

May 1, 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. Commissioner John M. May was absent.

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

- Consider approval of Historic Preservation Ordinance and creation of a Historic Preservation Commission. The ordinance was first presented to the Board on April 24, 2017.
- Consider approval of a six-month extension for utility allocation for Cedar Ridge Subdivision.

Commissioner Schriver made a motion to approve the addendum to the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Foy. 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. Emergency Medical Services Week Proclamation
- B. Older Americans Month 2017 Proclamation
- C. 2017 County Clerks Week Proclamation
- D. Proclamation Honoring Kristen G. King
- E. Project Budget Ordinance – Amendment to the County Capital Project Fund

Item 1-A

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK PROCLAMATION

To designate the Week of May 21- May 27, 2017, as Emergency Medical Services Week

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Franklin County Emergency Medical Services System are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Medical Services System consists of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators and others; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services have grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Franklin County Emergency Medical Services System, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week;

NOW THEREFORE, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 21 - 27, 2017, as

“EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK”

With the theme, *EMS Strong: Always in Service*, I encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

Item 1-B

**OLDER AMERICANS MONTH 2017
A PROCLAMATION**

Whereas, Franklin County includes over 13,413 citizens ages 60 and older; and

Whereas, Franklin County is committed to valuing all individuals and recognizing their ongoing life achievements; and

Whereas, the older adults in Franklin County play an important role by continuing to contribute experience, knowledge, wisdom, and accomplishments; and

Whereas, our older adults are active community members involved in volunteering, mentorship, arts and culture, and civic engagement; and

Whereas, recognizing the successes of community elders encourages their ongoing participation and further accomplishments; and

Whereas, our community can provide opportunities to allow older citizens to continue to flourish by:

- Emphasizing the importance of elders and their leadership by publicly recognizing their continued achievements
- Presenting opportunities for older Americans to share their wisdom, experience, and skills
- Recognizing older adults as a valuable asset in strengthening American communities

Now therefore, the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina does hereby proclaim May 2017 to be Older Americans Month. We urge every citizen to take time this month to recognize older adults and the people who serve and support them as powerful and vital citizens who greatly contribute to the community.

Item 1-C

**COUNTY CLERKS WEEK
2017
A PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, The Office of the County Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, The Office of the County Clerk is the oldest among public servants; and

WHEREAS, The Office of the County Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels; and

WHEREAS, County Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of the neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all; and

WHEREAS, The County Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community; and

WHEREAS, County Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the County Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, province, country and international professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, It is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the County Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the week of May 7 through May 13, 2017, as County Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation to our County Clerk, Kristen G. King and to all County and Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

Item 1-D

**PROCLAMATION HONORING
Kristen G. King**

WHEREAS, Kristen G. King was appointed Clerk to the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners in April, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Kristen G. King has served in North Carolina Association of County Clerks as a Board member and held the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President and President of the Association; and

WHEREAS, Kristen G. King, in February, 2011 achieved the status of Certified Municipal Clerk.

WHEREAS, Kristen G. King achieved the designation of North Carolina Certified County Clerk from the UNC School of Government in April, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Kristen G. King was honored by the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments as Region K Outstanding Clerk in September, 2012; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina Association of County Clerks is judged by the efficiency, dedication, and professionalism of its leadership and staff; and

WHEREAS, Kristen G. King is to be recognized for the accomplishments superior to accepted standards and distinguished continuing contributions to county government in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Kristen G. King has been honored and has received the Howard Holly Outstanding Clerk of the Year Award presented by the North Carolina Association of County Clerks.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, that Kristen G. King is hereby commended for her distinguishing career and congratulates her on her notable achievement.

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. UPDATE: FRANKLIN COUNTY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Floyd Johnson, Chief Professional Officer, provided an update on the Franklin County Boys and Girls Club. No action was requested.

4. APPOINTMENTS

No appointments were made.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

No additional business items were discussed.

6. 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 attended a recent community meeting regarding the Farmer's Market Feasibility Study held in Bunn.

Commissioner Bunn: No comments were offered.

Commissioner May: Commissioner May was absent.

Commissioner Jones: Commissioner Jones attended a recent fundraiser for Safe Space.

Commissioner Schriver: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Dunston: Commissioner Dunston attended a recent fundraiser sponsored by Safe Space, a community meeting regarding the Farmer's Market Feasibility Study as well as a regional meeting of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. He reminded the board the County Assembly Day is scheduled for May 10, 2017, a time set aside for County Commissioners to help lobby legislators regarding the association's goals. Commissioner Dunston then read the following statement regarding hospital progress:

"I am pleased to report to the County Commission that Duke Life Point was awarded a \$10.1 million dollar grant from the Dorothea Dix Fund. This money is to be used to renovate and create mental health beds for the existing Franklin County campus. This will allow Duke Life Point to fully complete its original plan for the mental health portion of its commitment to Franklin County. We are very excited, because all of Duke Life Points' projections for the mental health component were based on receiving just 6 million dollars, and therefore this will allow for the plan to be realized that much sooner. This will also bode well for adding additional mental health beds and services at a quicker pace than originally planned. The partnership we have with both Duke Life Point and Duke University Health Systems continues to pay off. Many people have put many hours into helping to insure our Dix grant was successful. I especially would like to call out Bert Beard and Tom Hughes with Duke Life Point and the tireless efforts of Senator Chad Barefoot who has spearheaded much of this effort. Senator Barefoot, along with Representative Bobbie Richardson and Governor Cooper's office are working in a cooperative and bipartisan way for Franklin County. Our own staff and the Town of Louisburg has also provided resources to help with these grant efforts. I would also like to commend the County Commissioners and especially the citizens of Franklin County. They continue to show patience and discipline as we continue to work towards the complicated process of bringing meaningful and sustainable medical access to the County. We only have to look at how some other communities took the route of yelling and screaming and grandstanding, and ended up with nothing, to see that we are on the right path. We now await the final approval from the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the hospital licensing for the emergency department which we are confident will be forthcoming."

Commissioner Dickerson: Commissioner Dickerson stated she attended the Safe Space fundraiser and noted how valuable the organization is to Franklin County.

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

- Mrs. Harris informed the Board it would receive a presentation by engineers in order to discuss the need for repairs, enhancements or corrections to the Youngsville sewer system, specifically the pump station.
- Mrs. Harris informed the Board of a seminar scheduled for May 31, 2017. The seminar is expected to focus on financial responsibilities as it relates to public health, social services, mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse.

The Board discussed potential dates for budget sessions. A session was scheduled for June 8, 2017 from 3-5pm. A second session was tentatively scheduled for June 19, 2017 at 5pm.

Chairman Jones then acknowledged the many proclamations approved earlier in the evening by the Board as part of its consent agenda. He read aloud the proclamation honoring County Clerk Kristen G. King and thanked her for her service and offered congratulations on her recent recognition as Clerk of the Year awarded by the North Carolina Association of County Clerks to the Board of Commissioners.

7. CREATION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Staff presented the first draft of a Historic Preservation Ordinance on April 24, 2017 and asked the Board to move to the recommended step of creating a Historic Preservation Commission of seven members. The commission would play a key role in protecting important architectural resources. It will also be the first step in becoming a Certified Local Government, which then makes the county eligible for matching grants from the State Historic Preservation Office.

The item could not be voted upon on April 24, 2017 as the entire board was not in attendance.

Commissioner Dunston made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented and to create a Historic Preservation Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Foy and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

8. ALLOCATION EXTENSION REQUEST: CEDAR RIDGE SUBDIVISION

The developer of Cedar Ridge subdivision is requesting a six-month extension for water and sewer allocation granted by the Board of Commissioners on October 24, 2016 for 34 residential lots. Within the initial allocation request, final plat approval was to occur by June 30, 2017. The developer has noted within their request the reasons for the delay as well as where they currently stand within the permitting process.

Planning and Inspections Director Scott Hammerbacher noted the Utility Advisory Committee reviewed the extension request at its April 11, 2017 meeting and unanimously recommended the six-month extension until December 31, 2017 for final plat approval.

Commissioner Dunston made a motion to approve a six-month extension for utility allocation for Cedar Ridge Subdivision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bunn and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

At approximately 7:36 P.M., Commissioner Bunn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Schriver. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

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