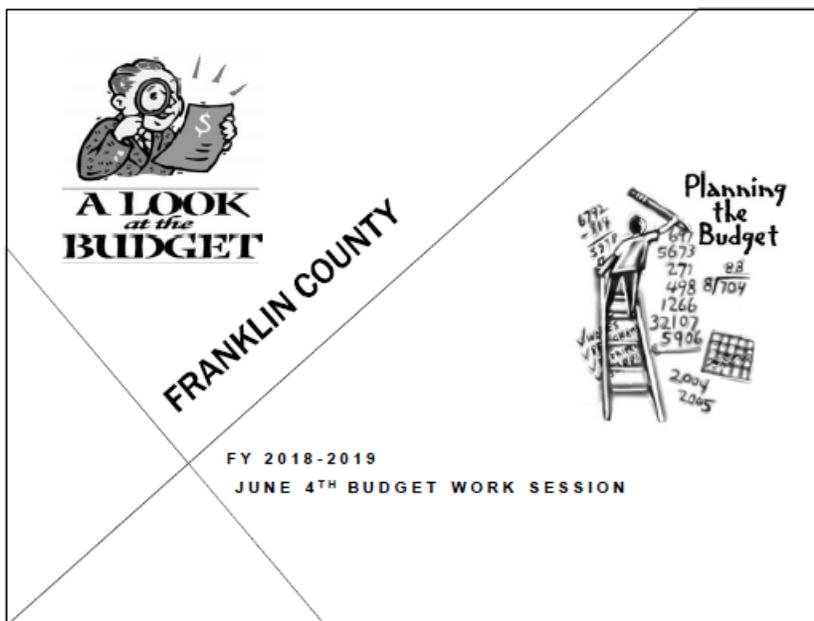


June 4, 2018

The Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina, met for a Special Called Meeting at 4:00 P.M. in the Commissioner’s Conference Room located in the County Administration Building with the following Commissioners present: Chairman Cedric K. Jones, Vice-Chairman Sidney E. Dunston Commissioners Michael S. Schriver, David T. Bunn, Mark Speed, Shelley L. Dickerson and Harry L. Foy, Jr.

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order for the purpose of a budget work session.

A public hearing was held May 21, 2018 on the 2018-2019 budget proposal. The Board continued discussions and was asked to consider possible budget approval. Interim Finance Director Chuck Murray offered the following presentation.



BUDGET DISCUSSION TOPICS
RECEIVED FROM BOARD

1. Pilot Fire Department
2. SRO funding
3. Revenue Neutral tax rate
4. Consider Budget Adoption





REQUESTED CHANGE WITH PILOT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Request Fire tax change from 7.75 cents back to 9.25 cents

Request budget change from \$224,277 to \$475,000

Staff proposes budget of \$345,000

No chance of collecting the \$475,000



FOUR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Estimated Cost of four Resource Officers: \$436,969

Salary and Benefits – \$59,018

Equipment Needs – \$50,224

Total Cost of a School Resource Officer – \$109,242



FOUR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

1. Sheriff has agreed to reallocate his current staffing until State funding decision has been made.
2. If State does fund additional SROs, The Town of Youngsville and the Town of Louisburg have agreed to hire the SROs in their districts. The Town of Franklinton plans to ask their Board for approval. County will have to hire only one SRO.
3. If State does not fund additional SROs and the County wishes to fund the additional four officers, the Board could increase the tax rate from 80.5 cents to 81.25 cents.



OPTIONS TO FUND SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

4. The Board could appropriate additional fund balance to cover costs – from \$2,753,961 to \$3,190,930

5. Board could consider eliminating or reducing items in the Manager’s proposed budget to fund SROs.

Discussion



REDUCE THE MANAGER’S PROPOSED BUDGET TO A REVENUE NEUTRAL TAX RATE

- Information:** A parcel that had more than an 11 percent increase in value would pay more in property tax.
- According to the Tax Administrator, 39,955 parcels were reviewed.
- 62% of those parcels increased more than 11 percent
- 38% of those parcels did not increase more than 11 percent.



REDUCE THE MANAGER’S PROPOSED BUDGET TO A REVENUE NEUTRAL TAX RATE

- Reducing the proposed tax rate from 80.5 cents to 77.91 cents would require reducing the Manager’s proposed budget by \$1,426,583 or appropriating the additional amount in fund balance or a combination.
- The proposed budget has an increase of \$2.7 million when compared to the current budget.
- The Board could eliminate/reduce funding in the Manager’s proposed budget in the following areas:



**NEW POSITIONS FUNDED
IN THE 2018-2019 BUDGET (INCLUDES BENEFITS)**

Human Resources Tech I 10/1	43,703
Sheriff - Administrative Officer -	86,895
Jail- Stepping Up - Jailor	50,449
Health- Community Health Asst.	36,750
Two - Social Services SW Child Welfare	143,251

Grand total for new positions - \$361,048



OTHER ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET

465 - Tax Assessor - New Software -	125,000
490 - Planning - Comprehensive Land Use Plan -	150,000
531 - EMS - Lifting Stretchers -	221,000
598 - Capital Building Improvements -	575,650
598 - County Complex -	250,000
Education - Additional Current Expense Funding -	532,810
Education - Additional Capital Expense Funding -	600,000
Vehicles for various departments -	500,000



**TOTAL OF ITEMS IN BUDGET LISTED FROM
PREVIOUS SLIDES**

The total of the items on previous slides is \$3,315,509.

To obtain a revenue neutral tax rate, a reduction in the items listed above would have to occur in the amount of \$1,426,583.

Discussion





Commissioner Dickerson made a motion to approve the budget as proposed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Speed and was approved with a 4-3 vote. Commissioners Schriver, Bunn and Foy voted “NO.”

Prior to the vote on the above motion, Commissioner Schriver suggested the Board take a deeper look into the proposed budget before a vote and asked that department heads consider even further cuts to their recommended budgets. Commissioner Dickerson stated she had shared her questions with the Board and staff in advance and said she was satisfied with the budget and prepared to move forward.

Commissioner Speed then made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 budget ordinance as presented, levying a general fund rate of 80.5 cents per one hundred dollars valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2018 and approval of a general fund budget totaling \$81,622,504. Commissioner Dunston seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-3 vote with Commissioners Schriver, Bunn and Foy voting “NO.”

The approved budget includes system development fees that will be revisited on June 29, 2018.

At approximately 4:55 P.M., Commissioner Speed made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Dunston. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting “AYE.”

The Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina, met for its Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M. in the Commissioner’s Conference Room located in the County Administration Building with the following Commissioners present: Chairman Cedric K. Jones, Vice-Chairman Sidney E. Dunston, Commissioners Michael S. Schriver, David T. Bunn, Mark Speed, Shelley L. Dickerson and Harry L. Foy, Jr.

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order and asked the Board to consider an addendum to the agenda to include consideration of the Halifax-Warren-Franklin County Interlocal Agreement and Resolution of Support.

Commissioner Dunston made a motion to approve the addendum, seconded by Commissioner Speed. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting “AYE.” The item will be considered as Item 8 on the agenda.

Chairman Jones asked the Board to consider approval of the consent agenda.

Commissioner Dunston made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Speed. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE." The items approved follow.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. May 7, 2018 Minutes
- B. May 15, 2018 Minutes
- C. Consider TDA (Tourism Development Authority) request to fund a \$1,100 grant for the Visit NC Farms Mobile App Regional Project
- D. Consider TDA (Tourism Development Authority) request to fund a \$6,000 grant for Friday Nights on the Tar
- E. Authorization for Hale Artificier Fireworks to discharge pyrotechnics on July 7, 2018 at Lake Royale for their upcoming July 4th celebrations
- F. Authorization for Hale Artificier Fireworks to discharge pyrotechnics on July 3, 2018 at Louisburg High School for their upcoming July 4th celebrations
- G. Budget Ordinance Amendment #7 (Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 159-15, the County Finance Officer is requesting a budget ordinance amendment in the amount of \$904,544 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 to amend the General Fund to appropriate additional funding where required and for grants received during the fiscal year.)
- H. Audit Contract for FY 2017-2018

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. MARIAH PARHAM FRANKLIN UPDATE

Progress continues toward opening Mariah Parham Franklin. The projected opening date for the emergency room is September, 2018 with the Behavioral Health Unit opening in October, 2018. Bert Beard, CEO, provided details on work being done.

Mr. Beard stated renovations are set to begin in the next couple weeks and is expected to last until late August. At that point the hospital will apply with the state for occupancy.

Mr. Beard noted a new web site for Mariah Parham Franklin has been created and 52 jobs have been posted. A job fair is scheduled at Vance Granville Community College in Franklin County on June 14, 2018 from 4-8pm.

Mr. Beard stated at this time he could not offer a specific date for opening the hospital.

No action was requested or taken.

4. ASHBERRY VILLAGE PHASE IB EXTENSION

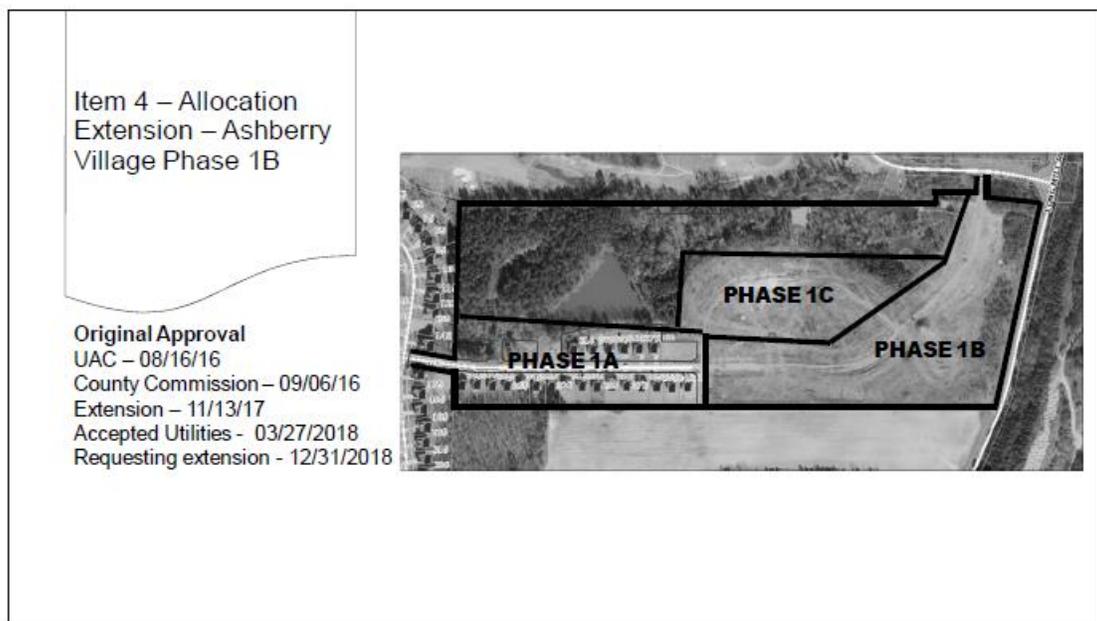
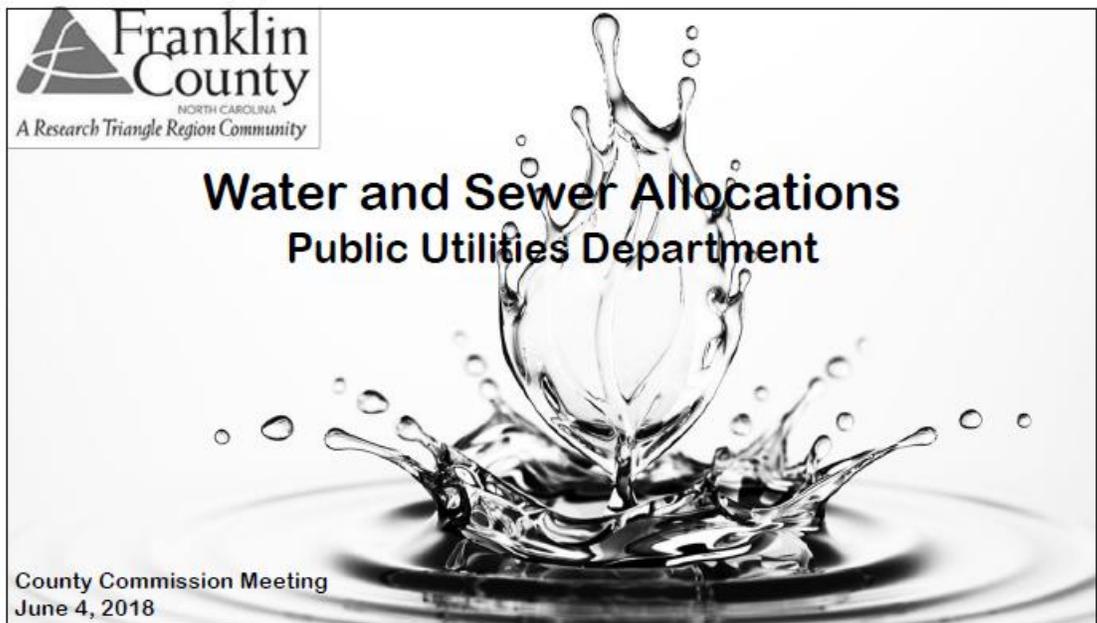
The Board was asked to consider extending allocation for Ashberry Village Phase IB.

According to Public Utilities Director Chris Doherty, the Ashberry Village Phase IB utility allocation was originally approved by the County Commission on September 6, 2016 for 38 lots and a plat recoding date of March 1, 2017. Because of wet weather which slowed construction, a request was made for an allocation extension on October 25, 2017. The Utility Advisory Committee met and recommended approval of the extension on November 13, 2017. The County Commission formally approved the extension on December 4, 2017. The new plat recording date was March 31, 2018, in addition to the extended timeline, a requirement was made to have the roadways accepted into the NCDOT Secondary Road Maintenance Program, and if the roads were not accepted, a financial surety was required based upon 125% of an engineer's estimate for the road improvements.

Public Utilities accepted the utilities in Phase 1B on March 27, 2018. The acceptance is a requirement for recording the plat. The acceptance also includes a one-year maintenance warranty from the developer that expires on March 31, 2019.

Recently, the current developer has been in talks with another developer to sell the development. The proposed developer ensured compliance with the road items that are a condition of the last extension.

Mr. Doherty stated he supports the allocation extension with a new recording date of December 31, 2018. His presentation follows.



Commissioner Schriver made a motion to extend allocation with a new recording date of December 31, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Speed and duly carried approval with all present voting “AYE.”

5. DISCUSSION: OPIOID CRISIS

In a previous presentation, the Board received information providing educational insight about the opioid crisis at the national, state, and county level. The presenters were members of a North Carolina local counsel team working with a national consortium of firms representing a number of states, cities, and counties across the country in what is called multi-district opioid litigation. The Board is expected to discuss and consider participation by Franklin County.

Commissioner Dunston made a motion to join other counties in filing action on behalf of Franklin County in the nationwide fight against opioid addiction and abuse. The motion was

seconded by Commissioner Speed and was approved with a 4-3 vote. Commissioners Foy, Bunn and Schriver voted against the motion.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

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: No comments were offered.

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 commented on an event held June 2, 2018 at the Youngsville Library to honor local veterans. Mrs. Harris thanked Commissioners Dunston and Foy for their attendance and participation.

8. HALIFAX-WARREN-FRANKLIN COUNTY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

Emergency Communications Director Christy Shearin asked the Board to consider approval of the Interlocal agreement and resolution of support that would allow Franklin to partner with Halifax County for the sharing of space and resources for an alternate 911 center for Franklin County at Halifax's new primary PSAP (public safety answering point).

Also present for the discussion were the following:

- Vernon Bryant, Halifax County Commission Chair
- Tony Brown, Halifax County Manager
- Dia Denton, Halifax Deputy County Manager
- Glynn Rollins, Halifax County Attorney

Commissioner Schriver made a motion to approve the Halifax-Warren-Franklin County Interlocal Agreement and Resolution of Support. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunston and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

The approved resolution follows.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT
FROM NORTH CAROLINA 911 BOARD
and
ADOPTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN HALIFAX COUNTY, WARREN COUNTY AND FRANKLIN COUNTY
REGARDING THE HALIFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT AND REGIONAL BACK-UP 911
CENTER

WHEREAS, Halifax County, Franklin County and Warren County currently operate Public Safety Answering Points (“PSAPs”) providing service and answering 911 calls in their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the current PSAPs providing service and answering 911 calls for Halifax County, Franklin County, and Warren County are handled through a system financed, in part, from 911 surcharge funds provided by the North Carolina 911 Board under G.S. 143B-1417; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina 911 Board will soon commence its PSAP Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, Halifax County intends to apply for funding through the PSAP Grant Program for the relocation of its primary PSAP; and

WHEREAS, under NC General Statutes 143B-1417, the State of North Carolina requires a PSAP to have a plan and means for 911 call-taking in the event 911 calls cannot be received and processed in the primary PSAP; and

WHEREAS, through the PSAP Grant Program application referenced above, Halifax County intends to apply for grant funding to provide relocation of its primary PSAP and to provide back-up PSAP service for Franklin and Warren Counties on a regional basis; and

WHEREAS, the Halifax County Board of Commissioners, Franklin County Board of Commissioners and the Warren County Board of Commissioners support the regional effort to cooperatively provide for the primary PSAP needs of Halifax, and the back-up PSAP needs of Franklin and Warren Counties, in a cost-effective way; and

WHEREAS, by this Resolution, the Halifax County Board of Commissioners, Franklin County Board of Commissioners and the Warren County Board of Commissioners intend to authorize and to support a Halifax County application for grant funding under the PSAP Grant Program adopted by the North Carolina 911 Board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to G.S. 160A-461 any unit of local government and any one or more other units of local government may enter into contracts or agreements with each other in order to execute any undertaking; and

WHEREAS, Halifax County, Franklin County and Warren County propose to enter into that certain “Interlocal Agreement Between Halifax County, Warren County and Franklin County Regarding the Halifax County Public Safety Answering Point and Regional Back-up 911 Center”, a copy of which is has been presented to each Board prior to the adoption of this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Halifax County, Franklin County and Warren County, each being a government body located in North Carolina, that individually and jointly each of the governmental bodies expresses its support for the relocation of the Halifax County PSAP and Regional Back-up 911 Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Halifax County, Franklin County and Warren County, that each of the governmental bodies:

- Expresses its support for the provision of a single regional PSAP utilizing the proposed Halifax County PSAP and Regional Back-up 911 Center as the primary PSAP for Halifax County and the back-up PSAP for Warren County and Franklin County; and

-Agree to participate with each other in the support and use of the proposed Halifax County PSAP and Regional Back-up 911 Center in the manner set forth in the aforementioned interlocal agreement; and

-Authorizes and supports the application for a grant under the PSAP Grant Program from the North Carolina 911 Board when the applications for funding become available; and

-Agrees that to facilitate the application and granting process, the application shall be submitted, and any grant funds received shall be administered with Halifax County acting as the lead agency for such purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Halifax County, Franklin County and Warren County, that they do each hereby authorize the execution of the aforementioned interlocal agreement by their respective Chairpersons and any other county officials or staff deemed necessary.

This Resolution is adopted by each of the governmental bodies set out below, executed in counterparts pursuant to authority duly given by official action of the governing body on the date indicated below.

9. CLOSED SESSION

The Board was asked to enter into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6) in order to discuss a personnel matter.

At approximately 7:24 P.M., Commissioner Dunston made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6) in order to discuss a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bunn and was approved with a 6 to 1 vote. Commissioner Foy voted "NO."

At approximately 8:23 P.M., Commissioner Bunn made a motion to enter back into open session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Speed and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

No action was taken as a result of closed session.

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

Cedric Jones, Chair

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board