

August 1, 2016

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 Cedric K. Jones, Commissioners John M. May, David T. Bunn and Harry L. Foy, Jr. Commissioner Don Lancaster was absent. Commissioner E. Shane Mitchell arrived after consideration of the consent agenda.

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

Commissioner Foy made a motion to remove Item 1-F from the consent agenda for further discussion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bunn and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

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

The following items were approved.

#### I. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. April 18, 2016 Minutes
- B. May 2, 2016 Minutes
- C. May 16, 2016 Minutes
- D. June 15, 2016 Minutes
- E. July 5, 2016 Minutes
- ~~F. Consider TDA (Tourism Development Authority) request to fund a \$5,000 grant for the 2016 Fall Harvest and Pumpkin Festival at Hill Ridge Farms~~
- G. Consider TDA (Tourism Development Authority) request to fund a \$5,000 grant for the Allen de Hart Concert Series
- H. Approval to close First Citizens Bank account 1612769579
- I. Agreement for the Provision of County-Based Aging Services

Commissioner Foy said he opposes approving a grant for for-profit businesses. He made a motion to deny the Tourism Development Authority's recommendation to fund a \$5,000 grant for the 2016 Fall Harvest and Pumpkin Festival at Hill Ridge Farms. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion failed 2-3 with Commissioners Foy and Bunn voting in favor and Commissioners Dunston, May and Jones voting in opposition. In turn, the TDA grant for Hill Ridge Farms was approved in the amount of \$5,000.

#### 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. No comments were offered.

#### 3. CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER FOR INDUSTRIAL AREA DEVELOPMENT

Rifenburg Construction is nearing completion of the alternate bid for construction of Industrial Area Development at the airport. Additional funds have been committed by NCDOT which allows this change order to complete the project as previously bid. The alternate bid was \$642,885 which was previously accepted by the Board. The additional funds required to complete the base bid is \$436,948. Funding for this agreement comes from FAA Non Primary Entitlement Funds. The funding ratio is 90% Federal and a 10% local match. The local match funding amounts to \$43,695 to complete this bid.

After brief discussion, Commissioner Foy made a motion to table the request to the Board's regular meeting on August 15, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

#### 4. OTHER BUSINESS

No additional business was discussed.

#### 5. 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 commented on a recent announcement by CSX to build its massive Carolina Connector cargo terminal in Rocky Mount. He feels Franklin County stands to gain from the project.

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

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

**Commissioner Jones:** Commissioner Jones attended a recent meeting of the Health Board and said the group continues to search for a new director for the Health Department. Commissioner Jones also attended a recent meeting of the Five County Mental Health Board.

**Commissioner Mitchell:** Commissioner Mitchell relayed a request from citizens who frequent the Franklinton Senior Center and say the facility is in need of new folding chairs.

**Commissioner Dunston:** Commissioner Dunston serves on the Kerr Tar Council of Governments (COG) Board of Directors. He noted one of the COG's staff members (Sheila Brown) passed away over the weekend. He stated Ms. Brown worked with the COG's Department of Aging.

**Commissioner Lancaster:** Commissioner Lancaster was absent.

**County Manager Angela L. Harris:** Mrs. Harris informed the Board it would be asked to consider approval of a resolution or interlocal agreement regarding the Stepping Up Initiative at its August 15, 2016 meeting. She said Vance County will serve as the fiscal agent for the project.

Tax Administrator Dan Williams provided an update on the tax and tags system.

Economic Development Director Richie Duncan introduced Bo Carson as the County's new Existing Industry Coordinator.

#### 6. CLOSED SESSION

This Board was asked to enter into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a)(4) regarding industry/economic development.

Commissioner May made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(4) regarding industry/economic development. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and was approved 5 to 1, with Commissioner Foy voting "NO."

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

No action was taken following closed session.

At approximately 8:15 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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Sidney E. Dunston, Chair

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board

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