

January 3, 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, Michael S. Schriver and Shelley L. Dickerson.

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order and 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.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. December 5, 2016 Minutes
- B. Budget Ordinance Amendment #6 (Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 159-15, the County Finance Officer is requesting a budget ordinance amendment in the amount of \$9,829,510 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 to amend the General Fund for additional revenue and expenses for the Health Department and to amend the General Fund and Water & Sewer Fund for loan proceeds and refunding the 2007 Certificate of Participation loans.)

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. RECOGNITION: COMMISSIONER SIDNEY E. DUNSTON

Chairman Cedric Jones presented Vice-Chairman Sidney Dunston with a plaque in recognition for his service as 2016 Chair of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners.


4. NC LAKES DISTRICT REGIONAL BIKE PLAN & RESOLUTION

Ann Stroobant, Regional Planner, Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments Regional Transportation Planning Organization and Michael Kelly, Planning Director, Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments offered a presentation that summarized the NC Lakes District Regional Bike Plan and introduced a resolution to adopt the plan.

The presentation follows.




NC Lakes District Regional Bike Plan



Project History

- The NC Lakes District Regional Bike Plan originated as a component of a broader plan, the NC Lakes District Plan. Conceived as an economic development tool, the NCLD includes the Kerr-Tar region of the Northern Piedmont.
- NCDOT contracted with Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments (KTCOG) in May 2012 to write a comprehensive regional bike plan for the Kerr-Tar Lakes District region.
- NC Lakes District Regional Bicycle Plan
 - Map of Regional routes
 - Signage Plan
 - Route Recommendations
 - Education Plan
 - Design Guidelines
 - Regulatory & Policy Recommendations



Segment K Route | County Line to Stovall

NC Lakes District Regional Bike Plan and Vision concept

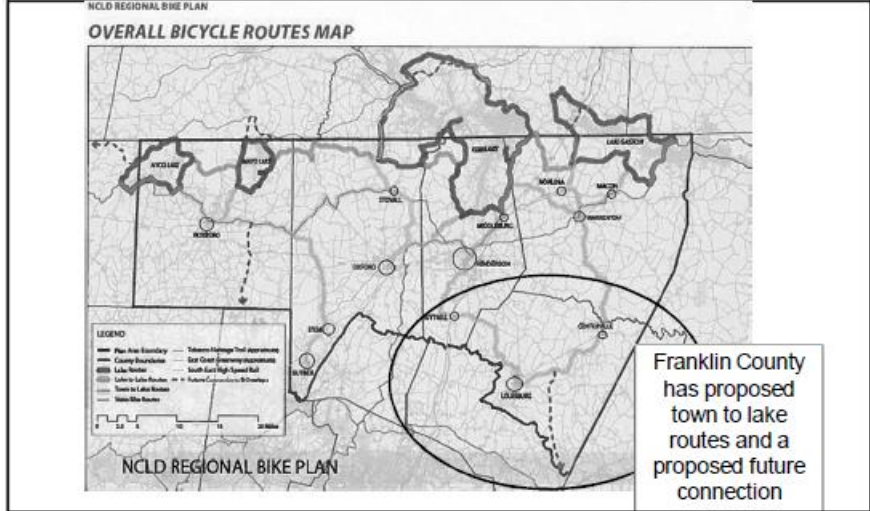
- This plan is evolved around a core of issues including mobility, economic development and environmental development and human health.
- A connection between lakes and communities
- A planned course to residents, visitors by providing a beneficial and appealing new means of recreation and mobility.
- A catalyst to some of the region’s issues and to harness new opportunities.




Plan Study Area

- The RPO boundary was used as a planning area boundary for the draft plan. The planning area for this study encompassed: Person County, Granville County, Vance County, Warren County and Franklin County.

Franklin County



Draft Plan Evolution

- Existing Conditions: Current Bike Routes, Trails, Greenways and State Parks
- Concept drawing was drawn by Kerr-Tar staff and NCLD steering committee
- Final Concept drawing was developed early 2014.

**A RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF THE
NC LAKES DISTRICT REGIONAL BIKE PLAN**

WHEREAS, NCDOT's Bicycle and Pedestrian Division provides funding and technical assistance to develop comprehensive regional bicycle plans, and

WHEREAS, Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments Regional Transportation Planning Organization (KTRPO) initiated the NC Lakes District Regional Bike Plan, including the counties of Franklin, Granville, Person, Vance and Warren; and

WHEREAS, the NCDOT provided funding for the Kerr-Tar area for a regional bicycle plan due to its history of coordination and collaboration on land use, transportation, and economic development issues; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County recognizes a need to promote alternative modes of travel to reduce congestion, improve air quality, increase tourism, promote recreation, improve health, and increase safety for existing bicyclists and motorists; and

WHEREAS, the NC Lakes District Regional Bike Plan and its supporting text were developed with input from a wide range of constituents and public input from residents to reflect local conditions and preferences; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County will consider implementation of the NC Lakes District Regional Bike Plan through the recommended implementation strategies as listed in the plan; and

WHEREAS, representatives from Franklin, Granville, Person, Vance and Warren Counties participated on the NC Lakes District Regional Bike Plan Steering Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin County Board of Commissioners adopts the NC Lakes District Regional Bike Plan on this, the 3rd day of January, 2017.


A motion was made by Commissioner Dunston and seconded by Commissioner Bunn for adoption of the resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted, on this, the 3rd day of January, 2017.

5. UPDATE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Economic Development Team provided an update on two grant awards including a \$500,000 Building Reuse/Expansion Grant from the NC Department of Commerce/Rural Division for K-Flex USA. The second grant award is a \$1,782,000 grant from Golden LEAF/Rural Infrastructure Authority for sewer infrastructure at Triangle North Franklin. Details of the awards were presented.

The team also noted two new electric charging stations have been announced for location at Triangle North Airport courtesy Wake Electric. Airport Manager Steve Merritt was in attendance and informed the Board that Franklin County will be awarded \$10,980,000 for airport improvements to include a runway extension to 6500 feet, land acquisition for the project and associated development costs. Funds will be available in 2018 but will require a 10% local match. The project is expected to span approximately five years. According to Mr. Merritt, airport development projects will constitute a significant increase in capacity of the airport for larger aircraft, and will create more space for hangar construction for economic development and job creation.


The full presentation follows.




Franklin County Economic Development Grant Updates

January 3, 2017


Company Profile




- ▶ North American headquarters
- ▶ Italian manufacturing company (L'Isolante K-FLEX)
- ▶ Incorporated in 2001; Name change in 2008
- ▶ Leading manufacturer of elastomeric, closed cell insulation products
- ▶ Serves the Plumbing, HVAC/R, Commercial/Industrial, Marine, Oil & Gas, Acoustic and OEM Markets
- ▶ Responsible for all production and distribution
- ▶ Existing Footprint: 350,421 square foot facility (Youngsville Commerce Center South)
- ▶ Current Employment: 190

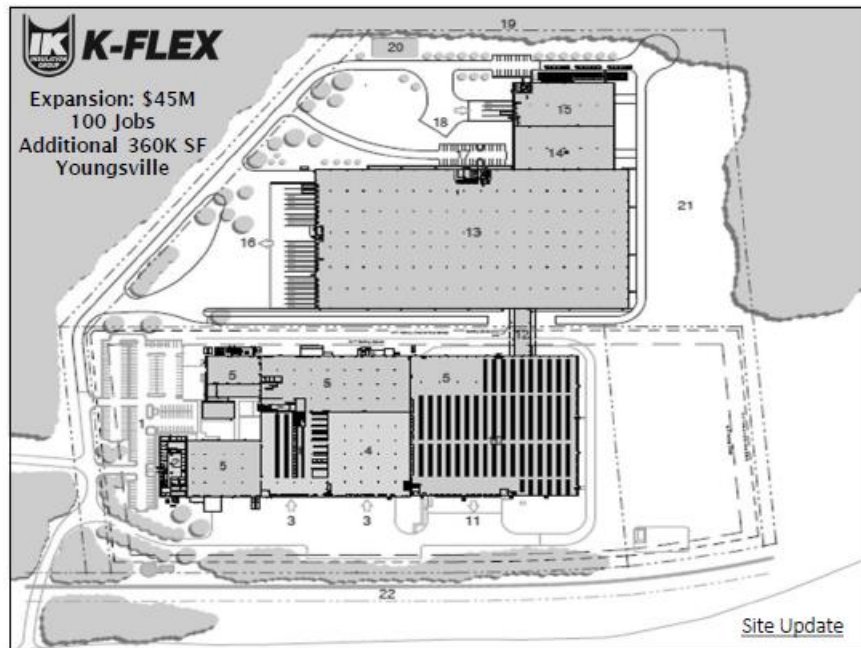


K-FLEX USA LLC



<p>Job Development Investment Grant (JDIG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Awarded November 2, 2016 ▶ Amount: \$1.1 Million ▶ Requires no local match ▶ Performance-based, competitive discretionary incentive ▶ 1st JDIG for Franklin County 	<p>Building Reuse Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Awarded December 15, 2016 ▶ Amount: \$500,000 ▶ Franklin County incentive utilized for required 5% match of \$25,000 ▶ Grants support the renovation or expansion of buildings
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Triangle North Franklin Business Park (TNF)



The Major Site Development Initiative (MSDI)

- ▶ Awarded December 15, 2016
- ▶ Amount: \$1,782,000 Million
- ▶ Sewer infrastructure completion
- ▶ Requires no local match
- ▶ TNF Funds awarded for MSDI by Industrial Development Fund-Utility Account in partnership with Golden LEAF, Rural Infrastructure Authority



[TNF Request Video](#)

Electric Charging Stations



Courtesy of Wake Electric

- ▶ 2 new electric charging stations announced
- ▶ Discussions for location at Triangle North Executive Airport underway
- ▶ Cost of design, installation and electricity covered
- ▶ Requested by airport customers/businesses



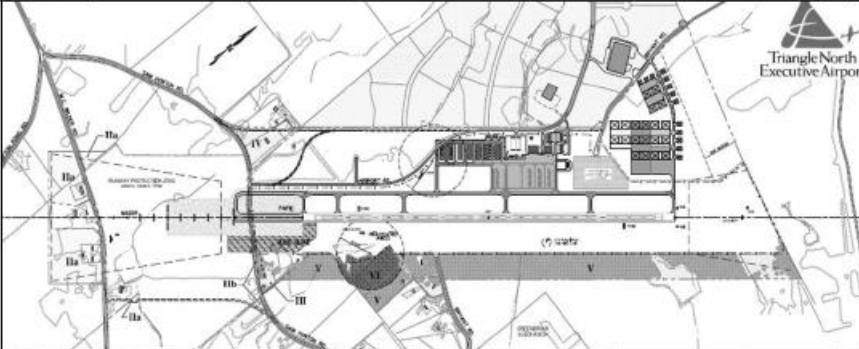





How \$11M in airport improvements could fuel interest at a business park in Louisburg (1/3/17)



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Questions?

Report by:
 Franklin County Economic Development and
 Triangle North Executive Airport

Richie Duncan, Director
Bo Carson, Existing Industry Coordinator
Steve Merritt, Airport Manager

No action was requested or taken.

6. APPOINTMENTS

Voting Delegate – NCACC Legislative Goals Conference

Each Board of County Commissioners is asked to designate a commissioner or other official as a voting delegate for the NCACC (North Carolina Association of County Commissioners) Legislative Goals Conference scheduled January 12-13, 2017 in Wake County.

Commissioner Bunn made a motion to designate Commissioner Sidney Dunston as the Board's voting delegate for the NCACC Legislative Goals Conference. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schriver and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

7. OTHER BUSINESS

No additional business was discussed.

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 reminded the Board of its next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

Commissioner Foy: Commissioner Foy asked for an update on the status of the hospital. Staff noted negotiations with Duke LifePoint continue and that a contract is expected within 30 days.

Commissioner Bunn: No comments were offered.

Commissioner May: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Jones: Commissioner Jones thanked all staff involved with the economic development grants mentioned earlier in the evening. He also expressed thanks in general for the dedication of all county staff.

Commissioner Schriver: Commissioner Schriver acknowledged Tax office staff for their hard work during this busy time of year.

Commissioner Dunston: Commissioner Dunston offered additional comments on negotiations with Duke LifePoint. He reminded the Board of the 90-day period of negotiations which are expected to wrap up with a contract by January 20, 2017. Commissioner Dunston thanked the Economic Development Team and Airport staff for its recent achievements. He also thanked Council of Governments' representatives Ann Stroobant and Michael Kelly for their presentations earlier in the evening.

Commissioner Dickerson: Commissioner Dickerson thanked the Economic Development Team for the presentation made earlier in the evening and for their hard work in pursuing grant opportunities.

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

- Mrs. Harris said she was notified earlier in the day the hospital (former Franklin Medical Center) had been re-licensed.

- Mrs. Harris commended staff on the team effort and amount of work put into recent economic development grants that will significantly benefit Triangle North Airport and Triangle North Franklin Business Park.
- Mrs. Harris and Finance Director Mitchell Robinson commented the county had received an upgrade (AA+) in its bond rating from Fitch. The annual audit report is expected in February, 2017.
- In February, Mrs. Harris said she would share some detail with the Board about the increase in activity at the offices of Planning & Inspections as well as Register of Deeds. Increases have brought about a need to discuss staffing demands.

At approximately 8:04 P.M., Commissioner Bunn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Dunston. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting “AYE.”

Cedric Jones, Chair

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board