

May 6, 2013

The Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina, met at 5:15 P.M. at the Cooperative Extension Annex with the following Commissioners present: Chairman E. Shane Mitchell, Vice-Chairman Sidney E. Dunston, Commissioners David T. Bunn, Harry L. Foy, Jr., John M. May, Cedric K. Jones and Don Lancaster.

The purpose of the meeting was Cooperative Extension's annual report/dinner. This was an informal meeting and no action was taken.

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

Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order and asked the Board to consider approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Dunston made a motion to add the add-on agenda item for closed session, seconded by Commissioner May. The motion carried with all present voting "AYE."

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. April 15, 2013 Minutes
- B. Justice Rural Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. Tax Exempt Loan approval
- C. Century Link Easements and Lien Holder Consent (3)
- D. Older Americans Month 2013 Proclamation
- E. 2013 County Clerks Week Proclamation
- F. Emergency Medical Services Week Proclamation
- G. Resolution to Maintain and Support the Current Integrity and Funding for the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF)

Item 1-D

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH 2013 A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Franklin County includes 10,184 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 2013 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-E

**COUNTY CLERKS WEEK
2013
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 5 through May 11, 2013, 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-F

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK PROCLAMATION

To designate the Week of May 19- May 25, 2013, 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;

NOW THEREFORE, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 19 - 25, 2013, 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-G

A RESOLUTION TO MAINTAIN AND SUPPORT THE CURRENT INTEGRITY AND FUNDING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION TRUST FUND (PARTF)

WHEREAS, North Carolina is known for its unique and scenic natural resources and opportunities for recreation with a long tradition of its citizens and visitors enjoying parks, mountains, rivers, greenways, beaches and more. Generations of residents and visitors have delighted in these landscapes and park facilities; and

WHEREAS, The Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) was established with bi-partisan support on July 16, 1994 to fund improvements in the state's park system, to fund grants for local governments and to increase the public's access to the state's beaches and coastal waterways; and

WHEREAS, since its inception The Parks and Recreation Trust Fund has provided \$161 million via 722 grants to 370 local governments in 99 counties and has been matched with \$312 million of local and private dollars for the purchase of local park land, building and renovation of facilities and development of greenways and trails; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's population has grown to make it the 10th most populous state in the nation with projections for the significant growth to continue in the coming decades, and more state and local parks are needed to meet the increased demands; and

WHEREAS, parks are identified as key contributors to North Carolina's tourism industry that generates nearly \$20 billion in annual economic impact; and

WHEREAS, parks in North Carolina are experiencing record visitation levels including over 14.25 million to state parks in both 2011 and 2012; and

WHEREAS, The Parks & Recreation Trust Fund has leveraged funds that allowed our State to acquire land for state parks and state natural areas and protected nearly 83,000 acres and made major additions to the Mountains-to-Sea State Trail; and

WHEREAS, The Parks & Recreation Trust Fund has funded capital improvement projects in the state parks such as visitor centers and exhibit halls which provide tremendous opportunities to educate students and all citizens about North Carolina's outstanding natural resources, and other capital projects including campgrounds, picnic areas, boating facilities, trails and swimming beaches; and local capital projects including construction of community centers, athletic fields and greenways; and

WHEREAS, the annual economic impact to local economies of all tourists visiting the state parks system was estimated at more than \$400 million in sales and income, as well as nearly 5,000 jobs according to a 2008 study.

WHEREAS, a portion of The Parks & Recreation Trust Fund is designated for the Public Beach and Coastal Waterfront Access Program to improve access to beaches and coastal waterways by funding public boat ramps and public beaches accesses; and

WHEREAS, access to parks, recreation facilities and open space provides cost-effective opportunities for citizens of all ages to participate in health and wellness activities thereby reducing costs associated with obesity, heart disease, diabetes and high blood pressure; and

WHEREAS, research has documented that structured park and recreational opportunities in local communities can prevent crime and provide positive activities and directions for young people; and

WHEREAS, dedicated, recurring funding of the Parks & Recreation Trust Fund allows for structured and objective planning and efficient management of the system at both the state and local levels for today and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the success of The Parks and Recreation Trust Fund is due to the dedicated funding source provided by a portion of the deed stamp tax, and is recognized nationally as a model for efficiency and accountability; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin County Board of Commissioners does call on the members of the General Assembly to maintain dedicated revenues generated by seventy-five cents of the deed stamp tax for The Parks and Recreation Trust Fund.

The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the members of the General Assembly representing the people of Franklin County and the North Carolina Recreation and Park Association.

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.

Mary Ellen Hutchinson, 1490 Duke Valentine Wynne Road, Louisburg, NC

- Ms. Hutchinson commented on the proposed Kerr-Tar Council of Government Assessment. She stated she is against the proposed assessment.

Roger Lytle, 571 Williams White Road, Zebulon, NC

- Mr. Lytle commented on the Kerr-Tar Council of Government (COG) Assessment. He does not feel the COG is doing anything for Franklin County and said the request should be denied. He also questioned who drafted the Resolution for the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund. County Manager Angela Harris replied Oliver Greene, Parks and Recreation Director, prepared the resolution.

3. APPOINTMENTS

The Board was asked to consider the following appointments.

A. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

The Board was asked to consider appointing Commissioner John May to serve on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council filling the County Government Official position.

Commissioner Dunston made the motion to appoint Commissioner John May to serve on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council as County Government Official. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bunn and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

B. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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

Commissioner Mitchell will make an appointment at a later date.

C. Tourism Development Authority

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

Commissioner Bunn will make an appointment at a later date.

4. KERR-TAR REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REQUEST

The Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments (COG) requested a one-time special assessment of its member governments. The request was that each member government pays an additional \$1.39 per capita contribution to the COG before May 31, 2013. The request was required to fully replenish the Revolving Loan Fund. Included in the agenda packet was a detailed explanation of the request, a copy of the proposed assessments and a "draft" Return on Investment analysis for the past five fiscal years of programs and services provided to member governments. Danny Wright COG Board Member and Finance Chairman, was in attendance.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to table the item until May 20, 2013 in order for the Board to discuss the matter further during budget preparation meetings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lancaster and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

5. OTHER BUSINESS

No additional business items were presented.

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 Lancaster: Commissioner Lancaster commented the Board attended the annual report and dinner by the Cooperative Extension earlier in the evening. He commended Cooperative Extension staff.

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

Commissioner Mitchell: Commissioner Mitchell had the opportunity to use the County's new radios during a recent emergency weather call. He said everyone was connected and felt the radios worked well. He also commented that members of the Board attended the annual Employee Picnic.

Commissioner Dunston: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Bunn: No comments were offered.

Commissioner May: Commissioner May stated he attended the Juvenile Crime Prevention meeting and Justice Fireman's Day.

Commissioner Foy: No comments were offered.

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

- Mrs. Harris followed up a question from Roger Lytle posed earlier in the evening regarding the Resolution to Maintain and Support the Current Integrity and Funding for the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF). She stated Oliver Greene, Parks and Recreation Director, forwarded the resolution to staff but that it originated from Michelle Wells, Executive Director of North Carolina Recreation and Park Association. She stated since 2000, Franklin County has received \$1.7 million in grant funds.
- Mrs. Harris stated County Assembly Day will be held May 22, 2013. She then shared a video from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Mitchell asked Communications Director Christy Shearin to provide an update on the status of the radio system. Mrs. Shearin stated plans are still on track for Fire and Emergency Medical Services to transfer to the new system on May 20, 2013. She stated a potential frequency has been found for monitoring in order to eliminate any problems.

At approximately 8:07 P.M., Commissioner Dunston made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(3). The motion was seconded by Commissioner May. The motion carried 6 to 1 with Commissioner Foy voting "NO."

At approximately 8:35 P.M., Commissioner Bunn made a motion to enter back into open session, seconded by Commissioner Dunston. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

At approximately 8:38 P.M., Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

E. Shane Mitchell, Chair

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board