

November 4, 2019

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 Sidney E. Dunston, Vice-Chairman Shelley L. Dickerson, Commissioners Michael S. Schriver, Cedric K. Jones, Mark Speed, David T. Bunn 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 then 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. October 21, 2019 Minutes
- B. October 29, 2019 Minutes
- C. Modification of Fiscal Year 2019 Audit Engagement Letter and Amendment to Audit Contract
- D. Project Budget Ordinance – Franklin Reservoir 2 Dam Repairs

**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.

**Dalphine Thomas, 1161 NC Hwy 56 East, Louisburg, NC**

- Ms. Thomas stated she and her husband are foster parents. She inquired about a \$125 annual "miscellaneous fee" she is required to pay the Franklin County Department of Social Services to inspect smoke detectors in her home. Mrs. Thomas said she feels the fee is excessive as she fosters via an agency outside of Franklin County. The County Manager stated she will look into the matter.
- Ms. Thomas also inquired about North Carolina emissions fees in Franklin County. She was informed by the Board the fees were set by the State of North Carolina.

**3. FEE SCHEDULED FOR OWENS PARK FACILITIES**

Oliver Greene, Parks & Recreation Director, requested the Board adopt a fee schedule for the Open Space and Rustic Campsite Facilities at Owens Park.

The suggested additions to the Parks & Recreation fee schedule include the following:

- Open space/amphitheater \$25 per hour (with three hours minimum)
- Campsite (rugged) \$20 per day

Commissioner Speed made a motion to adopt the fee schedule as presented, seconded by Commissioner Dickerson. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

**4. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2019-2028 COMPREHENSIVE PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

Oliver Greene, Parks & Recreation Director, requested the Board adopt the Franklin County Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Master Plan. The Plan was presented to the Board in May 2019 and includes recommendations and guidance for the County's Parks & Recreation programming for the ten year period from 2019-2028. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board supports the adoption and ongoing guidance provided by the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Dickerson made a motion to adopt the plan/resolution, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2019-2028 COMPREHENSIVE  
PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, Franklin County Commissioners find that public parks, recreation facilities and programs, and open spaces for public enjoyment promote a healthier community through active living and the enjoyment of the outdoors and natural areas, reduce crime and improve morale by providing wholesome activities and life skills for youth to seniors, promote economic development by providing valuable community amenities, increase human productivity through recreation outlets, provide for enjoyable leisure and happiness for all ages, increase the value of private property throughout the community, improve community appearance and build a positive community image, and support a healthier natural environment by protecting natural areas within an urban setting; and

**WHEREAS**, since June 1997 Franklin County has provided parks and recreation facilities and programs for its residents as a necessary public endeavor, established a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in May of 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018 the county saw the need to update its 1999 Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan and develop a new 2019-2028 Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan and entered into a contract with Alfred Benesch & Company in 2018 to assist the County in preparing and presenting the complete master plan; and

**WHEREAS**, County staff and Benesch together have met with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Master Plan Committee, sent county-wide surveys, held two community workshops, and presented a draft master plan to commissioners on May 6, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the plan sets forth a 10-year agenda and prioritization for improving facilities, building new facilities, extending walking opportunities, staffing recommendations, grant opportunities, and ensuring a healthier community with updated policies and practices;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners that the final Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2019-2028), hereto and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby approved and adopted as a vision for future improvement of our community.

## 5. APPOINTMENTS

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

A. Economic Development Commission

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

B. Library Board

Commissioners Speed and Foy were asked to appoint representatives. No appointments were made.

C. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

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

D. Tourism Development Authority

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

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

No additional 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:** Commissioner Foy asked for an update on the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council. County Manager Angela L. Harris indicated she would provide comments later in the evening.

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

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

**Commissioner Dunston:** Commissioner Dunston encouraged the public to patronize the specialty medicine offices located next door to Maria Parham Franklin in order to ensure services remain available in the county.

**Commissioner Schriver:** Commissioner Schriver reminded the Board and public of the annual Veteran's Day event scheduled for Monday, November 11, 2019.

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

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

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

- In October, Maria Parham Franklin celebrated its first year. She informed the Board an update from the hospital was planned for its November 18, 2019 meeting.
- On November 1, 2019, she attended the annual Farm-City Week Luncheon held at Amazing Graze Barn in Louisburg. She said the event was well attended.
- Brian Haynesworth, Solid Waste Director, has accepted a position with the City of Savannah, Georgia. Former Solid Waste Director John Faulkner has agreed to serve on an interim basis.
- A public meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2019 at Louisburg College regarding a proposal by the North Carolina Department of Transportation to widen Bickett Boulevard in Louisburg.
- Mrs. Harris will soon be reaching out to members of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC) to determine if a different form of governance is needed. The committee is being reviewed due to a lack of participation. She indicated recommendations would be presented to Commissioners.
- Mrs. Harris announced her selection of Bo Carson as the new manager of Triangle North Executive Airport (TNEA). Mr. Carson has served as interim manager since January, 2018. Mr. Carson stated he was appreciative of the opportunity and says he has grown to appreciate our Airport is a \$25 million plus economic development asset for the County. He commented on some of the current projects underway there and stated its customer base has grown as well. He noted corporate hangars are at capacity and that the TNEA is currently the second largest general aviation airport for based aircraft in the State of North Carolina – up from sixth five years prior.

At approximately 7:17 P.M., Commissioner Bunn 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