

June 4, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic, the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina, met for its Recessed Meeting at 3:00 P.M. via an electronic meeting (Zoom) with the following Commissioners present: Chairman Sidney E. Dunston, Vice-Chair Shelley Dickerson, Cedric K. Jones, Sr., David Bunn, Harry L. Foy, Jr., Mark Speed and Michael Schriver.

The public was not allowed to physically attend this meeting; however, the meeting was livestreamed on YouTube at <http://franklincounty.today>. Citizens were also able to view or listen to the meeting via Zoom.

Chairman Dunston called the meeting to order.

1. 2020 TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AUDIT CONTRACT

The Board was asked to consider approval of the TDA Audit Contract.

Commissioner Schriver made a motion to approve the TDA Audit Contract, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

2. 2020-2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

On June 1, 2020, the Board conducted a public hearing on the proposed 2020-2021 budget. Now that the required 24 hours has passed in order to allow for additional public comment, the Board can take action on the document. It was noted that no additional comments were received.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 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, 2020 and approval of a general fund budget totaling \$88,899,961. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Speed and was approved 5 to 2. Commissioners Bunn and Schriver voted in opposition.

3. REZONING REQUEST (20-REZ-01 YOUNGSVILLE)

On June 1, 2020, the Board conducted a public hearing regarding a rezoning request by Franklin County Planning Staff to incorporate the previous (Zoning) Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of the Town of Youngsville into Franklin County's zoning jurisdiction.

Now that the required 24 hours has passed in order to allow for additional public comment, the Board can take action. It was noted that no additional comments were received.

Commissioner Schriver made a motion to approve the rezoning request, seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

4. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

5. 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.

Commissioner Bunn made a motion to enter into closed session, seconded by Commissioner Schriver. The motion carried 6 to 1, with Commissioner Foy voting in opposition.

Following closed session, Commissioner Bunn made a motion to enter back into open session, seconded by Commissioner Speed. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

Commissioner Schriver then made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the filing of an application for approval of a lease agreement authorized by North Carolina General Statute 153A-165 (detailed below) and in addition, request to allow the County Manager to complete the lease negotiations with appropriate review by the County Attorney and contingent on Local Government Commission approval, request to allow the County Manager authority to enter into the lease. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bunn and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

RESOLUTION FOR LEASE AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A LEASE AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED BY NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE 153A-165

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners does hereby find and determine as follows:

- (a) The County of Franklin, North Carolina desires to enter into a Lease Agreement with JMD Housing L.L.C. for the purpose of leasing certain space for use as county office space to better serve the citizens of Franklin County; and
- (b) The Lease Agreement will provide space needed to potentially serve several departments; and
- (c) Entering into the Lease Agreement is preferable to a general obligation bond and revenue bond issue in that the County will not be the owner of the property to be leased; and
- (d) It has been determined by the Board of Commissioners that the funds needed for this Agreement are adequate and not excessive; and
- (e) The debt management and fiscal policies of the County have been carried out in strict compliance with law, and the County is not in default under any obligation for repayment of borrowed money; and

- (f) No tax rate increase is expected to be necessary to pay the County's obligation under the Lease Agreement; and

Section 2. To the extent the Lease Agreement is subject to the requirements of NC General Statute Chapter 159, Article 8, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes, ratifies and approves the filing of an application with the Local Government Commission for approval of the Lease Agreement and requests the Local Government Commission to approve the Lease Agreement pursuant to NCGS 159-151.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

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

Sidney E. Dunston, Chair

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board

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