

January 5, 2015

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 E. Shane Mitchell, Commissioners John M. May, Cedric K. Jones, Don Lancaster, Harry L. Foy, Jr. and David T. Bunn.

Chairman Dunston called the meeting to order and asked the Board to consider an addendum to the agenda to include appointments to the Dangerous Animal Board.

Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to approve the addendum, seconded by Commissioner May. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE." The item will be considered as Item 7-C.

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

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

The following items were approved.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. November 17, 2014 Minutes
- B. Budget Ordinance Amendment #2 (Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 159-15, the County Finance Officer is requesting a budget ordinance amendment in the amount of \$1,394,491 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 to amend the General Fund and other funds that have received grants and appropriate additional funds approved by the Board of Commissioners.)

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

Vice Chairman Shane Mitchell presented Chairman Sidney Dunston with a plaque in recognition for his service as 2014 Chair of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners.

4. UPDATE: FRANKLIN COUNTY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Tanya Evans, CVO provided an update on the Franklin County Boys and Girls Club. Also in attendance on behalf of the Boys and Girls Club was Rosemary Champion and Paige Sayles.

5. PREDISASTER MITIGATION PROGRAM

Franklin County Emergency Management is hosting the Pre Disaster Mitigation Program which includes Vance, Warren, Granville and Franklin County. The federal share of the planning grant is \$70,000. The non-federal share is \$23,333.34 which will be covered by salaries and in-kind match at no cost to the county. The grant would allow a consultant to develop a Hazard Mitigation Plan for Franklin, Vance, Warren and Granville.

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

6. DISCUSSION: 2015 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Each year the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) solicits input and proposals concerning the most important federal issues that impact North Carolina counties. The NCACC's Board of Directors will review the proposals on February 4, 2015 and choose the top issues for the Federal Agenda for the 114th session of Congress for 2015-2016. The list of priorities will be presented to the North Carolina Congressional delegation in Washington, DC on February 24, 2015. Submissions are due by January 16, 2015.

The Board expressed interest in the following priorities presented by the NCACC.

- Ensure Budget Reforms and Sequestration Do Not Result in Unfunded Mandates to Counties
- Support Funding Improvements to Broadband Access in Rural Areas
- Reinstate Federal Capacity Funding for Cooperative/Agriculture Extension Services
- Funding for the expansion of Highway 401
- Funding for water/sewer needs
- Funding for airport runway
- Continuation of improvements at VA hospitals

7. APPOINTMENTS

A. 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 for January 15-16, 2015 in Moore County.

Commissioner Jones nominated Commissioner May to serve as the Board's voting delegate at the 2015 Legislative Goals Conference. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

B. Board of Health

The Board was asked to consider reappointing Terry Hayes (Pharmacist) to the Board of Health.

Commissioner Bunn made the motion to reappoint Terry Hayes to the Board of Health, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

C. Dangerous Animal Board

The Franklin County Animal Ordinance calls for a dangerous animal board consisting of three members as designated and appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The Board was asked to consider the appointment of Franklin County Health Director Dr. Chris Szwagiel, Detective Susan Handel and Dr. David Fontenot, DVM of Louisburg Veterinary Clinic.

Commissioner May made a motion to appoint Franklin County Health Director Dr. Chris Szwagiel, Detective Susan Handel and Dr. David Fontenot, DVM of Louisburg Veterinary Clinic. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lancaster and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

Chairman Dunston then introduced Lynn Pendleton as the new Animal Services Director.

D. Economic Development Commission

Commissioner Foy nominated Larry Woodlief for reappointment as his representative on the Economic Development Commission. The nomination was approved with all present voting "AYE."

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Sheriff Kent Winstead introduced two of his new staff members including Major Rudy Baker and Chief of Staff Terry Wright.

9. 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 noted the retirement of Mr. Victor Alston, Franklin County Veterans Services Director on December 29, 2014. The Board thanked him for his service.

Commissioner Jones: Commissioner Jones attended a recent meeting of the Franklinton Town Council.

Commissioner Mitchell: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Dunston: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Lancaster: No comments were offered.

County Manager Angela L. Harris: Mrs. Harris noted the following:

- Following the retirement of Veterans Services Officer Victor Alston, Mrs. Harris reported the Veterans Services office will be assisted on a part-time basis by a representative from the Durham area. She also stated a good number of applicants for Mr. Alston's position had been received.
- Mrs. Harris noted Ms. Rachel Monteverdi would soon be leaving employment with Franklin County Cooperative Extension to accept a position at Duke Medical School. She offered thanks for Ms. Monteverdi's service as a Family and Consumer Sciences agent.
- Mrs. Harris reminded the Board about the upcoming budget retreat scheduled for February 16, 2015 from 1-5pm at the County Administration Building. Staff is expected to provide a fiscal check and will ask for direction from the Board prior to receiving budget requests from department heads.
- Mrs. Harris highlighted a lunch and learn session scheduled for January 21, 2015. She said representatives of the Department of Revenue would be covering basic requirements for businesses in terms of how to be compliant with tax laws, etc.

10. CLOSED SESSION

The Board was asked to enter into closed session pursuant to the following North Carolina General Statutes:

- A. NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease.

At approximately 7:32 P.M., Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried 6 to 1, with Commissioner Foy voting "NO."

- B. NCGS 143-318.11(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.

Commissioner May made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried 6 to 1, with Commissioner Foy voting "NO."

At approximately 8:48 P.M., Commissioner Bunn made a motion to enter back into open session, seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

Following closed session, Commissioner Lancaster called for a public hearing on January 20, 2015 regarding an incentive request for the Sterling Cotton Mill Redevelopment proposal. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

At 8:49 P.M., Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

Sidney E. Dunston, Chair

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board