

February 7, 2011

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: Chair Sidney E. Dunston, Vice-Chairman E. Shane Mitchell, Penny McGhee, Harry L. Foy, Jr., David T. Bunn, Robert L. Swanson and Donald C. Lancaster.

Chairman Dunston asked that the Board consider an addition to the agenda regarding an item for the consent agenda and a second topic for closed session. The items would be considered as Item 1-D and Item 7-B. Commissioner Mitchell made the motion to add the items to the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Swanson. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

Chairman Dunston then asked the Board to consider the consent agenda. Commissioner Swanson made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE". The items approved follow.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Happy Whistler's Week Resolution
- B. Request for addition of Farmington Drive, Windsor Court, Buckingham Drive, Oxford Court, Torrington Drive, Carrington Avenue, Haddington Drive and Wellington Court (Farmington Oaks Subdivision) to the State Maintained Secondary Road System
- C. Annual report of unpaid taxes that are liens of real property
- D. Resolution on Continuation of the VWGF Resource Center

Item 1-A

RESOLUTION HAPPY WHISTLERS WEEK

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Historical Society has expressed an interest in continuing the tradition of Franklin County hosting the International Whistlers Convention; and

WHEREAS, the International Whistlers Convention has headquarters in Louisburg in the County of Franklin, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the International Whistlers Convention has brought favorable national and international recognition to the county's government, community and people; and,

WHEREAS, this recognition has produced pride and honor to the county's citizens with an opportunity to participate and to observe others participating in these worthwhile projects; and,

WHEREAS, the ancient art of whistling is being preserved with public displays of talent and artifacts in the nation's only museum of its kind; and,

WHEREAS, the art of whistling is both a performing art and a healthy expression of happiness for the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, in appreciation for the Historical Society's efforts to provide an educational and artistic service to the county's citizens, declare the week of April 6-10, 2011 as

"HAPPY WHISTLERS WEEK"

and commend its observance to all of the citizens of Franklin County.

Item 1-D

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
RESOLUTION ON CONTINUATION OF THE
VWGF RESOURCE CENTER**

Upon a duly made and seconded motion, a majority of the commissioners seated on the Franklin County Board of Commissioners adopted the following resolutions at a public meeting on this the 7th day of February, 2011.

RESOLVED, that the VWGF Resource Center is operating according to design and meeting identified criminal justice service needs throughout the local Judicial District; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Franklin County Board of Commissioners is fully satisfied with the managerial configuration presently being employed and also approves of the Vance County Manager continuing to serve in FY 2011-2012 as the financial administrator of this very important regional project.

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.

Twig Wiggins, 420 Clubhouse Drive, Youngsville, NC

- Mr. Wiggins addressed the Board regarding an appeal of deferred taxes on a mobile home park he purchased.

3. RECOGNITION: COMMISSIONER PENNY MCGHEE

Commissioner Penny McGhee was recognized for her service as 2010 Chair of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners.

4. MOBILE CAD/AVL FOR RESPONDERS

Law enforcement personnel and other emergency responders have expressed interest in the mobile version of the CAD system. Director Christy Shearin requested funding from the 911 fund balance to implement this for Law Enforcement Personnel and to install this in the Fire and EMS Departments in the County.

The item was originally discussed by the Board at its January 18, 2011 meeting. It was subsequently tabled until more information could be obtained regarding the 911 Fund and until Mrs. Shearin had spoken with each department that would utilize the proposed system making certain all affected parties were made aware of their responsibility regarding future maintenance of the system and any associated costs.

The action requested for the evening was that the discussion be delayed once more until the Board's March 21, 2011 meeting.

Commissioner McGhee made the motion to delay discussion until the March 21, 2011 Board meeting, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster. At that time, Commissioner Mitchell asked why a delay was necessary. Mrs. Shearin stated she met with all the responders as the Board had asked and said "everyone is on Board." She said she and the Finance Director (Chuck Murray) had not had the opportunity to get all of the figures together for the 911 fund to present to the Board.

Mr. Murray stated he and Mrs. Shearin had in fact looked over the numbers and said there would not be a significant amount of funds remaining in the E911 fund at the end of this project. He said he had planned to use any remaining E911 funds to reimburse and help pay for debt service in the next budget. Mr. Murray recommended that money

not be taken out of the E911 fund because all of it would be needed in the future. He said staff briefly looked over the numbers and said the true cost of the system remains unknown. He stated there are a number of variables still unknown with the project. Mr. Murray said he met with Mrs. Shearin and the County Manager and the Manager decided to ask the Board to delay the project. If the Board should elect to move forward with the project, he encouraged that funding should be obtained during the borrowing process in April rather than utilizing the remaining fund balance for E911.

Upon Commissioner McGhee's earlier motion to delay the discussion until the March 21, 2011 Board meeting, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, the motion carried 6 to 1, with Commissioner Mitchell voting "NO."

5. APPOINTMENTS

The Board was asked to consider the following appointments.

A. Airport Commission

Two appointments were needed to the Airport Commission. (Commissioners Foy and McGhee)

Commissioner McGhee nominated Dr. Phillip Stover for reappointment to the Airport Commission. The Board voted to reappoint Dr. Stover with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Foy is expected to make an appointment at a later date.

B. Animal Advisory Board

An appointment was needed to the Animal Advisory Board. (Commissioner McGhee)

Commissioner McGhee nominated Brenda Simmons for reappointment to the Animal Advisory Board. The Board voted to reappoint Ms. Simmons with unanimous approval.

C. Board of Adjustment

An appointment was needed to the Board of Adjustment. (Commissioner McGhee)

Commissioner McGhee nominated Carol Holder for reappointment to the Board of Adjustment. The Board voted to reappoint Ms. Holder with unanimous approval.

D. Child Fatality Prevention Team

Two appointments were needed to the Child Fatality Prevention Team. (Commissioners Foy and McGhee)

The Board decided to postpone appointments to the Child Fatality Prevention Team and address the item at its next meeting on February 21, 2011.

E. Department of Aging Advisory Board

An appointment was needed to the Department of Aging Advisory Board.
(Commissioner McGhee)

Commissioner McGhee stated she was not prepared to make an appointment at this time. She will be expected to consider the appointment at a later date.

F. Economic Development Commission

Two appointments were needed to the Economic Development Commission.
(Commissioners McGhee and Dunston)

Commissioner McGhee nominated Mark McArn for reappointment to the Economic Development Commission. The Board voted to reappoint Mr. McArn with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Dunston nominated Robert Sykes for appointment to the Economic Development Commission. The Board voted to appoint Mr. Sykes with unanimous approval.

G. Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

An appointment was needed to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee. (Commissioner McGhee)

Commissioner McGhee nominated Nat Sandling for reappointment to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee. The Board voted to reappoint Mr. Sandling with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Lancaster then stated that his appointment to the committee (Ryland Grissom) had recently resigned. He then nominated Bradley Grissom to for appointment. The Board unanimously approved the appointment.

Two vacancies remain for a physician nominated by the County Medical Director and for a Hospital Administrator.

H. Library Board

Two appointments were needed to the Library Board. (Commissioners McGhee and Swanson)

Commissioner McGhee nominated Rebecca Frisbie for appointment to the Library Board. The Board voted to appoint Mrs. Frisbie with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Swanson is expected to make an appointment at a later date.

I. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Two appointments were needed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
(Commissioners McGhee and Foy)

Commissioner McGhee nominated Michelle Smith for reappointment to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The Board voted to reappoint Ms. Smith with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Foy is expected to make an appointment at a later date.

J. Planning Board

Five appointments were needed to the Planning Board. (Commissioners Bunn, McGhee and Lancaster)

Commissioner Bunn nominated Steve Mitchell for appointment and Richard Hoyle for reappointment to the Planning Board. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the nominations.

Commissioner McGhee nominated Mark McArn and Fannie Brown for reappointment to the Planning Board. The Board voted to reappoint Mr. McArn and Ms. Brown with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Lancaster nominated Steven Buescher for appointment to the Planning Board. The Board voted to appoint Mr. Buescher with unanimous approval.

K. Solid Waste Education Task Force

Two appointments were needed to the Solid Waste Education Task Force. (Commissioners Foy and McGhee)

Commissioner McGhee nominated Betty Edwards for reappointment to the Solid Waste Education Task Force. The Board voted to reappoint Ms. Edwards with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Foy is expected to make an appointment at a later date.

L. Tourism Development Authority

Two appointments were needed to the Tourism Development Authority. (Commissioners McGhee and Swanson) One representative of the hotel industry is needed.

Commissioner McGhee nominated Mamie Jones for reappointment to the Tourism Development Authority. The Board voted to reappoint Ms. Jones with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Swanson is expected to make an appointment at a later date.

M. Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board

An appointment was needed to fill a required private industry position on the Board. Mr. Vincent Gilreath, Workforce Development Director, asked that the Board consider the appointment of Mr. Fred Keller (Wake Electric Membership Corporation) for a one-year term.

Commissioner McGhee made a motion to appoint Fred Keller to the Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

Following the appointments, Commissioner McGhee stated the Five County Mental Health Board is in need of two representatives from Franklin County. She stated those appointed must be Franklin County citizens.

Relative to the ongoing SBI (State Bureau of Investigation) investigation of Sheriff Pat Green, Commissioner Lancaster asked that the Board consider supporting a resolution in favor of a special election for the office of Franklin County Sheriff. Commissioner Lancaster stated he supported the interim Sheriff, but felt strongly the citizens should have a “say so” and that voters should decide whom the next Sheriff will be. He provided a sample resolution to the Board and asked that the item be placed on the February 21, 2011 agenda for discussion and consideration.

Commissioner Lancaster asked County Attorney Darnell Batton if the Board could call for a public hearing on the matter. Mr. Batton stated the Board could call for a public hearing, but stated a hearing is not required by law.

Chairman Dunston suggested the Board debate the resolution rather than a public debate. It was noted that any citizen had the right to express their opinions during the “public comment” period which is held during each regular meeting of the Board.

6. 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 attended the grand opening of Family Pharmacy in Louisburg.

Commissioner Bunn: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Mitchell: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Lancaster: Commissioner Lancaster attended the grand opening ceremony of the JC Penney Catalog Store at Mitchell Hardware in Franklinton.

Commissioner McGhee: Commissioner McGhee stated she toured Community Workforce Solutions, an organization in Henderson that supports the developmentally disabled population. She stated the organization provides services through Five County Mental Health to clients from Franklin County.

Commissioner Swanson: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Dunston: Commissioner Dunston attended the January meeting of the Council of Governments. He said a film group is considering the thirteen counties of the Kerr Tar Regional Council of Governments for the potential filming of the sequel to *Bull Durham* as well as other films. Franklin County Economic Development staff is involved with the project.

County Manager Angela L. Harris:

- Mrs. Harris stated a budget meeting with department heads is scheduled for February 9, 2011. She said she will be working with the Chairman to schedule work sessions with the Board of Commissioners.
- She also commented on customer service training provided recently to 118 participants through Vance Granville Community College. The training was

provided by John Formica at no cost to the County. Mr. Formica may be considered for leadership training in the future.

7. CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Swanson made the motion to enter into closed session, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell. The motion carried 5 to 1, with Commissioner Foy voting "NO." The items discussed in closed session follow.

- A. NCGS143-318.11 (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.
- B. NCGS143-318.11 (a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location and/or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the County, including agreements on a tentative lists of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations.

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

No action was taken relative to the closed session.

Commissioner McGhee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE" and the meeting adjourned at 10:26 P.M.

Sidney E. Dunston, Chair

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board

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