

**April 16, 2012**

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 Robert L. Swanson, Sidney E. Dunston, Donald C. Lancaster, Harry L. Foy, Jr., Cedric K. Jones and David T. Bunn.

Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order and asked the Board to consider approval of the consent agenda.

Commissioner Dunston made a motion to remove Item 1-B, seconded by Commissioner Swanson. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

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

The items approved are as follows.

**1. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. April 2, 2012 Minutes
- ~~B. Resolution Opposing the Tolling of Interstate 95 in North Carolina~~
- C. Releases, Adjustments, Refunds, and Tax Collection Report

Regarding Item 1-B, Commissioner Dunston stated he had concerns. He said approving the resolution may interfere with the possibility of receiving Department of Transportation funding for future widening of Highway 401 in Franklin.

Commissioner Foy stated he did not understand how approval of the resolution would affect funding. He opposed the tolling of Interstate 95 and aid he was concerned about the state spending a large amount of money for a study regarding the placement of toll booths on Interstate 95.

Commissioner Foy made a motion to approve the Resolution Opposing the Tolling of Interstate 95 in North Carolina, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster.

Commissioner Mitchell then stated he had a problem with some of the statements made within the proposed resolution and could not object to a study he was unfamiliar with. He said the cost of the study (noted in the resolution) was costly.

The Board voted on Commissioner Foy's motion to approve the resolution, but the motion failed with a 3 to 4 vote. Commissioners Lancaster, Foy and Bunn voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Swanson, Mitchell, Dunston and Jones voted in opposition.

*Text of the failed resolution follows.*

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE TOLLING OF INTERSTATE 95  
IN NORTH CAROLINA**

**WHEREAS**, in January of 2012 the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) released the I-95 Corridor Planning & Finance Study identifying tolling as the most feasible means for funding future improvements of Interstate 95 in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to the release of the I-95 Study, NCDOT submitted an application to the Federal Highway Administration requesting approval to implement tolling on the Interstate 95 Corridor under the Interstate System Reconstruction & Rehabilitation Pilot Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Interstate 95 is the primary transportation artery in North Carolina and a major catalyst for tourism and economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, the I-95 Corridor Planning & Finance Study reveals that 30% of the travelers on the Interstate 95 Corridor will divert to other roads to avoid tolls; and

**WHEREAS**, the 30% diversion rate represents the loss of 12,000 cars a day, which will have a significant negative impact for communities and businesses that depend on Interstate 95 travelers for their livelihood; and

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners believes that the I-95 Corridor Planning & Finance Study does not provide sufficient information on alternative funding sources for future improvements to Interstate 95; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board further believes that the \$6.4 million I-95 Corridor Planning & Finance Study completed by NCDOT does not provide sufficient information on the economic impact of tolling to the citizens, businesses, and communities along the Interstate 95 Corridor.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Franklin County Board of Commissioners hereby opposes the tolling of Interstate 95;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Franklin County Board of Commissioners requests NCDOT to fully investigate alternative sources of revenue to finance future improvements of Interstate 95; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Franklin County Board of Commissioners requests NCDOT to undertake a comprehensive study of the economic impacts of tolling for the citizens, businesses, and communities along the Interstate 95 Corridor.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the State and Federal representatives and the Federal Highway Administration.

## **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.

### **Dewey Botts, 675 Howard Tant Road, Bunn**

- Mr. Botts is Chair of the International Whistlers Convention. He extended an invitation to the upcoming convention held in Louisburg and provided a schedule of events. Mr. Botts expects commerce in excess of \$70,000 would come into the County as a result of the event.

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

Barry Thorpe, PC Support Specialist, Franklin County Information Technology, was recognized as the Employee of the Quarter ending March, 2012. Mr. Thorpe has been employed with the county since January, 2007 and selected for this recognition by a committee of his peers. Mr. Thorpe received a vacation day and a cash award.

## **4. PUBLIC HEARING**

### Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Text Amendment: Article 17 (Signs)

The Board was asked to consider adoption of a text amendment to the Franklin County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to amend Article 17. Signs to change the maximum sign area and maximum height of ground signs allowed within the Neighborhood Business (NB) and Rural Business (RB) zoning districts. On March 13, 2012, the Planning Board held a public meeting regarding this request. The Planning Board by a majority vote recommended approval of the proposed text amendment.

Scott Hammerbacher, Planning and Inspections Director provided the following PowerPoint presentation. He said the current sign ordinance was adopted in 2001 and commented only one variance has been requested since that time. The variance request was made by Palziv located Highway 56 West in Louisburg.

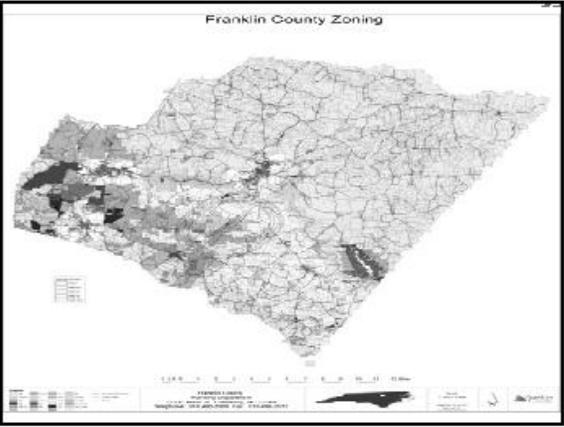
## Commercial Signs

## Background

- Board of Commissioners has requested Planning Board to review existing sign ordinance to ensure it is not unduly restrictive.
- It is recognized that signage is critical to businesses within the County in terms of viability and safety.
- Staff has reviewed peer communities sign ordinances in addition to information found within sign advocacies literature.
- Planning Board met twice on this issue and has forwarded an amendment for consideration.

## Background

- Current sign ordinance was adopted in October of 2001.
- To date, no UDO amendments have been made to on-premise sign regulations.
- Only one variance request has been submitted under the current UDO for Palziv.
- UDO is only applicable to areas under the County's zoning jurisdiction.
- Current sign regulations are based upon underlying zoning jurisdiction.



## Sign Effectiveness

1. It must be of sufficient size and height, and not be hidden or obscured by intervening traffic or other visual objects in the consumer's line of vision (power lines, streetlights, etc.).
2. It must display content (text and/or images) that is legible.
3. It must stand out from its background.

## Considerations

- Type of establishment (e.g. Industrial or Retail/Commercial)
- Proximity of other retail/commercial establishments
- Design/type of building
- Adjacent Land Uses
- Aesthetics
- Road type
  - Interstate, highway, local road
  - Speed limit of roadway
  - Access Management

The following two slides are results from a visual preference survey collected by DCA during a series of public meetings.

The results show the highest and most negatively rated commercial signage.

### Commercial Signage – Highest Rated

Total score = 119  
Mean = 1.40  
Median = 2  
Mode = 1

78.0% Positive  
6.3% Neutral  
15.0% Negative

Total score = 114  
Mean = 1.44  
Median = 2  
Mode = 3

68.4% Positive  
12.7% Neutral  
19.0% Negative

### Commercial Signage – Negatively Rated

Total score = -191  
Mean = -1.36  
Median = -3  
Mode = -5

16% Positive  
6.2% Neutral  
77.8% Negative

Total score = -188  
Mean = -1.35  
Median = -3  
Mode = -5

10.0% Positive  
10.0% Neutral  
80.0% Negative

County	Ground Signs		Wall Sign
	Max Height	Max Sq. Ft.	Sq. Ft.
Franklin	8 ft.	32 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft. or 1 sq. ft. per linear foot of building
Wash	30 ft.	400 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.
Harnett	15 ft.	100-150 sq. ft.	1 sq. ft. per linear foot of building
PIH	35 ft.	200 sq. ft.	1 sq. ft. per linear foot of building
Orange	8 ft.	32 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.
Vinco	35 ft.	200 sq. ft.	1 sq. ft. per linear foot of building

**Table 17-1**  
**Standards for Permanent Signage in NB and RB Zoning Districts**  
 \*Ground signs may be illuminated only. Pole and column signs are prohibited.

Sign Type	Number Allowed	Max. Height	Max. Area	Sign Location
Billboards	1 per lot	10 ft	100 sq ft	Adjacent to street right-of-way and setbacks
Commercial development	1 per lot	10 ft	100 sq ft	Adjacent to street right-of-way and setbacks
Neighborhood entrance sign	1 per lot	10 ft	100 sq ft	Adjacent to street right-of-way and setbacks
Billboards	1 per lot	10 ft	100 sq ft	Adjacent to street right-of-way and setbacks
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Neighborhood entrance sign	1 per lot	10 ft	100 sq ft	Adjacent to street right-of-way and setbacks

**Table 17-2**  
**Standards for Permanent Signage in OL, NB, RB, LL and HL Zoning Districts**  
 \*Ground signs may be illuminated only. Pole and column signs are prohibited.

Sign Type	Number Allowed	Max. Height	Max. Area	Sign Location
Billboards	1 per lot	10 ft	100 sq ft	Adjacent to street right-of-way and setbacks
Commercial development	1 per lot	10 ft	100 sq ft	Adjacent to street right-of-way and setbacks
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**Table 17-3**  
**Standards for Permanent Signage in NB and RB Zoning Districts**  
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Neighborhood entrance sign	1 per lot	10 ft	100 sq ft	Adjacent to street right-of-way and setbacks

**Table 17-4**  
**Standards for Permanent Signage in CON D, TND, and PUD Zoning Districts**  
 \*Ground signs may be illuminated only. Pole and column signs are prohibited.

Sign Type	Number Allowed	Max. Height	Max. Area	Sign Location
Billboards	1 per lot	10 ft	100 sq ft	Adjacent to street right-of-way and setbacks
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Neighborhood entrance sign	1 per lot	10 ft	100 sq ft	Adjacent to street right-of-way and setbacks

**Table 17-5**  
**Standards for Permanent Signage in Residential Districts (R-1, R-2, R-15, R-30, R-40, R-80, TND, and PUD)**  
 \*Ground signs may be illuminated only. Pole and column signs are prohibited.

Sign Type	Number Allowed	Max. Height	Max. Area	Sign Location
Billboards	1 per lot	10 ft	100 sq ft	Adjacent to street right-of-way and setbacks
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Neighborhood entrance sign	1 per lot	10 ft	100 sq ft	Adjacent to street right-of-way and setbacks

Commissioner Swanson asked if the proposed amendment was passed by a majority vote of the Planning Board. Mr. Hammerbacher recalled the vote was 6 to 1 in favor of the amendment.

Commissioner Dunston asked for clarification about major changes to the ordinance. Mr. Hammerbacher stated the major change occurred in Table 17-3 regarding the Neighborhood Business/Rural Business zoning district. He said the amendment would increase the maximum sign area from 32 square feet to 100 square feet. Maximum height would increase from 6 feet to 24 feet.

Commissioner Foy stated Franklin was more restrictive than peer counties.

Commissioner Dunston asked if applying for a variance was always an option whether or not the ordinance is changed. Mr. Hammerbacher stated it would continue to be an option. Commissioner Dunston asked why the need to change the ordinance if the variance was available.

Commissioner Mitchell asked if the Planning Board discussed why size requirements are smaller in Highway Business zoning districts where travelling speeds are typically faster compared to Neighborhood and Rural Business zoning districts. Mr. Hammerbacher stated discussions were focused on negative impacts of signage lighting on nearby residences.

At approximately 7:35 P.M., Chairman Mitchell opened the public hearing.

**Peter Andrews, 1405 Laurel Mill Road, Centerville**

- Mr. Andrews encouraged the Board to avoid a drastic decision concerning the ordinance and said he favored incremental changes. He said changes may be needed, but felt the County may be jumping to a solution without properly analyzing the problem. He said there is no indication at this time there have been requests from businesses, local governments or citizens that the size of signs should increase. He said reversing such action would be difficult and asked Commissioner to vote against the ordinance and return the item to the Planning Board for additional study. He suggested staff take a look at similar ordinances in Wake County.

**William Jones, 825 E.F. Cottrell Road, Louisburg**

- Mr. Jones stated he was in favor of the amendment to the sign ordinance and said bigger signs would help to improve local business and the local economy.

**Gerald Jones, 1838 Old US 64, Spring Hope**

- Mr. Jones stated he supported the amendment to the sign ordinance and said changes would be beneficial in drawing new businesses to the area. He said the current ordinance is too restrictive. He urged the Board to vote in favor of the proposed amendment.

**Tim Ferguson, 252 Rogers Road, Zebulon**

- Mr. Ferguson was in favor of the amendment to the sign ordinance and said property owners should be allowed to put any type of sign or any size on their property as long as doing so does not harm someone else.

**James Bumpass, 1931 Highway 401 South, Louisburg**

- Mr. Bumpass represented Louisburg Tractor and Truck, located on Highway 401 in Louisburg. He stated he was in favor of changes to the sign ordinance.

**Ray Alexander, 208 Cedar Street, Louisburg**

- Mr. Alexander understood the proposed amendment came about because Commissioner Bunn made a request that would assist his personal business. With regard to preliminary discussions about the ordinance, he wanted to know if visual pollution and potential conflicts of interest were discussed. Additionally, he stated he was not aware of studies that prove a correlation between the size of signs and an increase in business.

**Tom Penny, 20 Todden Court, Youngsville**

- Mr. Penny mentioned concerns with regard to how close signs can be placed near roadways.

**Jeremy Neal, 2859 White Level Road, Castalia**

- Mr. Neal stated the only area the amendment would affect would be rural areas of Franklin County. He commented the current economic climate is different from that of 2001 (when the current sign ordinance was adopted) and said the amendment would help “mom and pop” businesses survive.

**Bryant Bobbitt, 2232 Rocky Ford Road, Kittrell**

- Mr. Bobbitt commented in favor of the amendment to the ordinance.

**Dewey Botts, 675 Howard Tant Road, Bunn**

- Mr. Botts stated he had 30 years of experience relative to working with sign ordinances and said most of that work was done with Wake County. He expressed his concern with the increase in the size of the signs. He suggested the Board rely more on staff for input to the ordinance and asked if the standard had worked for 11 years with no problem, why amendments are now being discussed. He said one the ordinance is altered and larger signs are allowed, it is often difficult to reverse the decision. Mr. Botts encouraged the Board not to change the ordinance, but rather suggested keeping the current policy in place and consider exceptions where needed. Alternatively, he asked for reconsideration by staff and the Planning Board.

With no further comments, Chairman Mitchell closed the hearing 8:08 P.M.

Commissioner Bunn stated he did in fact request the sign ordinance be changed in order that rural businesses are allowed the same opportunities as other businesses.

Commissioner Mitchell then said the process in which the proposed amendment came about was not different from other Commissioner requests. He said a motion was made after Commissioner Bunn's suggestion, a motion that subsequently passed with a unanimous vote. He said the matter was properly advertised and then heard by the Planning Board. He stated Commissioner Bunn's request was not hidden from the public.

Commissioner Dunston stated if he chose not to vote in favor of the amendment his decision would not indicate opposition to business. He stated his belief the Board is elected to do "the right thing" for the County and said if the ordinance is altered it would be a difficult to amend.

Commissioner Foy stated even if the amendment is approved, Franklin County will continue to be more restrictive than other counties. He stated that larger, newer signs will increase the amount of property tax received and said he felt the amendment would be good for the county.

Commissioner Mitchell stated he felt there are inconsistencies in the ordinance and suggested the item be referred back to the Planning Board for further study. He stated more clarity is needed with relation to Highway Business zoning districts.

Commissioner Dunston made a motion to table the proposed amendment and send the item back to staff for further study. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell who asked for further investigation of Highway Business zoning districts. The motion failed with a 5 to 2 vote.

Commissioner Foy made a motion to approve the proposed amendment and the recommendation of the Planning Board, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion carried with a 5 to 2 vote with Commissioner Dunston and Mitchell voting in opposition.

**5. UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (UDO) TEXT AMENDMENTS**

Section 2-2 (Definition of Basic Terms) Section 6-1 (Table of Permitted Uses), Section 6-2 (Notes to the Table of Permitted Uses), and Section 7-3 (Table of regulations for Conditional Uses to allow for solar energy farms).

On March 19, 2012 a public hearing was conducted followed by Board action to table this item.

Commissioner Foy made a motion to approve the UDO Text Amendment, seconded by Commissioner Dunston. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

## **6. INFORMATIONAL UPDATE FOR THE FRANKLIN COUNTY 2012 REVALUATION**

Jimmy Tanner, Tax Administrator, provided an update on the reappraisal project and progress. Mr. Tanner stated there had not been many new appeals recently. He commented there were approximately 5600 appeals thus far and stated the new revaluation notices should be mailed within the next two weeks.

Commissioner Dunston stated some citizens may not be aware they have a value problem and said that everyone's values should be corrected. He stated every property needs to be examined.

Commissioner Foy stated that citizens who remain unsatisfied with their values should appeal to the Board of Equalization and Review. He encouraged citizens not to think "the County will take care of you" because that may not be accurate in every case.

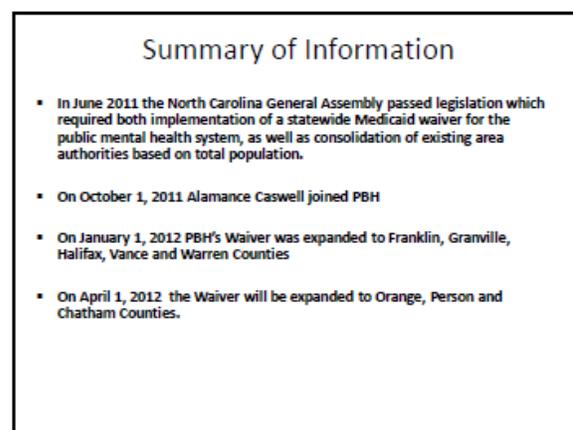
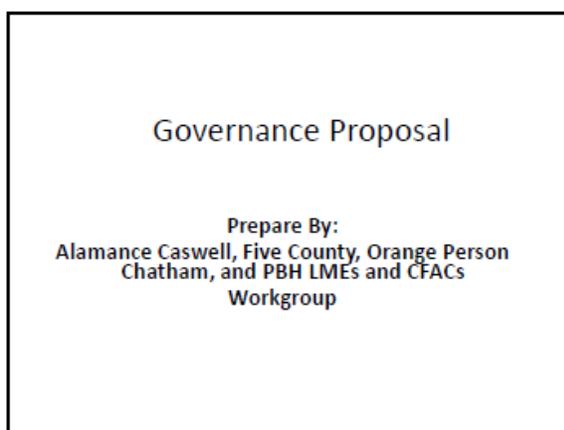
Commissioner Lancaster stated his feeling that rejections letters should be mailed to citizens whose values were not adjusted following the first level of appeal.

No action was taken.

At 8:45 P.M., Chairman Mitchell called for a brief recess. The meeting reconvened at 8:54 P.M.

## **7. JOINT RESOLUTION FOR GOVERNANCE OF FIVE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH**

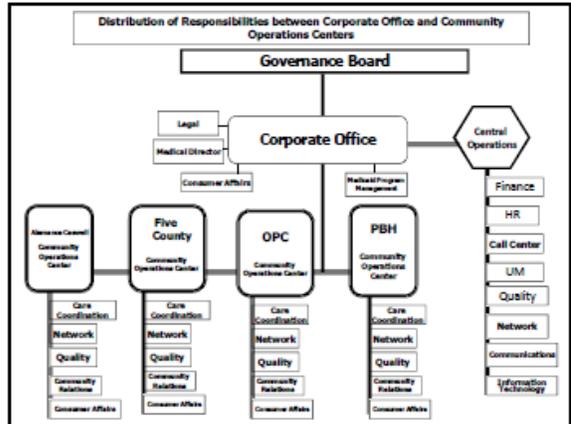
Valerie Hennike, Five County Mental Health Area Director, presented a joint resolution for governance of Five County Mental Health. She also presented the following PowerPoint presentation that highlights the transition in which Five County Mental Health Authority is pursuing in order to comply with Session Law 2011-264. The law requires the North Carolina Mental Health / Developmental Disability / Substance Abuse Service System operate under the 1915(b)(c) Medicaid Waiver.



### Summary continued

- On June 30, 2012 Five County will move forward with a due diligence process that is expected to lead to the dissolution and subsequent consolidation of Five County into the PBH system.

At this time the service area will consist of 15 counties with a total covered population of 1,442,989 citizens.



### Development of Governance Structure

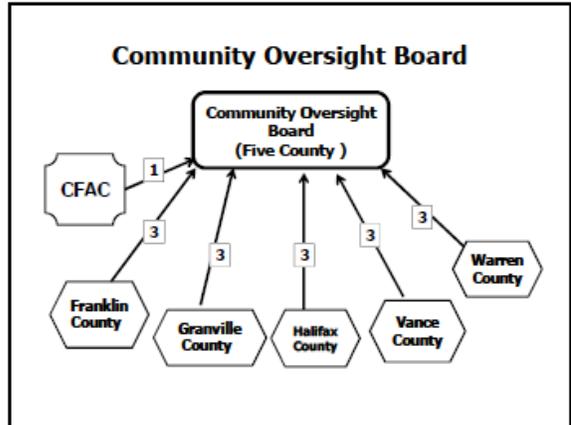
- In October of 2011, representatives from Five County, Alameda Caswell, OPC and PBH Area Boards and CFACs (Consumer & Family Advisory Committee) attended a work session to review existing statute regarding governance options for the new consolidated entity that would be operating as a Managed Care organization.
- This Committee established the proposed Governance Structure that Has been reviewed and approved by each of the LME Area Boards.

### Proposed Model adopted under NCGS 122C-118

*“The boards of county commissioners within the multicounty area shall have the option to appoint the members of the area board in a manner other than as required under this section by adopting a resolution to that effect”*

### Community Oversight Boards

- 1 CFAC Chair or designee
- 3 members from each county, appointed by the County Commission
  - County Commissioner or designee
  - Consumer or family member
  - Other citizen or stakeholder



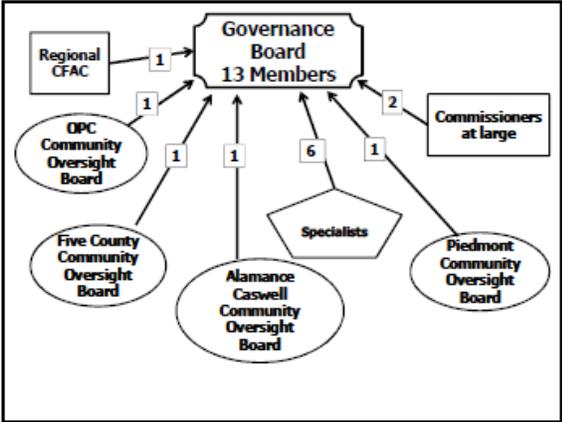
### Community Oversight Board Responsibilities:

- Advise the CEO on the evaluation and hiring of the Community Operations Center Executive Director
- Recommend priorities for expenditure of state/county funds for development of the annual budget
- Determine local priorities for inclusion in the area wide strategic plan, as possible
- Identify community needs and concerns, monitor resolution of issues
- Monitor performance at the local (COC) level:
  - Access to care
  - Financial status and expenditures
  - Service delivery
  - Provider Network size and composition
  - Outcomes
  - Consumer satisfaction

### Governance Board 13 Members

Terms of office: max two four year terms; as long as the individual remains a member of the Community Operations Center Board, regional CFAC, and County Commission.

- One representative from each Community Oversight Board (Chair or other elected member)
- Two at large County Commissioners from among the counties. Governing Board asks for interested parties among commissioners serving on the Community Operations Center Boards. Governing Board elects two.
- One representative from the regional CFAC, elected by the regional CFAC.
- Six members with special expertise in healthcare, insurance, finance, and health/behavioral health physician or other professional; no more than 2 from any specialty area; from constituent counties if at all possible.



### Governance Board

Responsible for:

- Policies
- Strategic plan
- Budget
- Hire, fire and evaluate CEO
- Monitor deliverables (e.g., performance, financial management)
- Political advocacy
- Strategic planning, including consideration of local priorities brought forward by the COC Boards
- Accountable for organizational performance
- Responsible for the overall health of the organization
- Reporting to the constituent counties
- Responsible for responding to concerns and feedback from COC Boards.

Ms. Hennike stated the Waiver must expand in order to avoid losing state funds. At this time, she said the service area will consist of 15 counties with a total covered population

of 1,442,989 citizens. On June 30, 2012 Five County will move forward with a due diligence process that is expected to lead to the dissolution and subsequent consolidation of Five County into the PBH (Piedmont Behavioral Healthcare) system.

Ms. Hennike discussed the development of the governance structure, the organization of Community Oversight Boards and its responsibilities. Each county will not have representation on the board, but each entity will have representation according to Ms. Hennike.

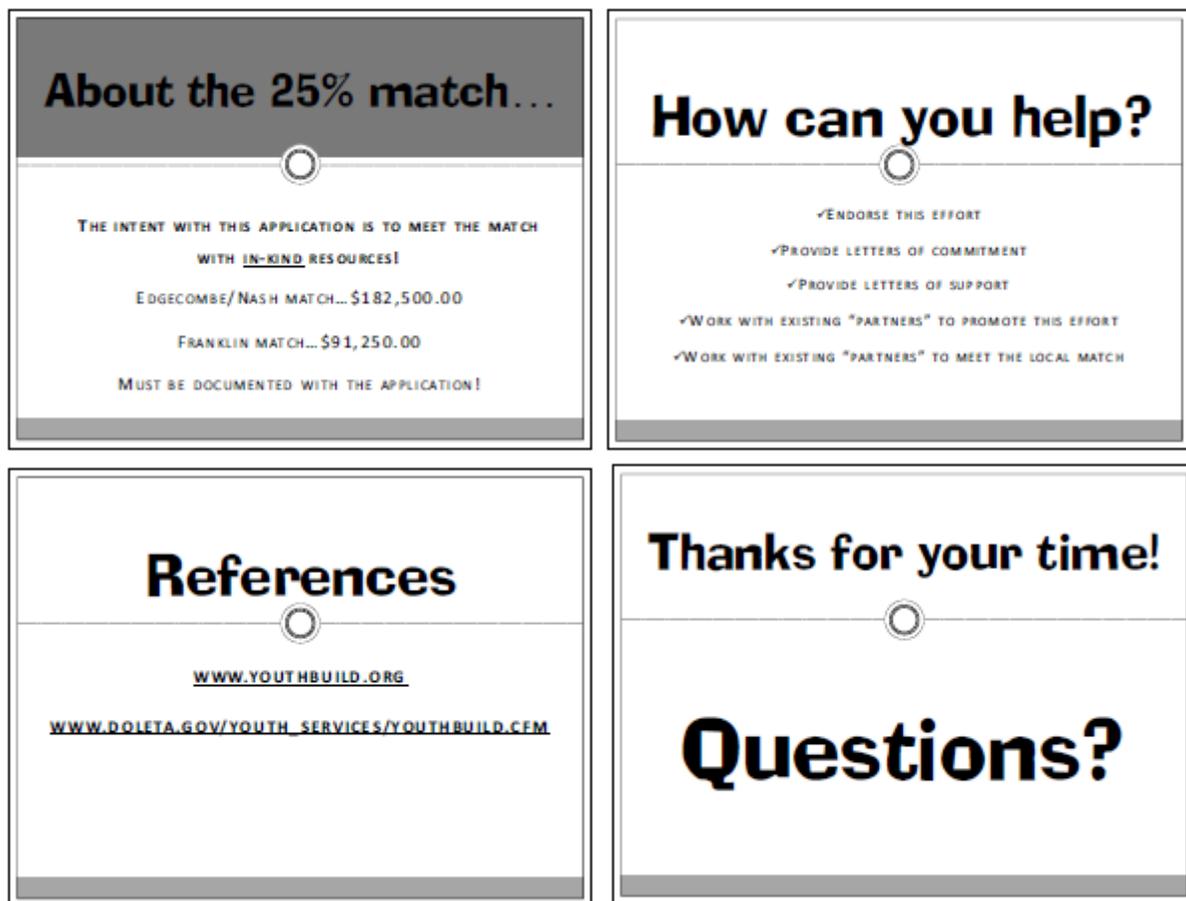
Commissioner Dunston made a motion to consider approval of the joint resolution for governance of Five County Mental Health. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lancaster and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

See Attachment A-041612 for *Joint Resolution for Governance of Five County Mental Health.*

**8. YOUTHBUILD GRANT APPLICATION**

Mr. Bernard Hall made a presentation regarding an opportunity to apply for grant funds via the Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor to support the creation of a YouthBuild program in Franklin County. The presentation included details regarding amounts of the grant request, the in-kind match requirement, the operating model, and actual site locations for training and onsite work.

<h2 style="text-align: center;">YouthBuild</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">             PROVIDING <b>EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES</b>              TEACHING AND APPLYING <b>CONSTRUCTION SKILLS</b>              ASSISTING <b>AFFORDABLE HOUSING EFFORTS</b>              IN  <b>EDGEcombe/NASH COUNTIES</b>              AND  <b>FRANKLIN COUNTY</b> </p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">YouthBuild is...</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ A THREE YEAR GRANT</li> <li>✓ FUNDING RANGING BETWEEN \$700,000 AND \$1.1 MILLION</li> <li>✓ ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS UNTIL MAY 8, 2012</li> <li>✓ ADMINISTERED BY THE US DEPT. OF LABOR</li> <li>✓ NOT NEW. PROGRAMS IN PLACE SINCE 1988.</li> </ul>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Highlights</h2> <p style="font-size: small;">             YouthBuild is a program that combines education, skills training, and community service to assist 16 to 24 year old high-risk youth learn housing construction job skills and complete their high school GED. The federal YouthBuild program is authorized under the Workforce Investment Act, managed by the US Department of Labor, and funded through annual appropriations determined by Congress. Currently, 273 programs operate in 45 states, Washington, D.C., and the Virgin Islands engaging approximately 10,000 young adults per year. "Young people work for 6 to 24 months toward their GEDs or high school diplomas while learning job skills by building affordable housing in their communities. Emphasis is placed on leadership development, community service, and the creation of a positive mini-community of adults and youth committed to each other's success."         </p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">In Franklin County, YouthBuild can help young people...</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ OBTAIN A GED OR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA</li> <li>✓ IMPROVE WORKFORCE SKILLS</li> <li>✓ REDIRECT THEIR ATTENTION TO NEW JOB AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES</li> <li>✓ GIVE BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITY THROUGH LIVE PROJECTS</li> </ul>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">How will the program operate?</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ ONE APPLICATION ..... THREE COUNTIES..... TWO SITES</li> <li>✓ TWO PROGRAM YEARS... TWO CLASSES AT EACH SITE</li> <li>✓ TIME INCLUDED FOR START-UP AND FOLLOW-UP</li> <li>✓ EACH CLASS INCLUDES ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION</li> <li>✓ EACH CLASS INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION INSTRUCTION</li> <li>✓ EACH CLASS INCLUDES HANDS ON PROJECTS</li> </ul>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Program details...</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ ROCKY MOUNT OIC WILL BE THE OFFICIAL APPLICANT/FISCAL AGENT</li> <li>✓ EXPECTED SPLIT IS 2/3 TO EDGEcombe/NASH AND 1/3 TO FRANKLIN</li> <li>✓ PLANNED REQUEST IS \$1,095,000</li> <li>✓ EDGEcombe/NASH... \$730,000.00</li> <li>✓ FRANKLIN... \$365,000.00</li> <li>✓ 25% LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED</li> </ul>



Mr. Hall stated he is not asking the County for a monetary contribution but rather a 25% in-kind match of existing resources such as vacant properties already owned.

Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to endorse the grant application for the YouthBuild program for Franklin County with the idea the County's match will be in-kind. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunston and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE." Staff was instructed to work with Mr. Hall regarding the in-kind match. Any property commitments must be brought before the Board of Commissioners for consideration.

The Board is expected to discuss the program again at its May 7, 2012 board meeting in order to meet a May 8, 2012 deadline mentioned by Mr. Hall.

## 9. OTHER BUSINESS

## 10. 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 report was offered.

**Commissioner Lancaster:** No report was offered.

**Commissioner Dunston:** Commissioner Dunston attended a reception earlier in the day at Vance Granville Community College in Henderson in honor of Dr. Stelfanie Williams. Dr. Williams became the college's sixth president in February, 2012.

**Commissioner Foy:** No report was offered.

**Commissioner Bunn:** Commissioner Bunn extended an invitation to the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Farm Show scheduled for April 19-22, 2012 at the Norris Creek Outdoor Entertainment Complex in Louisburg.

**Commissioner Mitchell:** No report was offered.

**Commissioner Swanson:** No report was offered.

**County Manager Angela L. Harris:**

- Mrs. Harris commented the State of the County Address would be offered on April 17, 2012 at 7:30 A.M. at Louisburg College.
- Mrs. Harris said she and Finance Department staff met recently with Vance Granville Community College's new President Dr. Stelfanie Williams. The topic of the meeting was the upcoming budget.
- Mrs. Harris stated former Franklin County Government employee Barbara Jean Bumgarner passed on April 15, 2012. Ms. Bumgarner worked for a number of years with the Department of Social Services before retiring with the County's Health Department.
- Mrs. Harris commented on the grand opening of the new Sheetz store in Louisburg scheduled for April 19, 2012.
- Mrs. Harris also noted the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual International Whistler's Convention is scheduled for April 16-21, 2012 at Louisburg College.

## **11. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board was asked to consider entering into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(5) to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease.

At approximately 9:45 P.M., Commissioner Swanson made the motion to enter into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a)(5), seconded by Commissioner Dunston. The motion carried 6 to 1, with Commissioner Foy voting "NO."

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

No action was taken as a result of the closed session.

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

At approximately 10:21 P.M., Commissioner Swanson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

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E. Shane Mitchell, Chair

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board

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