

January 17, 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 John M. May, Harry L. Foy, Jr., David T. Bunn and Shelley L. Dickerson. Commissioner Michael S. Schriver was absent.

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order and asked the Board to consider an addendum to the agenda to include an update from Attorney Boyd Sturges on the hospital, formerly known as Novant Franklin Medical Center. The update will be placed on the agenda as Item 3.

Commissioner Foy made the motion to approve the addendum, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

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

Commissioner Dunston 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.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. January 3, 2017 Minutes
- B. Authorizing Resolution Franklin County Triangle North Franklin Sewer Project Industrial Development Fund Major Site Development Initiative
- C. Releases, Adjustments, Refunds, and Tax Collection Report
- D. Budget Ordinance Amendment #7 (Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 159-15, the County Finance Officer is requesting a budget ordinance amendment in the amount of \$8,490 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 to amend the Water & Sewer Fund for insurance proceeds on equipment.)

Item 1-B

**AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION
FRANKLIN COUNTY
TRIANGLE NORTH FRANKLIN SEWER PROJECT
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND
MAJOR SITE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Franklin County anticipates a grant from the Department of Commerce, Industrial Development Fund as a part of the Major Site Development Initiative, to be made for the Triangle North Franklin Sewer Project;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Franklin County authorizes submission of this application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Franklin County will accept the grant from the Department of Commerce when offered;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Franklin County will administer this grant in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Commerce;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Franklin County will administer this grant through the County Manager's Office and will obtain the services of a qualified grant administrator;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the grant will be monitored quarterly to assure compliance with this proposal and the Department of Commerce regulations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Angela L. Harris, County Manager, is authorized to execute the grant application and any additional documents pertaining to the grant application as requested by the North Carolina Department of Commerce.

This Resolution, duly adopted this the 17th day of January, 2017 in Louisburg, North Carolina.

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. HOSPITAL UPDATE

Attorney Boyd Sturges provided the Board with an update on the hospital.

He reminded those in attendance the county had entered into an agreement with Duke LifePoint in which Duke LifePoint agreed to pay approximately \$25,000 per month in order to help maintain the current hospital site in Louisburg. He noted that if an agreement is not reached, Duke LifePoint would not get that money back.

Diligent negotiations have continued with a recent meeting held January 12, 2017. A target date of January 22, 2017 was set for negotiations to reach completion, although Mr. Sturges said the goal is unlikely as Christmas and New Year's holiday schedules proved problematic.

Mr. Sturges said Duke LifePoint plans to continue making the monthly payment as negotiations continue. He feels confident a deal will soon be reached and that Duke LifePoint will be a good partner.

It was noted a special called meeting of the Board of Commissioners may be warranted once an agreement is reached.

4. AIRPORT OPERATIONS UPDATE

Triangle North Executive Airport Manager Steve Merritt provided an update to the Board. Franklin County has been allocated \$10,980,000 in funding for airport improvements to include a runway lengthening and strengthening, and land acquisition. The funding for this agreement comes from NCDOT STI funding programmed by Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization process funds. The funding ratio is 90% State and a 10% local match.

Mr. Merritt shared a brief video with the Board that highlights the value of airports of all varieties.

No action was requested or taken.

5. APPOINTMENTS

Chair Appointments

The Chair appointed individual commissioners to select county and regional boards and committees. The appointments are listed.

<p>Shelley Dickerson Economic Development Commission Firefighters Association Public Utilities Advisory Committee</p> <p>Sidney Dunston Project Advisory Committee for Scattered Site Housing Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments (COG) Kerr-Tar Rural Planning Organization (RPO) Work Force Development</p> <p>Harry Foy Aging Advisory Board Kerr-Tar Area Transit System (KARTS)</p>	<p>Michael Schriver Economic Development Commission Rescue Squad Association Public Utilities Advisory Committee Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>John May Social Services Board Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunity</p> <p>David Bunn Library Board Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunity</p> <p>Cedric Jones Board of Health Mental Health Board Public Utilities Advisory Committee</p>
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Commissioner Dunston made a motion to approve the appointments, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

6. OTHER BUSINESS

No additional business was 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: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Jones: Commissioner Jones acknowledged the birthday of the Clerk to the Board.

Commissioner Schriver: Commissioner Schriver was absent.

Commissioner Dunston: Commissioner Dunston represented the Board recently at the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners' Legislative Goals Conference held in Raleigh. He shared the top five goals established by the group to be lobbied at the General Assembly.

2017-18 Legislative Goals

North Carolina Counties' Five Priority Goals

1. **PE-1:** Seek legislation to establish a new state-county partnership to address statewide public school capital challenges--including but not limited to maintenance, renovation, construction and debt--through a dedicated, stable funding stream that is consistent from county to county and sufficient to meet the school facility needs of all 100 counties.

2. **PE-2:** Seek legislation to repeal the statutory authority under N.C. Gen. Stat. 115C-431(c) that allows a local school board to file suit against a county board of commissioners over county appropriations for education.
3. **TF-1:** Support efforts to preserve and expand the existing local revenue base of counties, and oppose efforts to divert to the state fees or taxes currently allocated to the counties to the state. Oppose efforts to erode existing county revenue streams and authorize local option revenue sources already given to any other jurisdiction.
4. **GG-1:** Support increased state funding for transportation construction and maintenance needs, and support legislation to ensure that the STI funding formula recognizes that one size does not fit all and that projects in both rural and urban areas are prioritized and funded.
5. **JPS-1:** Support legislation and funding to raise the Age of Juvenile Jurisdiction from 16 to 18 with the exception of felony crimes.

Commissioner Dickerson: Commissioner Dickerson pointed out an acquaintance in attendance to observe county government and thanked them for their interest.

County Manager Angela L. Harris: Mrs. Harris commented on the following:

- Mrs. Harris noted Sheena Pitt, daughter of Mrs. Harris' Executive Assistant Ada Pitt, would soon be achieving her Master's Degree. She is a graduate of Bunn High School.
- Mrs. Harris said she was recently made aware by Senator Thom Tillis' office of a Safer Community Grant available to assist fire departments. The deadline to apply is in February.
- Mrs. Harris then shared the following PowerPoint presentation, prepared by Emergency Services Director Jeff Lewis, regarding adverse weather preparedness.

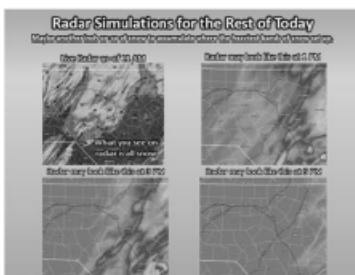
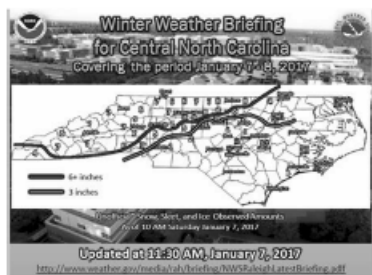


Weather Webinars

- Franklin County Emergency Services participates in a weekly webinar with the National Weather Service. Alerting us well in advance of possible weather threats to Franklin County and/or surrounding areas.

BEFORE THE STORM

- Daily briefings from the National Weather Service 3 to 4 days prior to the arrival of storm system
 - 11:30 am Briefing
 - 4:30 pm Briefing
- Partners are notified via email of Updated Storm Briefings
- Proclamation Obtained



Franklin County Emergency Management Partners

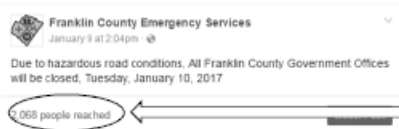
- County Manager
- Franklin County Commissioners
- National Weather Service
- North Carolina Emergency Management
- Franklin County EMS
- Franklin County Sheriffs Office
- Franklin County Fire Departments
- Franklin County Rescue Squads
- Franklin County IT Department
- Red Cross
- Franklin County School Systems
- Franklin County Communications
- Franklin County Court House
- Franklin County Maintenance Dept.
- Franklin County Department of Social Services
- Dept. of Transportation
- Forestry Services
- Franklin County Code Red
- Aging



Media Partners

News Media is notified of County Closures and/or Delays after the arrival of the storm system

- WRAL
- WTVD
- TWC
- NBC17
- Franklin County Website
- Franklin County Employee Notification Line
- Franklin County Code Red
- Franklin County Emergency Services Facebook Page



2,068 people reached

Adverse Weather Preparedness



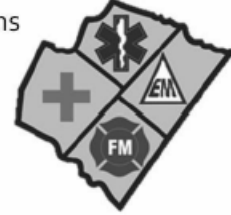
Emergency Operations Center Activation

- Level 1
 - Necessary / Key Public Safety agencies report to County EOC for full-scale activation. Life Safety Missions are supported
- Level 2
 - County Public Safety Agencies are notified of the increasing threat and the county EOC is staffed with EM personnel as needed
- Level 3
 - County Public Safety Agencies are notified and requested to make necessary preparations for a limited of full scale activation of County EOC
- Level 4
 - Normal day to day operation



Considerations

- Special Needs Registry Contacted
- All Fire, LEO and EMS respond Non-Emergency Traffic to calls
- Assist local Health Care Agencies when possible (example: dialysis center)
- Changes in road conditions – reporting partners from Fire Department, LEO, EMS crews and Maintenance Dept. as well as EOC personnel traveling to and from EOC
- Notifying Franklin County School System of road conditions



Daily Situational Reports



Situational Reports are prepared as needed and reported to the County Manager to keep her up to date with the latest developments of recovery operations.



Winter Storm Helena

Impacts to Franklin County



County Closures, Cancellations and Delays

- January 7th
 - All Franklin County Libraries and Landfill Convenience Sites CLOSED
- January 9th
 - All Franklin County Government Offices CLOSED
- January 10th
 - All Franklin County Government Offices CLOSED
- January 10th
 - Franklin County Planning Board meeting & Public Hearing CANCELLED



County Closures, Cancellations and Delays



January 9, 10 and 11th
Franklin County Public Schools CLOSED




EOC Activation

Franklin County EOC operated at **Level 2**
County Public Safety Agencies are notified of the increasing threat and the county EOC is staffed with EM personnel as needed.


Emergency Response Times

January 6th through January 11th

- Sleet and snow accumulation on roadways began Friday night (January 6)
- All Emergency Personnel (Fire, LEO and EMS) were advised to respond to ALL calls Non-Emergency traffic
 - This remained into effect until the morning of Wednesday, January 11th when road conditions were favorable and deemed safe




EMS Calls



- 157 Total Calls Friday, January 6th –Wednesday, January 11th
 - January 6th – 17 calls
 - January 7th – 20 calls
 - January 8th – 28 calls
 - January 9th – 33 calls
 - January 10th – 35 calls
 - January 11th – 24 calls

124 calls ran
12/30/2016 – 01/04/2017



QUESTIONS?



At approximately 8:05 P.M., Commissioner Dunston made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

Cedric Jones, Chair

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board