

February 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, Don Lancaster, E. Shane Mitchell, Harry L. Foy, Jr. and David T. Bunn.

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

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

The following items were approved.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Annual report of unpaid taxes that are liens on real property

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. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Text Amendment – The Board was asked to consider adopting a text amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance to amend Section 3-2: Permit Exemptions and Section 6-2: Notes to the Table of Permitted Uses for Accessory Structures.

Planning and Inspections Director Scott Hammerbacher offered a summary of the request before Chairman Dunston opened the hearing for comment at approximately 7:08 P.M. The hearing was closed with no comments received.

Commissioner Foy made a motion to approve the text amendment, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

B. Text Amendment – The Board was asked to consider adopting a text amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance to amend Section 2-2: Definition of Basic Terms, Section 6-1: Table of Permitted Uses, and 16-1: Off-Street Parking Requirements Concerning Shooting Ranges.

Planning and Inspections Director Scott Hammerbacher offered a summary of the request before Chairman Dunston opened the hearing for comment at approximately 7:15 P.M. The hearing was closed with no comments received.

The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval of the text amendment.

If approved, the amendment would only affect new shooting ranges.

Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to approve the text amendment, seconded by Commissioner May. The motion was approved 6 to 1, with Commissioner Foy voting "NO."

C. Text Amendment – The Board was asked to consider adopting a text amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance to amend Section 2-2: Definition of Basic Terms, Section 6-1: Table of Permitted Uses, Section 6-2: Notes to the Table of Permitted Uses, Section 7-3: Table of Regulations for Conditional Uses, and Section 16-1: Off-Street Parking Requirements concerning special outdoor events.

Planning and Inspections Director Scott Hammerbacher offered a summary of the request before Chairman Dunston opened the hearing for comment at approximately 7:21 P.M. The hearing was closed with no comments received.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the text amendment, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell. The motion was approved 6 to 1, with Commissioner May voting "NO."

4. INCENTIVE REQUEST – S.L. NUSBAUM, INC.

The Board was asked to schedule a public hearing on February 15, 2016 in order to receive input regarding an incentive for S.L. Nusbaum, Inc. from which capacity fees up to \$72,000 will be waived for a development project in Franklinton.

Economic Development Director Ronnie Goswick provided details of the request.

On January 21, 2015, Commissioners unanimously agreed to waive capacity fees in the amount of \$58,800.00 for an 80 unit multi-family development at the Sterling Cotton Mill in Franklinton. This project was not funded through the State.

Nusbaum is now pursuing a non-competitive round of funding through a tax exempt bond program. The number of units has now increased from 80 to 96 and staff requests approval to waive the capacity fees for the additional 16 units bringing the total amount waived to \$72,000.00.

The project is projected to be a \$15 million dollar development in Franklinton and will result in tax and water/sewer revenue.

This project falls within the guidelines of the Franklin County Economic Development Incentive Policy. Staff now requests a written letter indicating approval of an incentive from which capacity fees up to \$72,000.00 will be waived.

Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to call for a February 15, 2016 public hearing regarding the incentive for S.L. Nusbaum, Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

5. APPOINTMENT

The Board was asked to appoint Pattie Rachelle Deats to serve on the Kerr Tar Area Agency on Aging Regional Aging and Advisory Committee. With the appointment of Ms. Deats, a vacancy will remain on the committee.

Commissioner Bunn made a motion to appoint Pattie Rachelle Deats to serve on the Kerr Tar Area Agency on Aging Regional Aging and Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner May and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

6. OTHER BUSINESS

No additional items of business were 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: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Foy: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Bunn: No comments were offered.

Commissioner May: Commissioner May attended recent meetings of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, Department of Social Services, Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunity as well as a public input meeting for Owens Park at Bull Creek.

Commissioner Jones: Commissioner Jones attended a recent meeting of the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Commissioner Mitchell: Commissioner Mitchell offered thanks for phone calls, prayers and support following a recent surgery.

Commissioner Dunston: Commissioner Dunston acknowledged Commissioner Mitchell's return to the board meeting following a recent surgery. Commissioner Dunston attended a recent meeting of the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments board and noted the organization is now in good financial health. The organization was in dire straits in years past due to a misuse of funds. Commissioner Dunston also gave a brief update on negotiations with Novant regarding the transfer of the hospital to the county. He noted the county and its partners continue to seek to attract entities with the hopes of operating the hospital in the near future.

Commissioner Lancaster: No comments were offered.

County Manager Angela L. Harris: No comments were offered.

8. CLOSED SESSION

The Board was asked to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(3) – Attorney-Client Privileged Communication.

Commissioner May made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(3) – Attorney-Client Privileged Communication. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and was approved 6 to 1, with Commissioner Foy voting “NO.”

Commissioner May 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 following closed session.

Commissioner Bunn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner May. 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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