

June 19, 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 Michael S. Schriver, Harry L. Foy, Jr., David T. Bunn and Shelley L. Dickerson.

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order and asked the Board to consider an addendum to include the following:

- Home Care Community Block Grant funding plan

Commissioner Dunston made a motion to include the addendum to the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Schriver. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

Commissioner Foy asked to remove Item 1-D (Tourism Development Authority request to fund a \$7,500 grant for "An Extra Penny") for discussion.

Commissioner Foy asked if the TDA grant would benefit a non-profit organization. Economic Development Director Richie Duncan gave some background of the event and stated the off-Broadway show was financed through a number of investors with a goal of becoming a Broadway show. She said the event would generate good publicity for Franklin County and Louisburg College. Staff and Commissioner Jones who is a member of the TDA stated his belief the organization was non-profit.

Commissioner Dunston made a motion to include Item 1-D in the consent agenda for approval, seconded by Commissioner Schriver. 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 Dickerson. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

The following items were approved.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. June 5, 2017 Minutes
- B. Releases, Adjustments, Refunds, and Tax Collection Report
- C. Surplus of items from Sheriff's Office (value of approximately \$300)
- D. Consider TDA (Tourism Development Authority) request to fund a \$7,500 grant for "An Extra Penny"
- E. Authorization for Hale Artificier Fireworks to discharge pyrotechnics on July 1, 2017 at Lake Royale for their upcoming July 4th celebrations
- F. Authorization for Hale Artificier Fireworks to discharge pyrotechnics on July 4, 2017 at Louisburg High School for their upcoming July 4th celebrations
- G. Home Care Community Block Grant funding plan

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.

Kathy Quinn, 3107 Rose Lane, Zebulon, NC

- Ms. Quinn provided an update to the board since her last presentation regarding her concern over drug addiction in Franklin County. She noted a local news story had helped

to generate interest in the community from churches and other organizations. She also started a Facebook page to bring awareness to the problem. Ms. Quinn is planning a forum on August 8, 2017 from 7-9pm at the Pilot Baptist Church Family Life Center. Panel members will include a drug enforcement officer, the Sheriff, county health director and others. She asked that a commissioner also participate. Commissioner Dickerson agreed to be on the panel.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

Rezoning Request – Glandon Forest Equity, LLC (17-REZ-05)

The Board was asked to consider approval of a rezoning request by Glandon Forest Equity, LLC to rezone 1.59 acres of a 21.38 acre tract located off NC 56 Highway in Cedar Rock Township from Agricultural-Residential (AR) to Highway Business (HB).

Planning and Inspections Director Scott Hammerbacher noted the rezoning request received a unanimous recommendation by the Planning Board.

Chairman Jones opened and closed the public hearing at 7:17 P.M. with no comments offered by the public.

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

4. WORK AUTHORIZATION FOR BAKER ENGINEERING

Triangle North Executive Airport is expanding the footprint of hangars on the south ramp. To do this, the County will need to design and permit the construction. Baker Engineering will be doing the work. The funding for the agreement comes from Federal Non-Primary Entitlement funds administered by the North Carolina Department of Transportation. The work authorization is for a not to exceed amount of \$79,232. The funding ratio is 90% State and a 10% local match. The county commitment is \$7,923.

Airport Manager Steve Merritt said construction on the north end of the airport is complete and attention is now turning to the south end in order to build more hangars.

Commissioner Dunston made a motion to approve the work authorization for Baker Engineering, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

5. OWENS' PARK AT BULL CREEK BID PHASE AND CONSTRUCTION DESIGN SERVICES

The county has been awarded a \$250,000 matching grant by the National Park Service Land and Water Conservation Fund. In order to move forward with construction, the county must select a qualified firm to perform the bid phase and construction phase services. Three bids were received from Stewart, McAdams and Blue Ridge Environmental Consultants. Staff recommended awarding the bid to McAdams.

Assistant Manager Elton Daniels said the board is not asked to allocate additional money but rather to approve the firm in order to move forward. He noted the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is also in favor of selecting McAdams.

Commissioner Schriver made a motion to award the contract to McAdams, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

6. RADIO PROJECT/SYSTEM UPDATE

Emergency Communications Director Christy Shearin, Nick Tusa (Tusa Consulting) and representatives from Harris provided an update.

Mr. Tusa conducted an inspection earlier in the day of the Youngsville tower site. He noted work was completed at the site the week prior. He said the site was given its own coverage test

and that of the 293 grids, only 263 were accessible for testing as some were located on private property. Of the 263 grids tested during an audio test, 100% passed. He said signal level requirements were done with a drive route and test results were well above the 95% range and closer to 99%. Mr. Tusa concluded the Youngsville tower site has now met the design objective. He also said at this point the construction of the radio system as envisioned is now complete and it is now moving into maintenance phase. Harris Corporation representative Prem Kumar was in attendance and stated he concurred with Mr. Tusa's results.

Mrs. Shearin stated the radio system is now working as it was designed to in 2010. She also noted the project has grown throughout the years. In order to prepare for future growth, she is applying for a grant with the state 911 board.

No action was requested or taken.

7. ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT

The board was asked to consider approval of an engineering services agreement with LKC Engineering, PLLC in the amount of \$12,000. The Water Supply Study is motivated by current water consumption as compared to the available supply capacity. As the county's water consumption continues to grow, and the development community continues to request additional demand allocation, the need for additional water supply capacity is critical. The study will avoid replicating past efforts and streamline the process by reviewing data, maps and cost estimates from past reports completed by the county.

Interim Public Utilities Director Mike Bailes was in attendance to endorse the study. He said a roadmap is needed as the county progresses that includes prior data as well.

Commissioner Dunston made a motion to approve the engineering services agreement with LKC Engineering, PLLC in the amount of \$12,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Foy and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

8. APPOINTMENTS

Agricultural Advisory Board

The Board was asked to consider the appointment of Cliff Freeman (Franklinton Township) and the reappointment of Travis Nelms (Louisburg Township) and Robert Richards (Harris Township) to the Agricultural Advisory Board for a three-year term (2017-2020).

Commissioner Bunn made a motion to approve the appointments as recommended, seconded by Commissioner Dunston. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

9. OTHER BUSINESS

No additional business items were discussed.

10. 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 asked for an update on the hospital. He was informed the county is continuing negotiations with Duke LifePoint and hope for resolution by early fall.

Commissioner Bunn: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Jones: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Schriver: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Dunston: Commissioner Dunston made comments relative to a press release sent to the media by a fellow commissioner.

Commissioner Dickerson: No comments were offered.

County Manager Angela L. Harris: Mrs. Harris addressed comments made earlier in the evening by Ms. Quinn during public comment. Mrs. Harris attended a planning session at Ms. Quinn's church and felt a good response was received from the community.

It was announced that a special called meeting of the Board would be held June 26, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in order to consider the nomination from the District 3 executive committee in order to fill the seat left vacant by the late John M. May.

At approximately 8:03 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