

**March 18, 2013**

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

Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order and asked the Board to consider a motion to move Item 9 (Airport Ground Lease Agreement) on the agenda. He suggested the item be considered after closed session. A motion to move Item 9 was made by Commissioner Dunston and seconded by Commissioner May. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

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

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

The items approved follow.

**1. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. February 18, 2013 Minutes
- B. Releases, Adjustments, Refunds, and Tax Collection Report
- C. Happy Whistler's Week Resolution
- D. CPT Rates
- E. Audit Contract for FYE 2013
- F. Subdivision Land Dedication for Greenway

Item 1-C

**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 15-20, 2013 as

**"HAPPY WHISTLERS WEEK"**

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

**ADOPTED** this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

## 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. PUBLIC HEARING

### UDO Text Amendment: Article 2 Section 2-2 Definitions of Basic Terms and Article 19 Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

Franklin County Planning staff has been notified that changes to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) are needed in order to qualify for the National Flood Insurance Program. The proposed changes were included in the agenda packet and have been recommended by the Planning Board.

Scott Hammerbacher stated the major changes to the ordinance include the following:

- Flood insurance rates maps
- Floodplain administrator's rules and responsibilities
- Development standards for aboveground and underground storage space
- Flood proofing requirements for new developments
- Criteria for establishing base flood elevations

Chairman Mitchell opened the public hearing at approximately 7:06 P.M. With no comments offered, Chairman Mitchell closed the hearing at 7:07 P.M.

Commissioner Dunston made a motion to adopt the text amendment to the Franklin County UDO to amend Article 2. Section 2-2: Definitions of Basic Terms and Article 19. Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lancaster and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

## 4. TAR RIVER CENTER FOR HISTORY AND CULTURE

Louisburg College President Mark La Branche provided information regarding the Tar River Center for History and Culture and requested a partnership between Louisburg College and Franklin County. He requested a \$10,000 contribution to be made before May 31, 2014 for support of the center. Maury York, director of the center was also present.

The following presentation highlighted the mission and purpose of the center, proposed partnerships for the project as well as a listing of proposed activities associated with the center. The presentation details the investment on behalf of Louisburg College and asked for the following on behalf of Franklin County.

- Financial support of \$10,000 before May 31, 2014
- Work with County to enhance content on County Website.
- Strategize together in order to leverage the historical and cultural assets of the County.
- County would offer appropriate in-kind assistance.

**Tar River Center for History and Culture**  
A partnership between College and Community

**Mission and Purpose**

Franklin County and the Tar River Region are rich in culture and history dating back to the American Indian. Preserving and promoting history and culture are vital aspects of any thriving community. A region so rich in history and culture has untapped potential for significant economic development around these assets. Louisburg College proposes to provide the consistent and concerted center of activity necessary for the full development of these resources.

**Proposed Partnerships**

- Franklin County
- Franklin County Economic Development Commission
- Franklin County Tourism Development Authority
- Franklin County Schools
- Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce
- Town of Louisburg
- Town of Franklinton
- Louisburg College
- Person Place Preservation Society
- Vance-Granville Community College
- North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service
- Franklin County Arts Council
- Ben Franklin Society

**Proposed Activities**

- Engage in strategic planning effort with stakeholders to assess interest and develop ideas.
- Inventory historical and cultural assets of the region (Native American, African American, Colonial, Antebellum, Reconstruction, Industrial, Religion, Education, Commerce, Agriculture, etc.).
- Seek grant money from the Golden Leaf Foundation and other foundations.
- Expand College Archives to receive, preserve, and display historical artifacts for the region.
- Develop Web site hosted by Louisburg College.
- Develop inventory of historic architecture in Franklin County in cooperation with the North Carolina State Preservation Office. Grant funding is available through the office.
- Develop program of plaques for structures in historic districts and on National Register of Historic Places.
- Host traveling exhibits such as those developed by Preservation North Carolina. Possible venue: Person Place.
- Develop walking and driving tours of Louisburg, other communities, Franklin County, and the Tar River Region. These could be made available through brochures and on the Web site of the center.

**Proposed Activities continued . . .**

- Develop oral history program to document the culture, folklore, and history of Franklin County and its municipalities.
- Partner with Franklin County Schools and Louisburg College to integrate oral history into the study of history and social studies.
- Thematic oral history projects could be complemented by small exhibits and public programs held in the downstairs of the Franklin Academy building. The building could be open regularly with the assistance of volunteer docents.
- Find other ways to integrate local history into the curricula of the public schools and Louisburg College. Students could present the findings of their research in public programs at the Franklin Academy building.
- Sponsor regular lectures pertaining to archaeology, folklore, history, and literature. Funding may be available through the North Carolina Humanities Council.
- Sponsor an annual Spring Folk Festival.
- Explore placing Louisburg College campus on North Carolina Civil War Trails.
- Partner with the Road Scholars Program for adult learners.

**Investment – Louisburg College**

- Fund half of director's salary and benefits.
- Raise the additional expenses through partnerships with local government, foundations, and business.
- Provide office, phone, computer, Internet, use of all facilities.
- Develop Web site.
- Use of Male Academy and Person Place for exhibits.
- Expansion and use of College Archives.

**Franklin County Request for Partnership**

- Financial support of \$10,000 before May 31, 2014.
- Work with County to enhance content on County Website.
- Strategize together in order to leverage the historical and cultural assets of the County.
- County would offer appropriate in-kind assistance.

Commissioners Foy and Lancaster agreed the project is a good concept and suggested the County consider the request during the upcoming budget process. The partnership request was not approved but referred to staff for further consideration.

## 5. UPDATE: EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM

Dr. Eddie Ingram, Superintendent of Franklin County Schools, and Mr. Jim Harris, Early College High School Principal, provided an update on the Early College program that has been operating for three-and-a-half years.

Dr. Ingram noted in the spring of 2013, the five-year program would produce three graduates. Two of the three were in attendance and are expected to graduate with both a high school diploma and two-year college degree.

Mr. Harris noted several community projects Early College students have been involved in and said the group desires to give back to the community as the community has given to them.

Early College students Jasmine Parker and Akira Romero were in attendance. Both shared their successful experiences with the program as well as their educational and professional aspirations for the future.

Chairman Mitchell commended staff of the program and the Board was thanked for its support.

Commissioner Dunston commented the success of the program is proof that investing in the community provides positive returns.

**6. ENDORSEMENT OF PROPERTY PURCHASE FOR THE V.E. AND LYDIA H. OWENS PARK**

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members Jan Alford and Chris Schmidt along with Parks and Recreation Director Oliver Greene offered the following presentation and made a recommendation for the location of the V.E. Owens Park. Mr. Edgar Owens left the Franklin County Recreation Commission 80% of his estate to purchase land and construct a recreational park.

<p>V.E. and Lydia H. Owens Recreational Park</p> <p>Proposal presented by the Recreation Advisory Board to the Franklin County Commissioners March 18, 2013</p>	<p>Recreation Advisory Board Recommendation for Owens Recreational Park</p> <p>1 – O’Neal Tract 2 – The Homestead 3 – Joyner Farm</p>	<p>O’Neal Tract</p> <p>436 Dyking Road Louisburg, NC 27549</p>
 <p>93 acres Approx. 16.5 acres cleared Purchase Price: \$360,000</p>		 <p>5.4 acre stream fed, stocked pond 550 ft. road frontage West &amp; North boundaries of property along Bear Swamp Creek</p> <p>Early 1900’s – known as “Lover’s Leap”, a popular picnic area for students at Louisburg College</p> <p><i>Photo: Catalogue of Louisburg College for Young Women, 1904 pg. 24</i></p>



These rocky outcrop areas are sparse, resulting in the majority of the property being composed of well drained, sandy loam soils (Wake-Saw-Wedowee complex, Wake-Waterree-Wedowee complex and Wedowee sandy loam) (Kunickis, 2004). There should be no problems avoiding rock areas for construction purposes.

The 6-acre pond was constructed so that large boulders would be located around the pond edge. These boulders provide added aesthetics as well as fishing access. The pond was constructed so that there are deep and shallow portion which will provide a diversity of habitats for fish and may support different recreational uses of the pond (fishing pier, canoeing, etc.).

Creeks and wetlands at the pond head and along Bear Swamp Creek could provide additional recreation and fishing opportunities. These areas will provide excellent opportunities for boardwalks and educational signage highlighting Franklin County's animal and plant life.

The property has approximately 16.5 acres of cleared land that is former pasture. The property also has approximately 550 feet of road frontage.



**O'Neal Property AMENITY IMPROVEMENTS**

Road Est.	\$120,000	Sanders 80 ft. FLOW 20 ft. Drivable 4" Gravel Surface
	\$ 35,700	ST Wooten 20 ft. Drivable 1000 Lin. Ft. 6" ABC gravel surface
	\$ 4,885	Rock Excavation
	\$ 59,155	Mobilization
	\$ 9,000	5,000 sq. ft. Parking Lot
Pond	\$ 40,000	Sanders Clean Pond bank & Repair Dam Need to drain water & fill hole at toe of dam with clay
	\$ 8,500	ST Wooten Pond Bank Clean Up
Nature Trail	\$ 74,140	20 Ft. Wide (\$33.70/lin. Ft.) 2200 Lin. Ft. 6" ABC 1.5" SF9.5A
		Road Improvements Clean Pond & Dam Repair Walking/Nature Trail Picnic Shelters (2) Playground (1) Bathrooms

## The Homestead

1912 NC Highway 39 South  
Louisburg, NC 27549

### The Homestead



116 acres  
26 acres cleared / 90 acres wooded  
Purchase Price \$400,000  
(Determined Replacement Cost of Improvements \$390,000)


Camp capacity: 66 housed  
Total camping capacity: 300+

### Ranger Office



1194 Square Feet

### Camp Store




### Picnic Shelter #1



Fireplace, Fire Ring, Flagpole  
2 Picnic Tables, Cold Water Sink  
1 Toilet/1 ADA Toilet  
2 Private Showers with Dressing Room  
Electricity & Water  
Near-by Tent Camping & Security Light  
Available for 12 months use

### Picnic Shelter #2




2 Fireplaces, 6 Toilets (1 ADA Accessible)  
6 Sinks, Dishwashing Sink  
6 Picnic Tables  
7 Private Showers with Dressing Rooms  
1 ADA shower with Dressing Room  
Security Light  
Fire Circle with Benches  
Horseshoe Pits

### 9 Tree Houses




Each Tree House has space for 4 cots  
Ceiling Fan  
Electricity  
Lockable Doors  
Screens  
2 Tree Houses are ADA Accessible  
No heat  
Security Light

### The Lodge

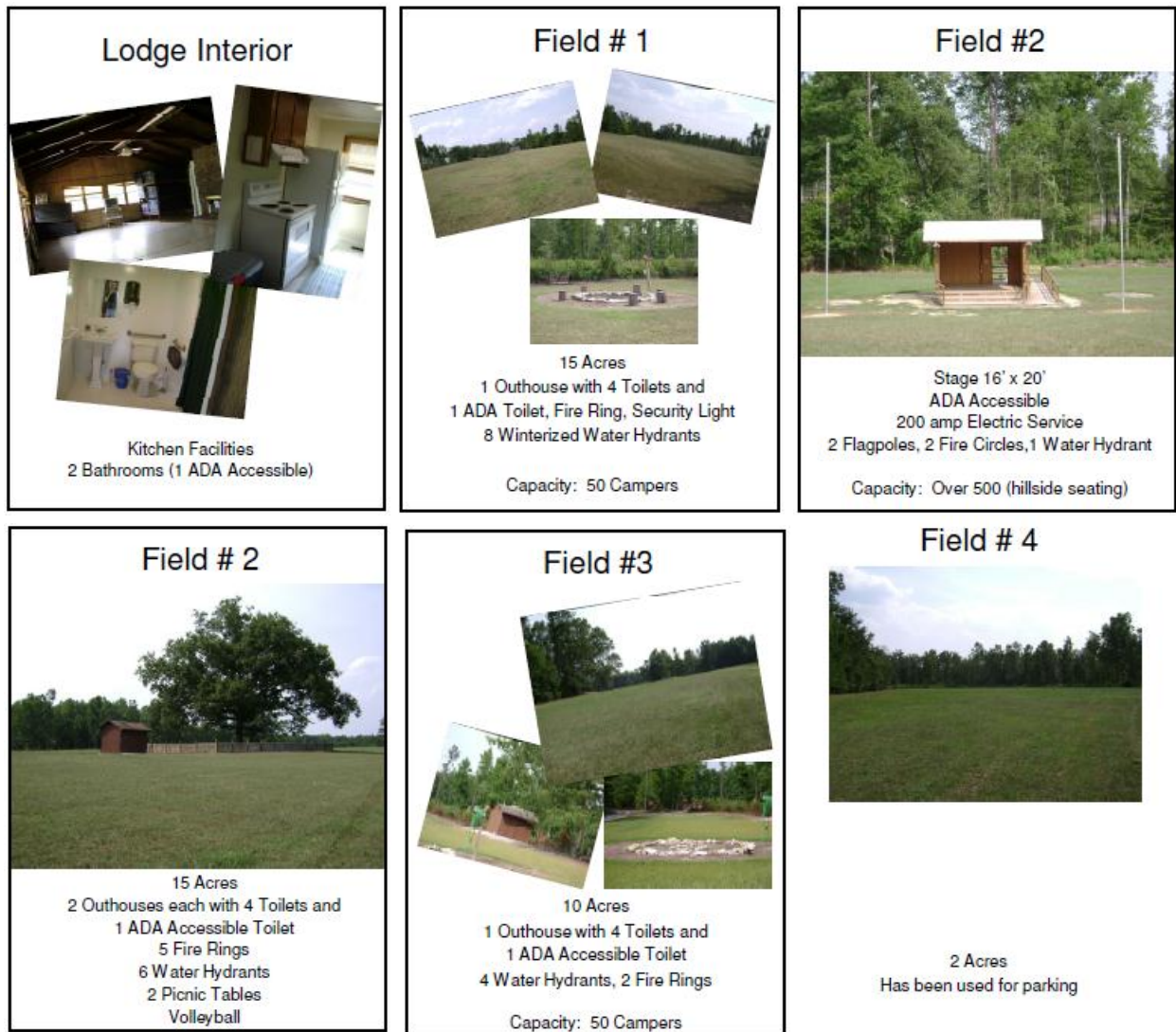


Exterior Fireplace, HVAC System  
2 ADA Access Ramps  
Dining Hall  
Parking Area &  
Volleyball/Badminton Area  
Capacity to sleep 40  
Available for 12 month use

### Lodge Exterior



Covered Porch with Picnic Tables  
Rear Deck with Picnic Tables Flagpole  
Grill with Fire Ring



The group presented its top three choices for the site of the V.E. and Lydia H. Owens Park in the order of preference.

1. O’Neal Tract, 436 Dyking Road, Louisburg, 93 acres, \$360,000
2. The Homestead, 1912 NC Highway 39 South, Louisburg, 116 acres, \$400,000
3. Joyner Farm, 3917 US 401, Louisburg, 47.58 acres, \$330,000

Details of the sites were discussed including purchase price, development costs, amenities and concerns.

	O’Neal	Homestead	Lumpkin
Acreage Cleared/Wooded	93 16.5 /76.5	116 26/90	47.58
\$ per Acre	\$4500	\$3448	\$6935
Property Price	\$360k	\$400k	\$330k
Basic Development Cost*	\$169k	\$287k	\$283k
Pond	5-6 acres	\$66k 1-2 acres	1 acre (up to 2**)
Total	\$529k	\$753k	\$613k**
Amenities		Numerous Facilities	
Utilities		Water & elec. throughout	

Location	2.5 miles north of Louisburg	2 miles south of Louisburg	Hwy 401, 5 mi. southwest of Louisburg near Royale
Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pond</li> <li>• Creek</li> <li>• Local Historical Connection</li> <li>• DWQ support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilities</li> <li>• More options to generate revenue &amp; offer diversified events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identified as a growing area in the county</li> </ul>
Concerns	Dam Repair	Road/Access Pond – runoff only water source, Electric Lines, Marketing, Operating Expense	Small Pond, Neighboring Property, Overall Aesthetics & Peacefulness, Turn Lane

Total funding available for the project from the Owens Fund is \$963,930. The County could develop any of the three properties with the allotted funds, however it was noted additional funds to the Recreation Budget would be needed for ongoing annual operations, regardless of which property is selected.

The group suggested the Board consider its recommendation and endorse the O’Neal Tract at 436 Dyking Road in Louisburg and grant authorization to negotiate its purchase price.

Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to approve the endorsement of the O’Neal property and to grant authorization to negotiate purchase price. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion was approved with a 6 to 1 vote. Commissioner May voted “NO.”

Chairman Mitchell thanked the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for its dedication to the project and called for a brief recess at approximately 8:26 P.M.

## **7. NOVO SEWAGE LIFT STATION DESIGN CONTRACT**

The Public Utilities Department requested approval to begin design on a new sewer pumping station to service Novozymes, North America. The design would include a new larger capacity sewer pumping station and the installation of approximately 1.75 miles of 10 inch sewer force main. The design would be done in such a fashion as to allow the station to be upgraded in the future as additional flows dictate. The current pump station does not have enough capacity to support the discharge coming from Novo at this time. When originally installed the station was not expected to handle a large volume of water and therefore is not capable of being upgraded as it currently stands.

Public Utilities Director Bryce Mendenhall asked the Board to consider approval of a design contract for the construction of a new pump station. The upgrade is currently estimated at \$1.4 million. Mr. Mendenhall said additional monies will not be borrowed. Funding for the project would come from monies previously borrowed in better economic times in anticipation of building the Tarboro Road water tank.

Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to approve the design contract for the construction of the new pump station in the amount of \$77,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunston and duly carried approval with all present voting “AYE.”

## **8. RESOLUTION FOR YOUNGSVILLE TRANSFER**

The Board was asked to consider a resolution of formal approval of the purchase of the Youngsville Water and Sewer Utility system.

County Attorney Pete Tomlinson said Youngsville Commissioners previously approved the resolution and asset purchase agreement. He stated the transfer would be done in two phases. Upon approval of the resolution and proper execution of the asset purchase agreement by the County Board of Commissioners, a \$75,000 check will be cut. The second and final payment of \$75,000 would be made following approval of three outstanding documents. Mr. Tomlinson expects the transfer should be final within one to two weeks.

Chairman Mitchell then read the resolution aloud for the benefit of those in attendance.

Commissioner Dunston then made a motion to approve the resolution for the Youngsville Transfer, seconded by Commissioner May. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

**RESOLUTION  
YOUNGVILLE UTILITY ASSET ACQUISITION**

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners find as follows:

**THAT WHEREAS**, The Town of Youngsville owns and operates its own water and wastewater utility system that consist generally of potable water storage and distribution lines and wastewater collection and transmission lines in order to provide water and sewer services to the Town of Youngsville and surrounding customers; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Franklin provides the Town of Youngsville's water and receives the Town of Youngsville's wastewater under an existing contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Youngsville deems it is in its best interest to sell and transfer its water and sewer system to Franklin County and Franklin County deems it is in its best interest to purchase said systems upon the Terms and Conditions stated in the Utility Asset Acquisition Agreement attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and Town have agreed to the terms and conditions set forth in the Utility Asset Acquisition Agreement;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT:**

1. The County purchase the Town of Youngsville's water and sewer utility assets as described in said Agreement; and
2. That the County pay to the Town the sum of \$75,000 on the Closing Date and assume the responsibility for said water and sewer service; and
3. That upon the Town's completion of all of its obligations set forth in said Agreement to pay the remaining \$75,000 purchase price and take possession of the remaining assets included in said transaction; and
4. That the Chairman and Clerk execute all documents necessary to carry out said transaction,

**ADOPTED** this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

## 9. APPOINTMENTS

The Board was asked to consider the following appointments.

### A. 911 Advisory Board

The Board was asked to appoint Jeff Lewis, EMS Director, to the 911 Advisory Board.

Commissioner Lancaster made the motion to appoint Jeff Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Dunston. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."



B. Board of Adjustment

Two appointments were needed to the Board of Adjustment. (Commissioners Mitchell and Lancaster)

Commissioner Mitchell nominated Scott Lerew for reappointment. The reappointment was approved with all present voting "AYE."

Commissioner Lancaster nominated Robert Carlson, Jr. for reappointment. The reappointment was approved with all present voting "AYE."

C. Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

The following appointments were needed to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.

- Commissioner Representative (Commissioner Mitchell)
- Jeff Lewis (EMS Director)

Commissioner Mitchell stated he was still seeking a representative and would make an appointment at a later date.

Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to appoint Jeff Lewis to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunston and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE." Mr. Lewis will serve by position as the EMS Director.

D. Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunity, Inc. Board of Directors

Commissioner David Bunn was asked to select an alternate (representing a County Commissioner) on the Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunity, Inc. Board of Directors.

Commissioner Bunn stated he would continue to seek a representative.

E. Home Care Community Block Grant Advisory Committee

Commissioner Dunston made a motion to appoint Patsy Douglas and Jo Starling. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

Commissioner Dunston made a motion to appoint the following individuals to the Home Care Community Block Grant Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bunn and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

- Michelle Wilson
- Mattie Woodard
- Alice Faye Wilson
- Nicki Perry
- Janie Stone
- Libby McGhee
- Louise Johnson
- Diane Cox
- Charles Murray

F. Kerr-Tar Regional Transportation Planning Organization

The Board was asked to consider the following reappointments (members and alternates) to both the TAC/TCC.

Commissioner Jones made the motion to reappoint the members listed below. The motion was seconded by Commissioner May and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

TAC - Technical Advisory Committee

- Sidney Dunston and Jason Rogers (member/alternate)

TCC – Transportation Coordinating Committee

- Angela Harris and Scott Hammerbacher (member/alternate)
- Ronnie Goswick and Richie Duncan (member/alternate)

G. Library Board

An appointment was needed to the Library Board. (Commissioner Lancaster)

Commissioner Lancaster will make an appointment at a later date.

H. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

An appointment was needed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. (Commissioners Mitchell)

Commissioner Mitchell will make an appointment at a later date.

I. Tourism Development Authority

An appointment was needed to the Tourism Development Authority. (Commissioner Bunn)

Commissioner Bunn will make an appointment at a later date.

**10. OTHER BUSINESS**

- Franklin County's new Emergency Services Director Jeff Lewis was introduced to the Board and those in attendance.

**11. 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 that an Electronic Pollbook Demonstration is scheduled for March 28, 2013 from 11:00-1:00P.M. at the Board of Elections Office as well as the retirement reception at 4:00 P.M. for Board of Elections Director Amy Southerland. She reminded the Board its next meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2013.

**Commissioner Lancaster:** No comments were offered.

**Commissioner Jones:** Commissioner Jones mentioned his attendance at several meetings and events including a meeting of the Health Board, Essentials of County Government training, Five County Community Operations Center Oversight Board and a Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event. Commissioner Jones also attended a virtual experience at Franklinton High School that shows students how to manage a business. He also attended a recent meet and greet with Representative Bobbie Richardson and Senator Chad Barefoot.

**Commissioner May:** Commissioner May attended the following events:

- Meeting on Health Care Reform sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce
- Essentials of County Government course
- Franklin County Volunteers in Medicine fundraiser
- Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event at Cooperative Extension
- National Association of Counties Legislative Conference
- Meet and greet event with Representative Bobbie Richardson and Senator Chad Barefoot
- Fundraisers at Person Place and Red Bud Baptist Church
- Met with Director of Libraries regarding facility needs and increase of operation hours
- Met with Franklin Regional Medical Center staff and Board of Trustee member regarding hospital and healthcare in the county
- Senior Citizen Dance

**Commissioner Mitchell:** Commissioner Mitchell reported he had asked the Clerk to schedule Ethics training in order that each Board member may obtain the training via a webinar at a time of their own preference.

**Commissioner Dunston:** Commissioner Dunston reported on the following:

- Recent meeting of the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments
- Conversations with National Association of Counties Legislative Conference and spoke with representatives
- Meet and greet event with Representative Bobbie Richardson and Senator Chad Barefoot
- Met with Representative Bobbie Richardson and Franklin Health Services to receive an update on future projects

**Commissioner Bunn:** No comments were offered.

**Commissioner Foy:** Commissioner Foy reported on the following:

- Senior Citizens St. Patrick's Day lunch
- Commissioner Foy asked about the status of upcoming Board of Equalization and Review Meetings. The Clerk responded the board is tentatively expected to convene on April 1, 2013 prior the Commissioner's regular meeting.
- Commissioner Foy asked about the status of the radio system. The County Manager reported a representative from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) would visit next Wednesday. She said the FCC has been contacting those agencies they feel may be causing interference and trying to eliminate any possible interference in that manner before the visit. She said some interference had been identified and resolved.
- Commissioner Foy expressed his concern with the safety of Vance Granville Community College students (of the Franklin County Campus). He said students are not allowed to smoke on campus and therefore cross Highway 56 to smoke.
- Commissioner Foy asked the Board to consider a citizen's request regarding a question and answer session during Board meetings. Commissioner Foy said he is not in opposition to the idea.

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

- Mrs. Harris attended the recent National Association of Counties Legislative Conference. She noted the importance of communicating with our representatives

- Mrs. Harris noted the Northeast Area Project Study symposium is schedule for March 21, 2013 from 4:00 – 7:00 P.M. in Wendell.
- Mrs. Harris noted district meetings of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners would be held on March 22, 2013 at the Quorum Center.
- Mrs. Harris also reminded the Board of the Electronic Pollbook demonstration scheduled from 11:00 – 1:00 P.M. on March 28, 2013 at the Board of Elections office. A reception for Amy Southerland, Board of Elections Director, will be held the same day from 4:00 – 6:00 P.M.

## 12. CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Mitchell asked the Board to consider entering into closed session based on the following topics.

- A. Approval of Closed Session Minutes from February 18, 2013
- B. Closed Session pursuant to 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.

At approximately 9:18 P.M., Commission Dunston made the motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(3), seconded by Commissioner May. The motion carried 6 to 1 with Commissioner Foy voting “NO.”

At approximately 10:25 P.M., Commissioner Bunn made a motion to enter back into open session, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting “AYE.”

Commissioner Bunn made a motion to approve the closed session minutes of February 18, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunston and duly carried approval with all present voting “AYE.”

## 13. AIRPORT GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT

Airport Manager Steve Merritt provided an update to the Board and discussed a proposed modification to a ground lease agreement with Mr. Paul Fayard. This lease is a ground lease for the purpose of constructing an aircraft maintenance and storage hangar facility. The previously discussed terms included a total minimum payment to the County of \$30,000 per year. The amendment request is to adjust the total minimum payment to the County to \$15,000 with a stipulation that both the Airport at the tenant will make best efforts to reach the previous total payment of \$30,000.

Commissioner Dunston made a motion to approve the proposed amendment with the \$15,000 stipulation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and was approved with a 6 to 1 vote. Commissioner Foy voted “NO.”

At approximately 10:28 P.M., Commissioner Bunn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting “AYE.”

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E. Shane Mitchell, Chair

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board