

September 3, 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 an addendum to the consent agenda to include a *Bid Award for 13 Dodge Chargers for the Sheriff’s Department*.

Commissioner Schriver made a motion to include the bid award as a regular agenda item for discussion, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion duly carried with all present voting “AYE.”

Chairman Dunston then asked the Board to consider approval of the consent agenda.

Commissioner Jones then made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schriver and duly carried approval with all present voting “AYE.”

The items approved are as follows.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. 2020 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule
- B. Budget Ordinance Amendment #1 (Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 159-15, the County Finance Officer is requesting a budget ordinance amendment in the amount of \$380,401 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 to amend the General Fund to recognize Board action from previous meetings, contributions received and appropriate Animal Control Donations on hand at 6/30/19 to be expended, to recognize grant funds received from the FCTDA for Cooperative Extension, recognize State adoption grant funds received the end of June 2019 for DSS and not spent, and to recognize additional WIC funding received from the State for the Health Department. To amend the Hospital Fund to recognize grant funds received and the Federal DEA Fund to recognize funds received in previous fiscal year and not expended.)

2. BID AWARD FOR 13 DODGE CHARGES FOR THE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

On August 1, 2019, Franklin County requested bids for (13) 2019 Dodge Chargers AWD Full Size Police Rated Sedans (5.7L Hemi V-8). Franklin County received bids from Performance Automotive, Ilderton Dodge and John Hiester CJDR. Finance Director Jamie Holtzman recommended the Board award the bid to the lowest bidder, Performance Automotive, for a total cost of \$317,575.31.

Bid tabs are as follows.

| Sheriff's Department Vehicle Bids | | | |
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| Vendor | Vehicle Description | Unit Cost | Total Cost |
| Performance Automotive | (13) 2019 Dodge Charger Pursuit, AWD V-8 Hemi | \$ 24,428.87 | \$ 317,575.31 |
| Ilderton Dodge | (13) 2020 Dodge Charger Pursuit, AWD V-8 Hemi | \$ 24,940.00 | \$ 324,220.00 |
| John Hiester CJDR | (13) Dodge Chargers | \$ 24,992.00 | \$ 324,896.00 |

Commissioner Schriver commented he felt there was some confusion by the public on this request and noted the vehicles were approved previously as part of the budget process. He also asked that the County consider fleet management in the future.

Commissioner Schriver then made a motion to award the bid to the lowest bidder, Performance Automotive, for a total cost of \$317,575.31. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Speed and duly carried approval with all present voting “AYE.”

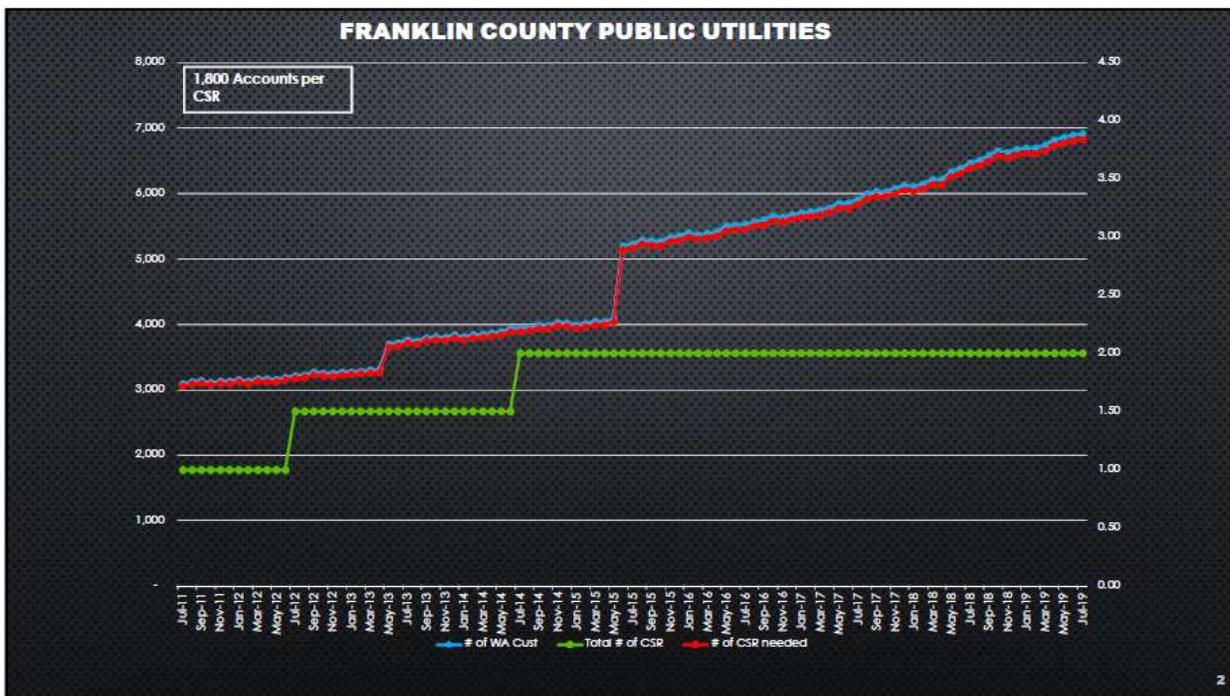
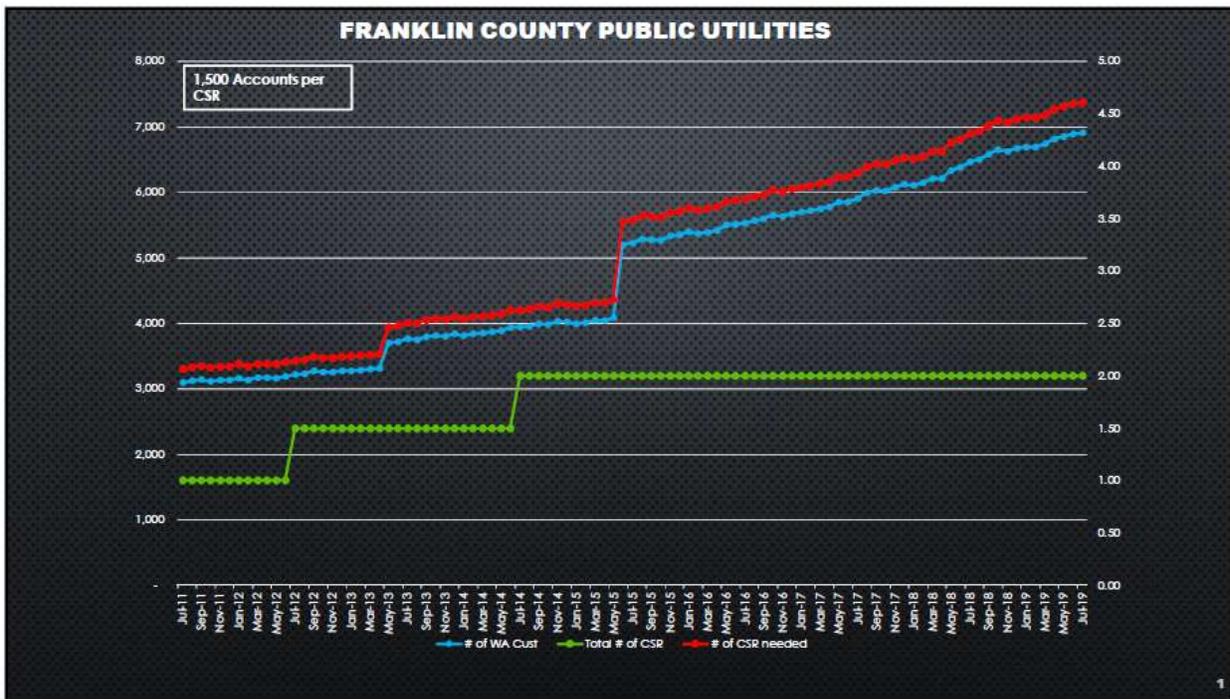
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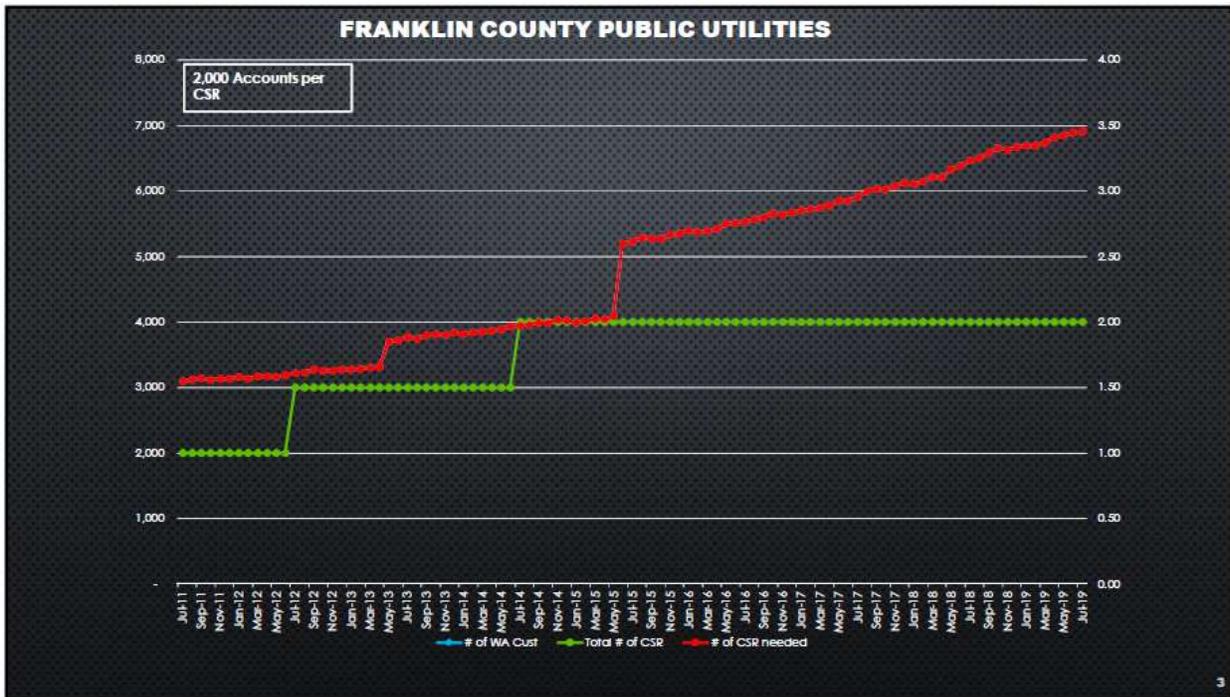
This was the time set aside by the Board of Commissioners to allow individuals five minutes to address the Board on issues concerning the county. No comments were offered.

4. PUBLIC UTILITIES STAFFING REQUEST

Public Utilities requested the addition of a Customer Service Representative to serve a customer base growing at 7% annually. Chris Doherty, Director, requested the position at a total cost of \$52,350. Funding for the request would come from savings realized from lapsed salaries and savings from capital equipment purchases.

Mr. Doherty used the following information to justify his request.





| Customer Service Representative (full time) | |
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| Salary (Grade 61: \$30,715 - \$50,114) | \$34,000 |
| Insurance | 9,315 |
| 401k (4%) | 1,360 |
| Retirement (9.04%) | 3,074 |
| FICA (7.65%) | 2,601 |
| Equipment & Training | 2,000 |
| TOTAL | \$52,350 |

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

5. APPOINTMENTS

Deputy Tax Collector

Pursuant to NCGS 105-349, the Board was asked to consider appointing Sharon Barefoot to serve as Deputy Tax Collector for a four-year term to expire August 31, 2023.

Commissioner Speed made the motion to appoint Sharon Barefoot to serve as Deputy Tax Collector, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting “AYE.”

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: Ms. King reminded the Board to complete the annual audit questionnaire.

Commissioner Foy: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Bunn: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Jones: Commissioner Jones commented on his attendance of the annual conference of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners held in Guilford County. He also attended the recent convocation for Franklin County Schools.

Commissioner Dunston: Commissioner Dunston also commented on his attendance of the annual NCACC conference where he represented Franklin County as voting delegate. He mentioned his attendance at a recent meeting of the Kerr Tar Regional Council of Governments and commented on recent information received from the North Carolina Department of Transportation that some of the highway projects in Franklin County (and other counties) may be delayed for a period of time due to funding challenges.

Commissioner Schriver: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Dickerson: No comments offered.

Commissioner Speed: Commissioner Speed followed up on a conversation held at the Board's August 19, 2019 meeting regarding bridge repairs on both Person and Pete Smith Roads. He said NCDOT is negotiating with Fred Smith Company regarding bridge repairs on Pete Smith Road to be conducted as soon as possible and to leave the bridge open on Person Road during that time. Commissioner Speed said negotiations are ongoing.

County Manager Angela L. Harris: Mrs. Harris asked for updates from Interim Airport Manager Bo Carson, Assistant County Manager Kim Denton and Public Utilities Director Chris Doherty.

- Interim Airport Manager Bo Carson provided a brief update on activity at Triangle North Executive Airport (TNEA). **Grant Update:** The Master Layout Plan (MLP) project is underway with a first draft expected to be submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in the next few months. The LED Lighting project is underway. Mr. Carson noted design and field study is now complete. He said the bidding process is underway with a bid deadline of September 17, 2019. Installation of new lighting infrastructure should begin by Winter 2019. Mr. Carson noted TNEA could possibly be in line for a large grant for a full rehab of the runway, taxiway and apron with increased weight capacity if additional federal funds come through. Mr. Carson stated he has started convening all parties for the runway expansion discussion so that everyone is at the table when the MLP is complete. He said if runway extension is justified, further meetings will need to be conducted to discuss the new safety zones that extend off Runway 5. Mr. Carson stated a meeting with CAMPO (Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization) will convene to discuss upcoming SPOT (State Transportation Prioritization) funding opportunities. This will include discussions on relocating and building new infrastructure on the airfield. **Airfest:** Mr. Carson shared information regarding an event scheduled September 28, 2019 from 9am-6pm at Triangle North Executive Airport. The event will provide an opportunity to market the airport as well as

drive traffic to tenants and fuel sales. Lastly, Mr. Carson shared that the airport is now the #2 General Aviation Airport for fixed-base aircraft.

- Assistant County Manager Kim Denton was asked to provide an update on broadband and facility reviews by Oakley Collier Architects. **Broadband:** A community meeting conducted by Open Broadband is scheduled for October 22, 2019 at 6:30pm at Vance Granville Community College in Louisburg. Open Broadband will provide a presentation about their company and service offerings. Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions, learn how they can sign up for service, the initial areas where service will be introduced in Franklin County and how other areas will be selected for service deployment. Staff continues to work with Open Broadband as the project progresses. Mrs. Denton said the latest communication indicated over 300 residents have already signed up for service notifications via the Franklin County page on the openbb.net website. **Facility Review:** Mrs. Denton then provided an update on facility review visits conducted by county staff and Oakley Collier Architects. She said all Franklin County building walk-throughs are complete. She said department heads and staff responded well as needs and opportunities were discussed for future facilities. Staff is working with Oakley Collier with the intent to make a presentation and recommendation to the Board in the near future.
- Public Utilities Director Chris Doherty commented on collaboration with the Town of Youngsville during their Main Street renovation project. Staff is assessing the county's utility lines and conducting any needed repairs that are discovered.
- Mrs. Harris commented on Franklin County's preparation for Hurricane Dorian. A conference call was held earlier in the day along with an afternoon planning meeting with community partners. She said generators are being tested and prepared in the event they are needed in response to the storm.
- Mrs. Harris commented on the implementation of Medicaid Managed Care changes originally scheduled for November 1, 2019. Information was received earlier in the day stating the date has been moved to February 1, 2020. She has reached out to the Department of Social Services Director and Health Director to examine operational and budgetary impacts and will report back to the Board of Commissioners.
- Mrs. Harris shared a letter with the Board from the Chairman of the Halifax County Board of Commissioners. The letter indicates Halifax County Commissioners voted not to appropriate funding for architectural fees for a new 911 center, for which a grant was received in the fall of 2018. The letter states the decision was financial as other priorities are taking precedence. The decision by Halifax directly impacts plans to provide a physical backup location for Franklin County's 911 center, but stated Halifax hopes to continue support 911 backup needs using the existing plans. Mrs. Harris indicated a recommendation would be brought forward in the future.

At approximately 7:31 P.M., Commissioner Speed 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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