

**April 15, 2013**

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 E. Shane Mitchell, Vice-Chairman Sidney E. Dunston, Commissioners David T. Bunn, Harry L. Foy, Jr., John M. May, Cedric K. Jones and Don Lancaster.

Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order and asked the Board to consider a moment of silence for those injured and killed earlier in the day as a result of two explosions at the Boston Marathon in Boston, Massachusetts.

Chairman Mitchell then asked the Board to consider removing two items from the agenda. He asked the Board to remove Item 8-A (Approval of Closed Session Minutes from March 18, 2013) and to modify Item 5-B relative to removing Alice Faye Hunter as an at-large representative and appointing her to the position of Chief District Court Judge or designee on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

Commissioner Dunston made the motion to remove both items mentioned above, seconded by Commissioner May. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

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

Commissioner Dunston made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

The items approved follow.

**1. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. March 28, 2013 Minutes
- B. April 1, 2013 Minutes
- C. Releases, Adjustments, Refunds, and Tax Collection Report
- D. Continuation of lease for space for Farm Service Agency (\$15,000 annual)

**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.

**Roger Lytle, 571 Williams White Road, Zebulon, NC**

- Mr. Lytle commented on the first quarter of 2013 and the actions he feels should have occurred during that time including public budget discussions, current online monthly financial reports and discussions about business development. He stated that Senator Chad Barefoot's office had not received any ideas from the County as to how regulations could be removed to better assist businesses in the County. Regarding incentives, Mr. Lytle said he would submit a written request to Economic Development Director Ronnie Goswick to see the approved final agreements for all the incentives since 2010. Lastly, he asked for County Commissioners to make full disclosure as to their involvement with the Committee of 100 and what impact that has on decisions being made.

**3. RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER**

Bradley Grissom, EMT-Paramedic, Franklin County Emergency Services, was recognized for his selection as the Employee of the Quarter ending March, 2013. Mr. Grissom has been employed with the county since August, 2001 and selected for this

recognition by a committee of his peers. Mr. Grissom received a vacation day and a cash award.

**4. CENTURYLINK NG9-1-1 PARTNERSHIP**

CenturyLink is seeking to partner with Franklin County, NC 9-1-1 to participate as a First Office Application (FOA) tester for CenturyLink’s Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) call routing platform. This IP-Selective Routing (IPSR) platform and the associated IP-Network are commonly referred to as an Emergency Services Internet (ESINet). To the 9-1-1 callers in Franklin County, and the 9-1-1 dispatchers at the Franklin County PSAP, this move to an IP-based platform should be transparent.

The true value to Franklin County is the migration from the existing 9-1-1 network that supports voice and location information to an IP-based network that will support not only voice and location information but also future and advanced services such as the transportation of text, images and video to the receiving PSAP.

Christy Shearin, Emergency Communications Director, stated CenturyLink approached her last year about the partnership and introduced area representative Donna Pair, CenturyLink’s Major Account Manager Public Safety. Ms. Pair offered the following PowerPoint presentation.

CenturyLink Business  
 CenturyLink Business Overview for  
 Franklin County  
 April 15, 2013

CenturyLink Team  
 CenturyLink Business  
 Local-  
 Mark Roblee- General Manager  
 Karen Skandier- APS  
 James Mcleod- SE  
 Chuck Ramsey- SR Lead Engineer ATAC  
 Donna Pair- Major Account Manager Public Safety  
 Corporate-  
 Sally Bakarich- Manager of NROC 911 Services  
 Kevin Eckhoff- Product Manager

The New CenturyLink  
 CenturyLink Business + Qwest + CenturyLink Business  
 > **Third largest** telecommunications company in the U.S.  
 > Unsurpassed business-class **national breadth** along with **local depth**  
 > Domestic fiber network covering 210,000 miles  
 > Serving traditional local markets in **37 states**, with local networks in nearly all top U.S. markets  
 > A complete array of advanced **IP business solutions** for data, VoIP and equipment, along with traditional voice and data services  
 CenturyLink Business

National Breadth  
 CenturyLink Business  
 Advanced network  
 • Local networks serving 37 states along with nearly all major metros  
 • 100Gbps national fiber backbone  
 • Robust nationwide IP infrastructure and IP MPLS backbone  
 • Unmatched local resources  
 • Tier 1 Internet connectivity  
 Robust products  
 • Metro Ethernet services  
 • Nationwide MPLS  
 • National Ethernet  
 • VoIP  
 Enhanced support  
 • Single OSS platforms  
 • Multiple Network Operations Centers  
 CenturyLink Business

Local Depth  
 Local Coverage – Combined Company  
 National leadership  
 • Experienced B2B leadership  
 • Centralized product development, marketing and management  
 • Uniform technology platforms/decisions  
 Local management  
 • Local general managers providing direct HQ input around local investments, pricing, promotions and customer needs  
 • Local engineering management provides technical expertise combined with an understanding of business applications  
 Superior combination  
 • Better decisions  
 • Faster deployment  
 • Improved competitiveness  
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CenturyLink's Professional Involvement  
 > CenturyLink is actively involved in determining the E911-IP standards by serving as a member of the National Emergency Number Association  
 > Technical Committee (TDC)  
 > Next Generation 911 Transition Planning Committee (NGTPC) – NENA  
 > Active Participation in ATIS – Alliance for Telecommunication Industry Solutions  
 > Active Participation in ESIF – Emergency Services Interconnection Forum  
 > Active in APCO  
 > (Professional Industry Involvement) CSRIC (Communications Security, Reliability, Interoperability Council)  
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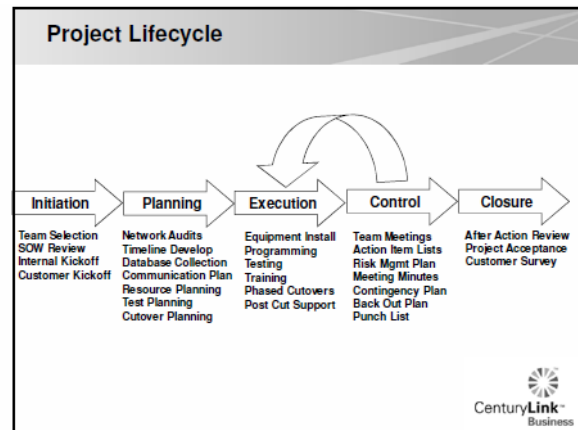
**NG911 OVERVIEW high-level Vision**

CenturyLink is developing our own network based transition path from the analog telecommunication network to an IP-packet based communication service, also known as NG911. CenturyLink currently has two IP-Selective Routers in Florida. In addition, CenturyLink plans to invest more than \$10 million over the next three years to meet additional public safety demand for Next Generation 911 solutions.

CenturyLink has develop a phased approach to replace our existing Selective Routers with Emergency Services Routing Proxy (ESRP) (aka IP-Selective Routers, or IPSRs). We are currently in Phase I of implementing this ESRP build-out.

The analog TDM network will need to be replaced by IP-packet based networks for carrying NG911 traffic. CenturyLink has a very robust nation-wide MPLS network. CenturyLink also offers a very robust nation-wide Ethernet network.

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**Thank you for your time**

*When Every Second Counts*

**DIAL**

**911**

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In summary, CenturyLink seeks to partner with Franklin County to participate as a first office application tester for CenturyLink's Next Generation 911 (NG911) call routing platform. To the 911 callers in Franklin County and the 911 dispatchers at the Franklin County PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point), the move to the IP platform should be transparent according to Ms. Pair. CenturyLink is currently testing the platform in Littleton, Colorado as well as Dublin, Ohio to ensure the platform is thoroughly tested. Once all test scenarios and test cases have been proven in the CenturyLink test lab, it will proceed in making test calls through the network to the Franklin County 911 PSAP to ensure the platform is stable and ready to take live 911 traffic. Once the test is complete and Franklin County 911 PSAP and CenturyLink both agree, CenturyLink will switch 911 traffic from the current network to the NG911 call routing platform. Ms. Pair said the integrity of the 911 network is vital to the safety and security of citizens. To ensure safety and security is not jeopardized, she said CenturyLink will maintain the existing 911 network during the test period. CenturyLink anticipates the actual test period will begin sometime in July or August 2013. She said CenturyLink and Franklin County have agreed in principal to a one-year test period with the actual testing taking several months. After testing of the platform is complete and deemed by both CenturyLink and Franklin County to be safe, CenturyLink will continue to closely monitor the County's experiences. During the remainder of the year-one test, she said CenturyLink may ask the County to test additional features and functionality. Both CenturyLink and Franklin County will mutually agree upon additional testing scenarios and timelines. During the FOA (First Office Application) test period, CenturyLink has committed to subsidizing the majority of additional costs from this service and associated network components. Ms. Pair said the true value to the County is the migration from the existing 911 network that supports only voice and location information to an IP based platform that will support voice and location, as well as transport text, video and images to the receiving PSAP.

Commissioner Foy asked about the difference of cost between both platforms. Ms. Pair anticipated roughly \$100 difference compared to the cost experienced today. Mrs. Shearin noted the cost is 911 eligible.

No action was needed or taken.

## 5. APPOINTMENTS

The Board was asked to consider the following appointments.

### A. Board of Adjustment

The Board was asked to consider appointing James Roberson as Commissioner May's appointment.

Commissioner May nominated James Roberson to serve on the Board of Adjustment. The nomination duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

### B. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

The Board was asked to consider reappointing Kristin Peebles (District Attorney or designee).

~~The Board was also asked to remove Alice Faye Hunter as an at-large representative and appoint her to the position of Chief District Court Judge or designee. Ms. Hunter has been recommended to serve by The Honorable Daniel F. Finch, Chief District Court Judge, Ninth Judicial District.~~

Commissioner Dunston made a motion to reappoint Kristin Peebles to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE." Ms. Peebles will continue to serve in the position of District Attorney or designee.

### C. Library Board

An appointment was needed to the Library Board. (Commissioner Lancaster)

Commissioner Lancaster nominated Jackie Gill for reappointment. The nomination duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

### D. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

An appointment was needed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. (Commissioner Mitchell)

Commissioner Mitchell will make an appointment at a later date.

### E. Tourism Development Authority

An appointment was needed to the Tourism Development Authority. (Commissioner Bunn)

Commissioner Bunn will make an appointment at a later date.

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Lancaster stated the Board should consider security as a priority in the upcoming budget especially measures at the County Administration Building. Chairman Mitchell indicated he had already asked the County Manager to consider security as she develops the budget.

Commissioner Lancaster also stated a quorum could not be reached at the last meeting of the Franklin County Planning Board. Commissioner Lancaster said the Planning Board may be bringing forth a proposal regarding a change in its structure.

Commissioner May asked for an update on the radio project. Emergency Communications Director Christy Shearin stated Harris Corporation had representatives in town installing vehicle chargers in all fire and rescue equipment preparing for cutover

for Fire and EMS (Emergency Medical Services). The 911 Advisory Board met last week and she said their expectation is to bring Fire and EMS onto the system in late May. In the meantime, Mrs. Shearin said Kimball is pushing to get a new frequency to replace one that has been problematic.

County Manager Angela L. Harris asked the Board to designate an individual to take the lead in further negotiations regarding the purchase of land for the Owens Park. She indicated she had approached Commissioner Lancaster with the idea as he serves both as Commissioner and a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. She said Commissioner Lancaster agreed to do so in order to address the remaining key items such as the dam inspection, phase one environmental assessment, survey, appraisal and the Department of Transportation driveway permit and whether or not the permit is needed.

Commissioner Dunston made a motion to designate Commissioner Don Lancaster to take the lead with the park project, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

## **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:** On behalf of Mr. Dewey Botts, Mrs. King invited the Board and those in attendance to the Franklin County Historic Homes Tour on April 27 and 28, 2013.

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

**Commissioner Jones:** Commissioner Jones attended a recent meeting of the Board of Health. He said the budget was a topic of discussion. He also attended an open house earlier in the day at Franklinton High School.

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

**Commissioner Dunston:** Commissioner Dunston asked that during the budget process staff and the Board take a serious look at the requests of the Library Director and Library Board. He stated libraries are a critical part of Franklin County's economic development.

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

**Commissioner May:** Commissioner May invited the Board and public to attend several community events including fundraisers on April 20, 2013 at both Justice Fire Department and Safe Space. He indicated White Level Fire Department has a fundraiser scheduled for April 27, 2013. He asked if 27 percent collections for 2012 year.

**Commissioner Foy:** Commissioner Foy asked the County Manager to share her goals for the upcoming budget. Mrs. Harris stated a tax rate decrease was unlikely with the projected revenues and the reductions seen on a number of different levels. She said there are requests from various entities and different County departments that if funded will exceed the revenue currently projected. Mrs. Harris stated she had no final answers in terms of whether or not a tax increase would be needed or if she suggested the rate remain status quo. She said the revenue picture would simply not support a tax decrease. With the current requests, Mrs. Harris said she was approximately \$5.2

million from where she needed to be. The Board will hold a budget work session on May 7, 2013 at 4:00 P.M.

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

- Town of Bunn Centennial Extravaganza on April 27, 2013 at Bunn High School
- Safe Community Day on April 20, 2013 at Wal-Mart in Louisburg from 9am-2pm
- Franklin County Employee Picnic on April 18, 2013 at Joyner Park in Louisburg
- International Whistler's Convention held April 17-21, 2013 at Louisburg College

## 8. CLOSED SESSION

~~A. Approval of Closed Session Minutes from March 18, 2013~~

B. The Board was asked to consider entering into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged. The Board will be briefed on the Byrd/Coombs special use permit appeal.

At approximately 7:52 P.M., Commissioner Dunston made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to the statute listed above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner May and carried approval with a 6 to 1 vote. Commissioner Foy voted "NO."

Following closed session at approximately 8:29 P.M., Commissioner Bunn made a motion to enter back into open session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunston and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

Chairman Mitchell stated no action taken.

Chairman Mitchell then notified the Board Commissioner Lancaster has resigned from the CAMPO (Capital Area Metropolitan Organization) Board. He said a Commissioner would need to be appointed to fill the vacancy. He indicated the interested Commissioner must first fill out a mandatory Statement of Economic Interest form before the appointment is made by the Board. An ethics requirement is also necessary. Chairman Mitchell anticipates action on the appointment at the Board's next regular meeting on May 6, 2013.

At approximately 8:33 P.M., Commissioner Bunn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner May. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

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E. Shane Mitchell, Chair

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board