

May 4, 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 Don Lancaster, Cedric K. Jones, John M. May and Harry L. Foy, Jr. Commissioner David T. Bunn was absent.

Chairman Dunston called the meeting to order and asked the Board to consider adding a closed session to the agenda pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a)(6) in order for the Board to discuss a personnel matter.

Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to add the closed session to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner May and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

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

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

The following items were approved.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. April 20, 2015 Minutes
- B. Emergency Medical Services Week Proclamation
- C. 2015 County Clerks Week Proclamation
- D. Older Americans Month 2015 Proclamation

Chairman Dunston acknowledged the service of Franklin County's Clerk to the Board Kristen G. King and also thanked emergency medical services workers who serve Franklin.

Item 1-B

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK PROCLAMATION**

*To designate the Week of May 17- May 23, 2015, 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, 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;

WHEREAS, the 2015 EMS Week shall be recognized with the theme "EMS Strong"

NOW THEREFORE, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 17 - 23, 2015 as "EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK" in Franklin County in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe; and urge our citizens to observe this week in honor of all Emergency Medical Services Providers nationwide.

Item 1-C

COUNTY CLERKS WEEK  
2015  
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 3 through May 9, 2015, 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

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH 2014  
A PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Franklin County includes over 12,278 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 2015 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.

## 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. BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #5

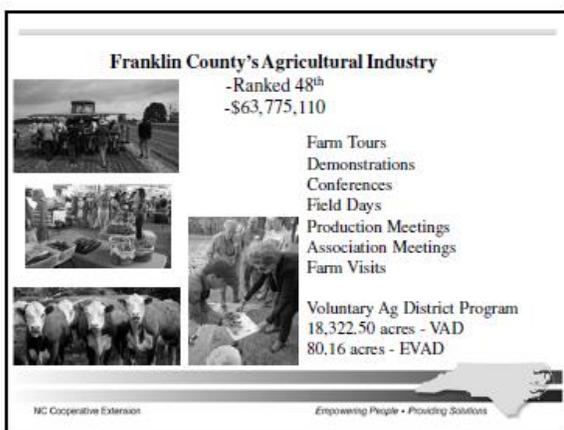
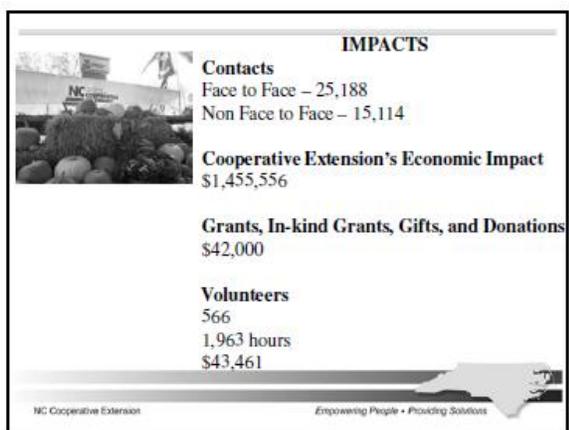
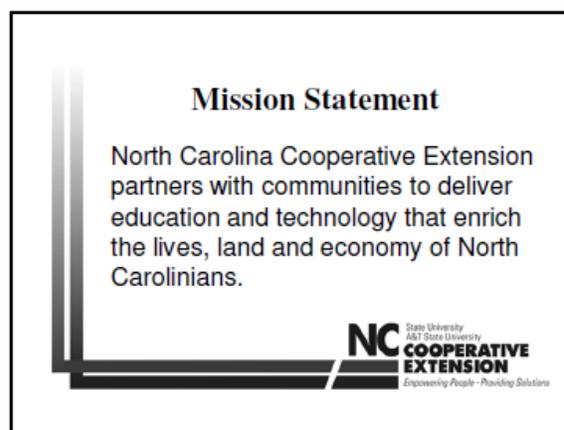
Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 159-15, the County Finance Officer requested a budget ordinance amendment in the amount of \$48,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 to amend the General Fund and to reflect additional monies received from Surplus Property Sales and also the purchase of two vehicles, one totaled from a wreck in March and one totaled from the recent hail storm.

Commissioner May made a motion to approve the budget ordinance amendment, seconded by Commissioner Foy. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

The Finance Director will resubmit a budget amendment regarding vehicles damaged during the hail storm of April 6, 2015.

## 4. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ANNUAL REPORT

Franklin County Cooperative Extension provided an overview of program impacts and achievements.



**4-H & Youth Development**

Over 2500 youth reached in 2014.

School Enrichment Programs  
Sizzling Summer Sessions  
SNAP Ed Programs  
4-H Clubs  
Poultry Show  
Livestock Shows  
Camps



NC Cooperative Extension Empowering People • Providing Solutions

**Family & Consumer Sciences**

Parenting Classes  
Leadership Programs  
Senior Scam Programs  
Customer Service Trainings  
Emergency Preparedness



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**EFNEP**  
Expanded Food and Nutrition  
Education Program

Participants learn to:

- Save money at the grocery store;
- Eat more meals at home;
- Prepare healthy and tasty meals for their families;
- Control portion sizes;
- Improve the diets of family members;
- Keep food safe, reducing waste and food-borne illnesses;
- Use leftovers;
- Move more every day;
- Move more and watch less; and
- Replace sugary beverages with healthy options.



NC Cooperative Extension Empowering People • Providing Solutions

North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service

**Our Strategic Vision for the Next Century**

Dr. Joe Zulkoski  
Associate Dean and Director, N.C. Cooperative Extension Service

www.ncsu.edu/division-initiative

NC State University  
Ag State University  
**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**  
Empowering People • Providing Solutions

**Renewed Focus, Unmatched Service**

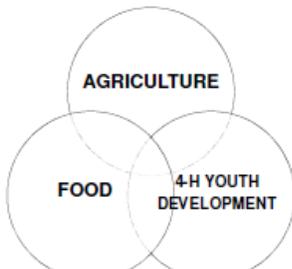
N.C. Cooperative Extension Service  
A Division of the North Carolina State University

Charting the Future



NC Cooperative Extension Empowering People • Providing Solutions

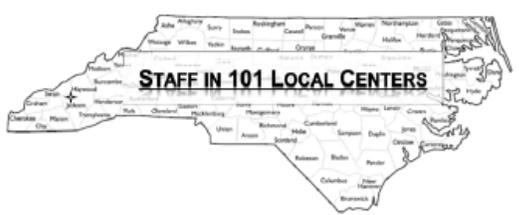
We are focusing our resources into the **CORE PROGRAM AREAS** where we are **most needed, best equipped to provide solutions** and can **make the most impacts** on the state's communities and economy:



NC Cooperative Extension Empowering People • Providing Solutions

**Maintain Presence in Every County & EBC**

**STAFF IN 101 LOCAL CENTERS**



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**\*Base Staffing Model**

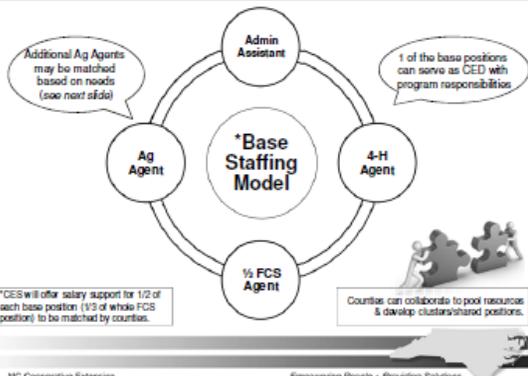
Admin Assistant  
Ag Agent  
4-H Agent  
1/2 FCS Agent

Additional Ag Agents may be matched based on needs (see next slide)

1 of the base positions can serve as CED with program responsibilities

\*CES will offer salary support for 1/2 of each base position (1/3 of whole FCS position) to be matched by counties.

Counties can collaborate to pool resources & develop cluster-based positions.



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No action was requested or taken.

The Board commended Cooperative Extension staff.

**5. PRESENTATION: GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

Mrs. Carol Derrenbacher was recognized for receiving the Governor's Award for Volunteer Service. Mary Jo Van Horn, Guardian Ad Litem Volunteer Supervisor, conducted the presentation.

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

County Manager Angela L. Harris noted additional quotes had been acquired for tree removal at the Franklin County Courthouse. The lowest bidder was Alvin Johnson/Chipmunks Tree Service of Henderson in the amount of \$4550. The company has provided similar services to Vance County Government. She noted the removal would likely take two days to complete.

Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to award the bid to Chipmunks Tree Service in the amount of \$4550. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Foy and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

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Mrs. Harris and Assistant County Manager Elton Daniels commented on space needs at the main Franklin County Library in Louisburg. Seven quotes were secured regarding the expansion of the library's footprint. Funds have been budgeted in order for the architects to present conceptualized drawings, however funding is not budgeted at this time for construction.

The Board did not elect to move forward with plans at this time.

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Mrs. Harris stated May is National Military Appreciation Month and said staff will bring forward a proclamation at its May 18, 2015 meeting to honor the military.

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In reference to the historic courthouse bell, Mr. Bob Frisbee (Calvin Davenport, Inc.) noted the Bell Committee suggests moving the bell from its current undisclosed location to the first floor of the courthouse for temporary display until a permanent location is selected. Mr. Frisbee will create a platform for the bell at no cost to the county. He said maintenance staff would be needed to assist with moving the bell back to the courthouse. Engineer William Person has agreed to assist the committee as plans move forward for a stable, permanent location for the 800 pound bell.

Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to approve the committee's suggestion to temporarily locate the bell on the first floor of the courthouse. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Foy and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

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Mrs. Harris noted she was in receipt of a letter from Mr. Maury York as well as a historic walking tour booklet. She complimented the design of the booklet and encouraged the Board to view the material.

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Public Utilities Director Bryce Mendenhall commented on a sewer rehabilitation project. In February, 2015 he said the Town of Franklinton was offered a \$543,000 low interest loan from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in order to upgrade and replace the American Legion pump station which is nearing capacity. Now that the county has acquired Franklinton's utility system, Mr. Mendenhall said the county is eligible to receive the loan originally offered to the town. Rates range from 2.21% to 1.75% depending on when/if the county decides to accept the loan. He noted payments would come from the enterprise fund and said bids would not have to be awarded until March, 2017.

Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to approve acquisition of the \$543,000 low interest loan from DENR. The motion was seconded and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

## 7. 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 attended the Fallen Firefighter's Ceremony in Wake County where John Gupton was honored posthumously. Mr. Gupton was a volunteer of the Justice Volunteer Fire Department who died in the line of duty.

**Commissioner Jones:** Commissioner Jones attended a recent meeting of the Five County Mental Health Board.

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

**Commissioner Dunston:** Commissioner Dunston commented on the upcoming budget process noting the coming year would be challenging. He encouraged Board members to present action plans if it felt like cuts were needed to balance the budget. The Board and staff have worked hard to balance the budget in recent years by making cuts in order to prevent an increase in taxes, but Commissioner Dunston said very serious decisions must be considered for 2015-2016.

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

**County Manager Angela L. Harris:** No comments were offered.

## 8. CLOSED SESSION

The Board was asked to enter into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a)(6) in order for the Board to discuss a personnel matter.

At approximately 8:18 P.M., Commissioner Mitchell made the motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(6). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried 5 to 1, with Commissioner Foy voting "NO."

At approximately 9:06 P.M., following closed session, Commissioner Jones made a motion to enter back into open session, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

No action was taken relative to the closed session.

Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

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Sidney E. Dunston, Chair

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board