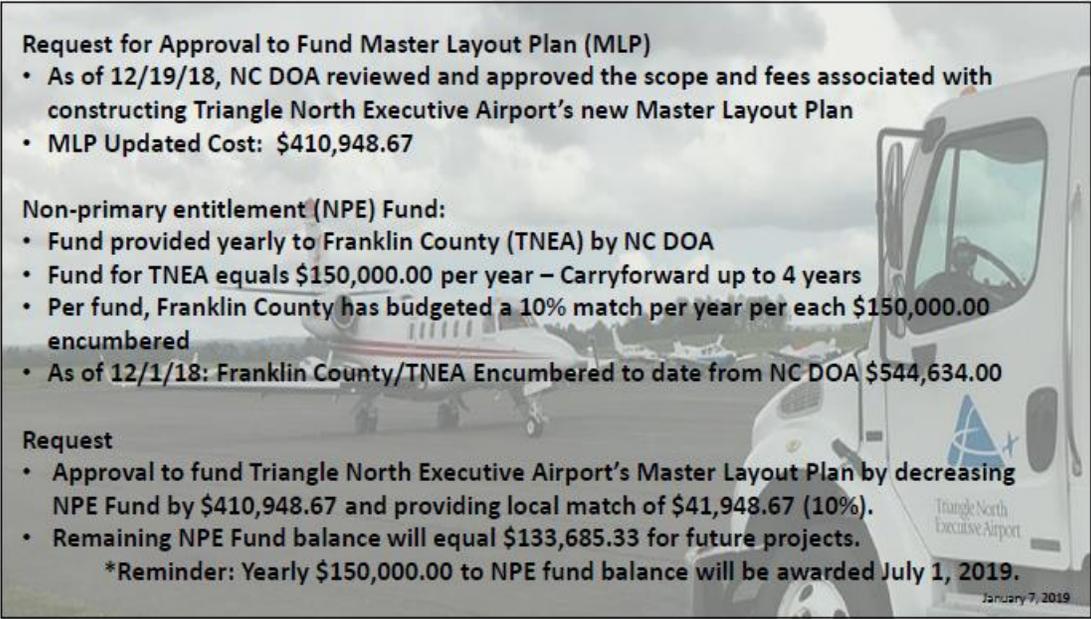
**Non-primary entitlement (NPE) Fund:**

- Fund provided yearly to Franklin County (TNEA) by NC DOA
- Fund for TNEA equals \$150,000.00 per year – Carryforward up to 4 years
- Per fund, Franklin County has budgeted a 10% match per year per each \$150,000.00 encumbered
- As of 12/1/18: Franklin County/TNEA Encumbered to date from NC DOA \$544,634.00

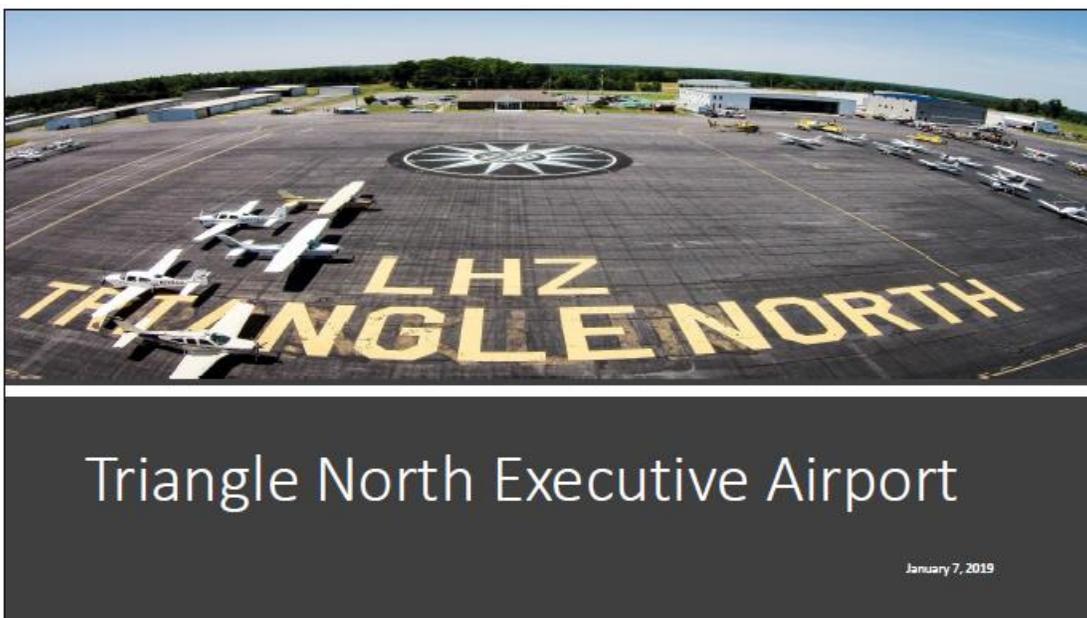
**Request**

- Approval to fund Triangle North Executive Airport's Master Layout Plan by decreasing NPE Fund by \$410,948.67 and providing local match of \$41,948.67 (10%).
- Remaining NPE Fund balance will equal \$133,685.33 for future projects.

\*Reminder: Yearly \$150,000.00 to NPE fund balance will be awarded July 1, 2019.



January 7, 2019



## 10. APPOINTMENTS

### A. Kerr-Tar Regional Aging and Advisory Committee

The Board was asked to consider appointing Olivia Gupton, Elaine Thomas and Rose Marie Williams for three-year terms to begin January 1, 2019 and expire December 31, 2022.

Commissioner Bunn made a motion to approve the suggested appointments, seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

#### B. NCACC Legislative Goals Voting Delegate

The Board was asked to select a voting delegate for the Legislative Goals Conference scheduled for January 10-11, 2019 in Raleigh. Commissioner Sidney Dunston is registered to attend.

Commissioner Schriver made a motion to appoint Commissioner Dunston as the voting delegate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Speed and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

### II. OTHER BUSINESS

County Clerk Kristen G. King as the Board to select dates for a board retreat as well as a work session in order to discuss broadband. The following dates were selected.

- January 29, 2019, 3-5pm, Work Session to discuss broadband
- February 25, 2019, 12-5pm, Board Retreat

### 12. 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.

**Commissioner Foy:** Commissioner Foy noted the passing of Ms. Rosanell Eaton and the impact she had with regard to voter's rights.

**Commissioner Bunn:** No comments were offered.

**Commissioner Jones:** No comments were offered.

**Commissioner Dunston:** No comments were offered.

**Commissioner Schriver:** No comments were offered.

**Commissioner Dickerson:** No comments were offered.

**Commissioner Speed:** No comments were offered.

**County Manager Angela L. Harris:** Mrs. Harris acknowledged Assistant County Manager Kim Denton for a brief broadband update. The results of a community survey and interviews with county residents will be noted during a work session scheduled for January 29, 2019 at 3pm. Mrs. Denton also noted two meetings were held in December, 2018 to gather public input regarding the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Survey results regarding the plan will be provided to the Board in February, 2019.

### 13. CLOSED SESSION

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

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

At approximately 8:54 P.M., Commissioner Schriver made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to the General Statutes noted above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and was approved with a 6 to 1 vote. Commissioner Foy voted "NO."

At approximately 9:30 P.M., Commissioner Bunn made a motion to enter back into open session, seconded by Commissioner Schriver. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

No action was taken.

Commissioner Jones then made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Schriver. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

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Sidney E. Dunston, Chair

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board