

December 4, 2017

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 Cedric K. Jones, Vice-Chairman Sidney E. Dunston, Commissioners Michael S. Schriver, David T. Bunn, Mark Speed, Harry L. Foy, Jr. and Shelley L. Dickerson.

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order and turned the meeting over to County Attorney Pete Tomlinson to conduct the Election of Officers.

## 1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Tomlinson opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.

Commissioner Dickerson nominated Commissioner Jones to serve as Chairman. With no further nominations received, nominations were closed. The nomination duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE." Commissioner Jones was elected to serve as Chairman by acclamation.

Mr. Tomlinson then opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Commissioner Dickerson nominated Commissioner Dunston to serve as Vice-Chairman. With no further nominations received, nominations were closed. The nomination duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE." Commissioner Dunston was elected to serve as Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

Mr. Tomlinson turned the meeting over to Chairman Jones who then asked the Board to consider an addendum to the consent agenda. The item would be considered Item 6-B (Appointment to the Cardinal Nominating Committee). Commissioner Dunston made the motion to amend the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Speed. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

Chairman Jones asked the Board to consider approval of the consent agenda.

Commissioner Foy made a motion to remove Item 2-D (Consider Tourism Development Authority request to fund a \$5,000 grant for the Fall Harvest and Pumpkin Festival 2017) from the consent agenda for further discussion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bunn and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

Commissioner Schriver 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.

## 2. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Releases, Adjustments, Refunds, and Tax Collection Report
- B. Public Officials and Employee Bonds
- C. Budget Amendment #3 (Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 159-15, the County Finance Officer is requesting a budget ordinance amendment in the amount of \$10,018,195 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 to amend the General Fund and Solid Waste Fund to appropriate funds previously approved by the BOC and to move funds between departments.)
- ~~D. Consider TDA (Tourism Development Authority) request to fund a \$5,000 grant for the Fall Harvest and Pumpkin Festival 2017~~
- E. Health Department fee change

Commissioner Foy stated he did not support the Tourism Development Authority's request to fund a \$5,000 grant for the Fall Harvest and Pumpkin Festival 2017.

Commissioner Dunston made a motion to approve the Tourism Development Authority's request to fund a \$5,000 grant for the Fall Harvest and Pumpkin Festival 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dickerson. The motion carried with a 6 to 1 vote with Commissioner Foy voting "NO."

### 3. 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.

**Tony Stallings, 535 Rick Boone Road, Castalia, NC**

- Mr. Stallings stated hunting laws were last updated in 1991 and suggested a review of the law based on safety concerns and landowner rights.

**Jim McIntyre 394 King Road, Castalia, NC**

- Mr. McIntyre stated he is a 20-year citizen of Franklin County and law enforcement officer. He also asked the Board to examine hunting laws relative to dog hunting so landowners could better enjoy their personal property.

**Sammy Mccaskill, 508 Fishing Rock Road, Castalia, NC**

- Mr. Mccaskill stated he owns 200 acres on Fishing Rock Road in Franklin County and has experienced issues with dog hunters. He feels it is a nuisance to allow hundreds of hunting dogs to disturb his cattle and horses and danger his smaller animals. He does not wish to see anyone singled out or unable to enjoy a sport they love, but said he would like to see an opportunity to possibly split the season in order for still hunters and dog hunters to better enjoy the season. He supports the rights of dog hunters but would like to see it better controlled.
- Commissioner Foy made a motion during Mr. Mccaskill's comments to extend his time for comment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bunn and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

**Ronnie Medrano, 9032 Dukes Lake Road, Zebulon, NC**

- Mr. Medrano also encouraged the Board to reconsider hunting laws for safety reasons.

**Tommy Wester, 210 Forest Lakes Road, Louisburg, NC**

- Mr. Wester spoke on behalf of independent garage owners in the county, several of whom were present. He suggested the county's contract for vehicle maintenance and repairs be reexamined.

Commissioner Dickerson has now served as commissioner through two hunting seasons and says citizens continue to reach out to her via phone calls and email about their concerns. She said she feels the citizen's desperation and worries someone is going to get hurt. She noted her entire family are both still and dog hunters and said she does not wish to eliminate dog hunting but feels the current laws don't seem to be satisfactory. She suggested a committee be created for the purpose of presenting a proposal to change hunting laws in which everyone (dog hunter/still hunter/landowner) could agree their rights are respected. She also suggested a local wildlife commission officer might attend a board meeting to report on current laws and that the county attorney look into the matter as well.

### 4. WATER/SEWER ALLOCATION EXTENSION REQUEST

#### Ashberry Phase IB

The developer for Ashberry Phase IB requested an extension of their water/sewer allocation. The Utility Advisory Committee met November 13, 2017 and recommends approval of the extension of allocation to March 31, 2018.

Commissioner Foy made a motion to approve the water/sewer allocation extension request for Ashberry Phase 1B. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Speed and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

## 5. TIMBER SALE: MUSTIAN TRACT

The Board was asked to consider approval of the negotiated timber sale on the Mustian tract. The Board of Education has started to clear the land in preparation for construction of a sports facility at Louisburg High School.

Commissioner Dunston made a motion to approve the negotiated timber sale on the Mustian tract, seconded by Commissioner Speed. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

## 6. APPOINTMENT

### A. Research Triangle Regional Partnership

The Board was asked to consider appointing Mike Elder to represent Franklin County on the RTRP Board. Mr. Elder serves as Head of Business Relations and Development for Novozymes and would serve as the industry representative if appointed.

Commissioner Dunston made a motion to appoint Mike Elder to represent Franklin County on the RTRP Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Speed and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

### B. Cardinal Nominating Committee

Each board of county commissioners in the 20 county Cardinal catchment area shall appoint one county commissioner representative to serve on a Nominating Committee. By Friday, December 8, 2017, each county in the catchment area shall provide the name of the person selected to serve on the Nominating Committee. This name should be submitted to [nominatingcommittee@ncacc.org](mailto:nominatingcommittee@ncacc.org).

Commissioner Schriver made a motion to appoint Commissioner Jones to the Cardinal Nominating Committee, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS

Staff was asked to further investigate some of the issues relative to dog hunting in the county and offer the board some clarity on its authority to even consider law changes. Staff was also asked to reexamine the current vehicle maintenance contract.

## 8. 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 invited the Board to attend the annual employee service pinning ceremony on December 6, 2017 at 2:00 P.M. at Vance Granville Community College. The event will feature an opportunity for county employees to sponsor foster children at Christmas. The Board was also reminded of a luncheon on December 7, 2017 hosted by the Board of Education.

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

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

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

**Commissioner Schriver:** Commissioner Schriver extended holiday greetings to all in attendance.

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

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

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

**County Manager Angela L. Harris:** Mrs. Harris commented the Board would be asked to review and consider approval of an updated purchasing policy in January, 2018.

At approximately 7:52 P.M., Commissioner Bunn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Speed. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

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Cedric Jones, Chair

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board