

**May 2, 2011**

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: Chair Sidney E. Dunston, Vice-Chairman E. Shane Mitchell, Penny McGhee, Harry L. Foy, Jr., David T. Bunn and Robert L. Swanson. Commissioner Donald C. Lancaster was absent.

Chairman Dunston asked the Board to consider approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Mitchell made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Swanson. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE." The items approved are as follows:

**1. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. 2011 County Clerk's Week Proclamation**

**COUNTY CLERKS WEEK  
2011  
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 1 through May 7, 2011, as County Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation to our County Clerk, Kristen G. King and to all County Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

**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.

**Steve Trubilla, 1707 Sid Mitchell Road, Youngsville**

- Mr. Trubilla thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve on the Airport Commission. He was not reappointed to serve another term and stated he was disappointed that he was not notified of such. Mr. Trubilla commented he made repeated efforts to reach Commissioner Foy by phone regarding the appointment. Mr. Trubilla served as Commissioner Foy's representative on the Airport Commission.

**3. COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE**

The North Carolina Department of Transportation presented draft Comprehensive Transportation maps for the County. Transportation maps identify needed transportation

improvements based upon existing capacity for roadways and projected future demands. The draft maps also identify improvements for bicycle and pedestrian modes of transportation in addition to improvements for public transportation. Recommended improvements are based upon growth projections for the next 25 years.

Scott Walston, PE and Julie Bolinger, PE presented the plan and asked that the Board consider endorsement. Mr. Walston stated that during a two-year planning process, the intention was to draft a plan that met the goals of both the community and the state. Mr. Walston commented the maps were endorsed by the Town of Franklinton on April 19, 2011 and said the Board of Transportation would take action once all associated entities had a chance to provide review.

When asked about the purpose of the maps, Mr. Walston stated the plans are a helpful planning tool that shows the public future intentions for roads. He also stated it could protect right-of-way from future development in the County. He said this plan would not necessarily advance the four-laning of Highway 401 in Franklin.

Wally Bowman, PE, was also in attendance. He explained to the Board that practices have changed at the North Carolina Department of Transportation. He said the department has developed a way to prioritize projects that takes the "politics" out of project selection all across the state. He said projects now compete with one another based on each project's quantitative and qualitative scores. Mr. Bowman also confirmed that extending the Highway 401 (four-laning) project to Triangle North Executive Airport is not under consideration at this time.

Commissioner McGhee made the motion to approve and endorse the Comprehensive Transportation Plan, seconded by Commissioner Swanson. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

A written report to accompany the maps is expected in the fall of 2011.

#### **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Foy addressed a request made at the May 2, 2011 Board of Commissioner's meeting. The request included waiving permitting fees required for construction of the Pilot Fire Department. Commissioner Foy stated he did not have a problem with relieving the fire department of the fees.

Other commissioners expressed their concerns that doing so would set a precedent to waive fees for all other volunteer fire departments in the County.

Commissioner Mitchell stated he understood both points of view.

Scott Hammerbacher, Planning and Inspections Director, stated generally fees equate to approximately one percent of construction costs. He also stated he was not aware the County had ever waived fees in a similar situation. Additionally he stated fees are not waived for the County's School system.

No official action was taken.

#### **5. BOARD, MANAGER, 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 King:** Mrs. King addressed a concern mentioned earlier in the evening by Mr. Steve Trubilla.

**Commissioner Foy:** Commissioner Foy asked about progress in the SBI investigation regarding former Sheriff Pat Green. He stated the investigation has been going on for over 90 days and would like to know of its progress. County Attorney Darnell Batton stated he has not received any information regarding the status of the investigation.

**Commissioner Bunn:** No report offered.

**Commissioner Mitchell:** Commissioner Mitchell stated he attended a fundraiser earlier in the evening for the Boys and Girls Club. He said the event was well attended and stated his appreciation for the service the organization provides to Franklin.

**Commissioner Lancaster:** Commissioner Lancaster absent.

**Commissioner McGhee:** No report offered.

**Commissioner Swanson:** No report offered.

**Commissioner Dunston:** No report offered.

**County Manager Angela L. Harris:** Mrs. Harris reported the following:

- Mrs. Harris stated the County's new web site has launched. At the Board's May 16, 2011 meeting, a formal presentation will be provided by the County's Information Technology Director.
- She also mentioned the County is being recognized after its first time participating in the Riverkeeper Cup Cleanup Challenge.
- Mrs. Harris mentioned a forum (on the proposed House budget and its impact on four key areas of our district) scheduled on May 12, 2011 from 7-9pm at the old courthouse in Henderson, North Carolina. The forum is sponsored by Representative Michael Wray and Senator Doug Berger.
- She also mentioned a forum offered by Representative Glen Bradley on May 13, 2011 at the Hamilton Hobgood Courthouse Annex in Louisburg at 7pm.
- Mrs. Harris also mentioned County Assembly Day scheduled for May 25, 2011 in Raleigh.

Economic Development Director Ronnie Goswick then asked the Board to consider a right-of-way easement for Wake Electric at the Triangle North Business Park.

Commissioner Mitchell made the motion to approve the easement subject to the County Attorney's review, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion duly carried with unanimous approval.

Commissioner McGhee encouraged fellow Board members and citizens to call legislators regarding a vote scheduled to take place the following day on lottery funds. She stated Franklin County stands the possibility of losing \$911,000 in lottery funds that have already been budgeted to pay for schools.

County Manager Angela Harris asked for prayer for the family of Ada Pitt. Ms. Pitt serves as the Manager's Executive Assistant. Her husband and son were recently involved in an automobile crash.

At approximately 8:08 P.M., Commissioner McGhee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

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