

May 7, 2012

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 Robert L. Swanson, Donald C. Lancaster, Harry L. Foy, Jr., Cedric K. Jones and David T. Bunn. Commissioner Sidney E. Dunston was absent.

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 Robert L. Swanson, Sidney E. Dunston, Donald C. Lancaster, Harry L. Foy, Jr., Cedric K. Jones and David T. Bunn.

Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order and asked the Board to consider a 10 minute recess for the purpose of calling to order the Board of Equalization and Review.

Commissioner Dunston made the motion to recess, seconded by Commissioner Foy. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

Chairman Mitchell called to order the meeting of the Board of Equalization and Review.

The Board of Commissioners was sworn in by Magistrate Tommy Leonard as the Board of Equalization Review. Minutes of the Board of Equalization and Review are created and kept by the Franklin County Tax Administrator.

Commissioner Dunston then made a motion to adjourn the Board of Equalization and Review, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

Commissioner Foy made a motion to reconvene the Board's regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

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

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

The items approved are as follows.

1. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. April 16, 2012 Minutes
- B. Radio Project Status Change Order Request
- C. Older Americans Month 2012 Proclamation
- D. 2012 County Clerks Week Proclamation

Item 1-C

**OLDER AMERICANS MONTH 2012
A PROCLAMATION**

Whereas, Franklin County includes over 9,871 citizens aged 60 and older; and

Whereas, Franklin County is committed to helping all individuals maintain their health and independence in later life; and

Whereas, the older adults in Franklin County have an important role in sharing knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of the history of our community through interactions with children, youth, and adults from other generations; and

Whereas, the fruits of knowledge and experience can be effectively transferred from generation to generation through meaningful social interactions; and

Whereas, their interactions with family, friends, and neighbors across generations enrich the lives of everyone involved; and

Whereas, our community can provide opportunities to enrich citizens young and old by:

- Emphasizing the value of including elders in public and family life
- Creating opportunities for older Americans to interact with people of different generations
- Providing services, technologies, and support systems that allow older adults to participate in social activities in the community

Now therefore, the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina does hereby proclaim May 2012 to be Older Americans Month. We urge every citizen to take time this month to engage with our older citizens through enjoyable social interactions such as sports, games, contests, and other forms of play.

Item 1-D

**COUNTY CLERKS WEEK 2012
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 6 through May 12, 2012, 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.

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.

Robert Shumsky, 128 Beaver Dam Drive, Youngsville

- Mr. Shumsky commented on the current revaluation project. He asked the Board if it felt the revaluation was done in a fair manner, how many people were dissatisfied with the revaluation and if the revaluation contractor (Assessment Solutions, Inc.) has been paid in full. Mr. Shumsky was informed payments to Assessment Solutions, Inc. stopped when revaluation notices were sent out.

Clara Murphy, 35 Yates Drive, Zebulon

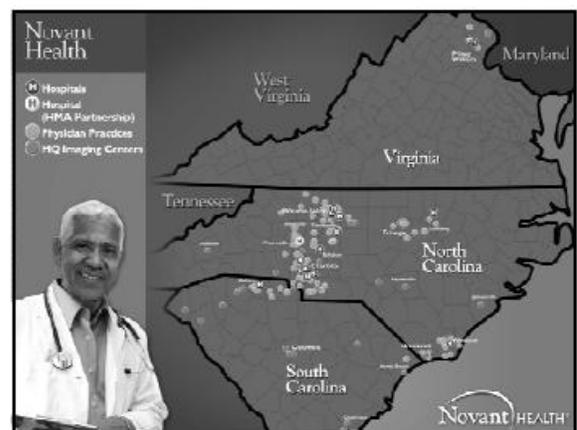
- With regard to revaluation, Mrs. Murphy said she had been told repeatedly she did not need to obtain an appraisal in order to appeal her property value. She said she was conflicted based on the revaluation notice she received and asked the Board if she would have a better chance for a successful appeal with an appraisal. Jimmy Tanner, Tax Administrator, stated citizens did not have to obtain appraisals. He said staff would attempt to make all adjustments to values before the next level of appeal with the Board of Equalization and Review.

Keith Falt, 102 Chipping Sparrow Court, Youngsville

- Mr. Falt spoke about revaluation. He said the reappraisal contractor was incompetent and felt any reasonable person using common sense could create better judgments than those expressed by Assessment Solutions, Inc. Mr. Falt said he lives in the Patterson Woods Subdivision and commented on discrepancies within his neighborhood.

3. OVERVIEW/UPDATES OF EXPANSION PLANS AT FRANKLIN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Jody Morris, President of Franklin Regional Medical Center and COO of Novant's Triangle market, presented an overview of the hospital. The presentation included information on the investments and expansion of Franklin Regional. A 7,500 square foot expansion is planned for late spring (\$2.8 million investment) and is expected to bring 20 jobs to Franklin.



Novant's Not-for-Profit Heritage



Mission
Novant Health exists to improve the health of communities, one person at a time.

Vision
We, the employees of Novant and our physician partners, will deliver the most Remarkable Patient Experience, in every dimension, every time.

Values
Compassion, Personal Excellence, Teamwork, Diversity.




The Remarkable Patient Experience

Franklin REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Knowledge. People. Remarkable Medicine.

Our Story

Hospital Statistics

- 70-bed Joint Commission accredited acute-care facility
- FRMC surgeons completed over 1850 surgeries in 2011.
- There were over 17,000 ED visits in 2011, with a total visit time of half the national average.
- 2,157 patients came to FRMC for digital mammography in 2011.

National Accreditation

FRMC is accredited by multiple national organizations

- The Joint Commission
- American College of Radiology
- American College of Pathology



High Standard of Quality

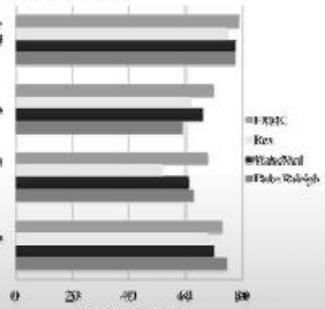
HCAHPS Scores

Patients who reported that their nurses "Always" communicated well.

Patients who reported that they "Always" received help as soon as they wanted.

Patients who reported that the area around their room was "Always" quiet at night.

Doctors who reported that their voice was "Always" well controlled.



Priority on Patient Safety

- 100 percent of employees completed First Do No Harm training
- Daily safety call with all department leaders
- All FRMC staff participate in Novant Health's customer service standards training and patient safety programs



Physician Partnership

Physician leaders:

- Hospitalist director – Stephanie Brown, MD
- ED director – Haresh Kathard, MD
- Radiology director – Joseph Melamed, MD
- General surgery – David Seaman, MD

Monthly strategic council meetings with hospital leadership and area physicians

Specialty Recruitment

- Nephrology
- Pulmonology
- Urology
- Telemedicine

Patient Services

- 24/7 laboratory
- 24/7 imaging
- 24/7 ED services
- Inpatient units: Med/Surg, PCU, ICU
- Cardiopulmonary
- Rehab therapy
- Surgical services
- Sleep medicine
- Endoscopy
- Pain clinic
- Diabetes education

Franklin REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Respectable People. Remarkable Medicine.

Investments and Expansion

Geriatric Psych Build-Out

- In 2012, FRMC will start construction on an approximately 7,500 sq. ft., 13-bed geriatric psychiatry unit.
- \$2.8 million investment into the community
- Expected to bring 20 jobs to Franklin County



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Committed to our Community

Community Involvement

- United Way
- Chamber of Commerce
- Franklin County Healthcare Collaborative
- Boys & Girls Club
- Franklin County Medical Society
- Vance Granville Community College
- American Cancer Society
- American Diabetes Association
- Safe Space
- Franklin County Social Services
- Franklin County School Systems

Partners in serving Franklin County:

- Volunteers in Medicine
- Franklin County Health Department
- Franklin County Medical Society
- Franklin Community Health Services
- Franklin County EMS
- Five-County Mental Health Authority

Local Employer

- 247 total employees
- 168 salaries paid to Franklin County zip codes
- \$5.3 million in employee benefits to Franklin County zip codes.



FRMC's Community Contributions

How charitable is your hospital?

North Carolina hospitals vary widely in how much charity care they provide to patients who are poor and uninsured. The following chart shows the percentage of operating expenses that nine hospitals spend on charity care - as well as the state's best and most generous hospitals. These percentages use Medicare cost data for individual providers. [Click here to view the data for the state's hospital charity care percentages.](#)

Hospital	Charity care as percentage of operating expenses	Most generous hospitals	Charity care as percentage of total operating expenses
Sartwell Regional Medical Center	0.17%	1 Franklin Regional Medical Center (Franklin County)	\$1,719,229 (0.41%)
Wake Baptist Medical Center	0.19%	2 Duke Regional Medical Center (Durham)	\$522,252 (0.53%)
Wake Forest Hospital	0.20%	3 Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center (Winston-Salem)	\$460,452 (0.57%)
Wake General Hospital	0.21%	4 Christus Hospital of the Holy Spirit (Charlotte)	\$33,882 (0.81%)
High Cross Health Services	1.01%	5 Public Hospital of Asheville	\$45,951 (0.91%)
Wake Health-Care System	1.04%		
Region Memorial Hospital	1.07%		
Johnson Medical Center	1.08%		
Wake Community Hospital	1.14%		
Wake County Memorial Hospital	1.16%		
Wake Health Services	1.27%		
Blue Cross of North Carolina	4.38%		
Novant Medical Center	5.08%		
UNC Hospitals	6.17%		
Wake Forest Hospital	7.38%		
Franklin Regional Medical Center	11.00%		

Franklin Regional has the highest percentage of charity care in the Triangle area.

Source: Raleigh News and Observer

"Novant Health has the most sound and clear policy (charity care and financial assistance) of any hospital system in North Carolina. At Novant, any uninsured patient with an income less than 300 percent of the federal poverty level qualifies for a 100 percent discount on hospital bills. This policy recognizes the realities of modern family finances."

-February 2010 report by the NC Justice Center titled, "How Charitable Are North Carolina Hospitals?"

No action was requested or taken.

4. UPDATE: YOUTHBUILD GRANT APPLICATION

An update was given on the status of the YouthBuild grant being pursued to facilitate a Franklin County location. The County was asked to provide support and an in-kind contribution to assist with the required grant match.

The in-kind match consisted of the use of meeting space (Commissioner's Meeting Room) once per month for 36 months valued at \$3,600 and the use of Planning Department Staff to assist with Identifying low income homebuyers as candidates to purchase the completed homes. The value of staff time was estimated at \$2,030.

If approved, the total in-kind match from Franklin County would be \$5,630 which would be documented in the application by a letter of commitment.

Commissioner Dunston made the motion to approve the County's in-kind contribution, seconded by Commissioner Swanson. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

5. INCENTIVE UPDATE

Franklin County Economic Development Director Ronnie Goswick provided an overview of the proposed changes for the County's Economic Development local incentive policy to more closely align the existing policy with job requirements for industries. An update on existing incentives and proposed incentives was also provided for review.



COMPANY	TYPE OF INCENTIVE	COMPANY'S AD VALOREM TAX VALUE FOR THE CONTRACT	TAX VALUATION OF INVESTMENT TO DATE	AMT. OF INCENTIVE	PAID TO DATE	REMAINING AMT.	# JOBS PROPOSED	# JOBS ADDED TO DATE
Pacific North America	One NC Fund Match Required: Cap. Charge 1430, 437.77	\$7,800,000	\$7,382,436	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	72	43
Novosyma	3% Local Incentive	\$20,100,000	\$6,035,530	\$638,548	\$124,918	\$11,632 (maximum) NOTE: \$500,000 given back to County for water/sewer projects	20	01
Southeastern Emergency Equip.	3% Local Incentive	\$570,040	\$584,201	\$20,305	\$20,305	Completed	6	12
Arch Aluminum & Glass/Trouble	3% Local Incentive	\$4,495,000	\$4,486,358	\$133,770	\$86,077	\$44,693 (maximum)	15	20
Southern Libroplate	3% Local Incentive	\$2,335,000	\$2,446,138	\$127,068	\$130,520	\$20,548 (maximum)	12	27

**INCENTIVE TOTALS
(Five (5) Companies)**

TOTAL AD VALOREM TAX VALUE FOR CONTRACTS	ACTUAL TAX VALUATION OF INVESTMENT TO DATE	TOTAL AMT. OF INCENTIVES	# JOBS PROPOSED	# JOBS ADDED
\$44,271,448	\$54,554,609	\$1,199,691	148	178

NOTE: \$1,199,691/178 jobs = \$6,925 per job

NEW INCENTIVES

COMPANY	TYPE OF INCENTIVE	COMPANY'S AD VALOREM TAX VALUE FOR CONTRACT	AMOUNT OF INCENTIVE	# JOBS PROPOSED	NOTES
K-Flex USA LLC	3% Local Incentive	\$7,798,800	\$232,958	143	Retained jobs
Smith-Packett LLC	3% Local Incentive	\$2,485,028	\$74,950	25	
Custom Dynamics	3% Local Incentive	\$970,000	\$29,100	15	2-4 additional jobs per year over 4 years
TOTALS		\$11,253,828	\$296,058	183	

NOTE: \$296,058/183 jobs = \$1,617 per job

**INCENTIVES APPROVED
PROJECTS DID NOT MATERIALIZE**

COMPANY	TYPE OF INCENTIVE	COMPANY'S AD VALOREM TAX VALUE FOR CONTRACT	PROPOSED AMT. OF INCENTIVE	# JOBS PROPOSED	NOTES
Asopex Medical	One NC Fund Match	\$2,500,000	\$100,000	127	Holder purchased Asopex 6 project did not move forward
Parata Systems	3% Local Incentive	\$2,000,000	N/A	N/A	Did not move to contract. Company did not move forward on project
Carolina Resources	3% Local Incentive	\$4,393,979	\$130,808	3	Project scope has changed; 13 additional jobs over next 3 years
Triangle Networks	3% Local Incentive	\$314,461	\$10,063	3	Project scope has changed; 1-1 full time over next 3 years, plus 4 current part time employees remain

**WATER/SEWER EXTENSIONS
SEVEN (7) YEAR PAYBACK**

WATER/SEWER EXTENSION PROJECTS	TOTAL TAXES PAID OVER SEVEN YEAR OF PROJECT	TOTAL COST OF WATER/SEWER PROJECTS	DIFFERENCE IN TAXES PAID & COST OF PROJECT	YEARS REMAINING TO FULL PAYBACK
Carolina Custom Concrete (AIDA Group/Amidon)	\$58,493.84	\$72,794.00	\$4,300.36	2
Walsh Paper	\$41,087.92	\$48,076.00	\$5,988.08	4
TOTALS REFLECTED THRU 2011 TAXES	\$109,581.76	\$120,870.00	\$11,288.24	

**COMPLETED WATER/SEWER EXTENSIONS
SEVEN (7) YEAR PAYBACK**

WATER/SEWER EXTENSION PROJECTS	TOTAL TAXES PAID OVER SEVEN YEAR OF PROJECT	TOTAL COST OF WATER/SEWER PROJECTS	POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN TAXES PAID & COST OF PROJECT
Arch Aluminum/Trouble	\$125,376.00	\$10,000.00	\$90,376.00
Caprice-Alex Systems	\$248,794.70	\$788,291.88	\$539,497.18
Cleat Investment Properties	\$36,875.10	\$25,340.00	\$14,235.10
Shenita Building Systems	\$50,210.79	\$16,038.00	\$31,172.79
Jermel Co., LLC (Jeba Ferguson Plumbing)	\$71,461.67	\$26,708.00	\$44,753.67
Majestic Marble & Glass	\$68,484.68	\$71,620.00	\$11,574.68
Mosley Masonry (RDJ)	\$32,605.81	\$32,500.00	\$10,430.81
Novosyma	\$1,681,688.37	\$55,444.00	\$1,546,444.37
R & B Seal State LLC (Alpro Insulation)	\$38,322.41	\$18,340.00	\$19,672.41
Robbing Group LLC/Robbing/Apple	\$119,307.54	\$14,383.00	\$104,924.54
Stay-Right Tank Co.	\$151,514.68	\$56,778.00	\$96,736.68
SUMMARY TOTALS	\$2,365,083.08	\$327,046.00	\$2,038,037.08

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE FRANKLIN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE POLICY

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners considers the expenditure of public funds for the promotion of local economic development serves a public purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners considers the promotion of local economic development assists in the creation of a more stable economy by providing displaced workers with continuing employment opportunities, attracting better paying and more highly skilled jobs, diversifying the local economy and creating a broader tax base from which Franklin County can draw funding of other programs that benefit the general health, safety, and welfare of the citizens, and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners views the promotion of local economic development as an investment in the future of Franklin County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes the following provisions of the Franklin County Economic Development Investment Fund:

1. The Franklin County Board of Commissioners may establish a special fund in the Annual Operating Budget to make appropriations and transfers to aid and encourage the location or expansion of industrial or business enterprises described in this policy.

- a) Any appropriations or transfers made to a business enterprise may be funded by levy of property taxes pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 153A – 149 and 158-7.1 and by allocations of other revenues whose uses are not otherwise restricted by law.
- b) Any appropriations or transfers made to an industrial or business enterprise are to be used in accordance with General Statutes 158-7.1. The total amount of any appropriations or transfers made to an enterprise may be three per cent (3%) of the ad valorem tax value of the new or expansion capital investment of such enterprise unless otherwise determined by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners.
- c) Any appropriations or transfers made to an industrial enterprise or business will be considered for approval by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners after a public hearing. Franklin County will publish notice of such public hearing at least ten (10) days before the hearing is held. Such notice will describe the proposal to make appropriations or transfers to an industrial enterprise, the Board's intention to approve such appropriations or transfers, and such information needed to reasonably describe the proposal.
- d) The Company must certify that without the incentives provided by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, it would not site this project in Franklin County.

2. Economic Development investment funds may be provided to industrial or business enterprises relocating or expanding operations in Franklin County provided that such enterprises are directly involved in the expansion of the County's primary economic base. Such enterprises include, but are not limited to, retail or commercial businesses, manufacturing, assembly, fabrication, processing, research and development, or similar industrial purposes.

3. The Franklin County Board of Commissioners is not obligated to make any appropriations for a company. If an appropriation is made, the County shall consider the following factors:

- a) Amount and type of investment made and identified on the Franklin County tax records.
- b) Number and type of new jobs.
- c) Number and type of retained jobs.
- d) Amount and type of health care benefits provided by the company.
- e) Type of business relative to the tax base.
- f) Reputation and financial history of the company.
- g) Presence of competition for the project.
- h) Location of new business.

4. Should an appropriation be made, the County shall specify in the contract all conditions which must be met by the company in order to receive the incentives to include the time table for commencement and completion of the project.

5. If the project is not completed within agreed upon time period, the Company may request a modification to the Agreement by providing written documentation of the circumstances preventing the completion. The parties agree that any decision to allow such modification shall be at the sole discretion of the Franklin County Economic Development Commission and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners.

6. Incentive payments may be made by the following method as determined by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners:

A cash grant paid in up to four (4) payments over a four (4) year period based on the depreciated tax base for those years plus any additional investments made during the four (4) years. However, cash grant can never exceed the original incentive approved by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners.

7. Incentive calculations and eligibility are based on the following:

a) Incentive calculations:

For company to remain eligible for incentives, the total tax valuation of applicable year must always exceed the total base year tax valuation. Incentives will be paid based on current year tax valuation minus base year valuation multiplied by (.0075).

b) The sum of the incentive payments to the company during the term specified in the contract may never exceed the total amount of the incentive offered by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners as stated in the contract.

c) Payments are made only after the Company has paid the taxes for the applicable year.

d) Job Creation/ Retention requirements:

1. To remain eligible for the incentive, Company must create or retain agreed upon number of jobs for at least four (4) years after initiation of contract.

2. If Company fails to meet the job creation/retention requirement for the applicable year, Company incentive will be reduced by the percentage (%) of the shortfall of the required goal for the jobs for that year. Ex. Company agrees to create four (4) jobs in year one (1) of contract. Company only creates two (2) jobs. Company then receives only 50% of the amount of the eligible incentive for that year.

3. Company must provide verification of job creation/retention to Franklin County Economic Development Commission office by supplying copies of the North Carolina Department of Commerce -Division of Workforce Solutions form NCUI 101 on an annual basis and for the base year. If proper documentation is not presented, Company will be in default for the applicable year and will not receive incentive payment for that year.

4. If Company fails to maintain agreed upon number of new or retained jobs for the period of up to four (4) years from initiation of contract, Franklin County has the obligation per General Statute 158-7.1.(h), to demand repayment of appropriate percentage of incentive amount associated with jobs. Ex. If agreement requires

creation of 4 jobs per year for 4 years and Company has only 12 jobs still on payroll at the end of the four (4) years - final year of incentive payment, Company must reimburse Franklin County 25% of total incentive payment received.

8. The actual amount of the appropriation and the timing of the appropriation will be determined by the aforementioned criteria. The appropriation amount shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the investment in land (net increase), equipment, machinery or building as identified on the Franklin County tax records provided all conditions of the agreement have been met, including job creation and/or retention.
9. The enterprise seeking to qualify for the Economic Development appropriation will provide Franklin County with written information which includes the following information:
- a) Estimated value of the facility or facilities being constructed.
 - b) Estimated value of the equipment to be installed.
 - c) Estimated costs of the design and construction of any activity related to preparing land for industrial use if such activity is being proposed to be included in the appropriation evaluation.
 - d) Explanation of what product or service the facility or facilities will be producing or providing.
 - e) Estimated number of jobs created, or retained, and corresponding salaries expected to be paid for such jobs. Existing industry must provide the Division of Workforce Solutions form NCUI 101 for job retention.
 - f) Estimated schedule for completion of project.
 - g) Estimated schedule for the start of production or operations.
 - h) Preliminary site plan of the proposed development with an attached vicinity map.
10. The statements contained in this document are guidelines and are not intended to limit the discretion given to the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for the promotion of local economic development under North Carolina General Statute 158-7.1 and other applicable laws.
11. Any assistance will be limited to the availability of funds by Franklin County, which determination of availability shall be made by the Board at the time of the request for appropriations.

Commissioner Swanson made a motion to approve the updated incentive policy, seconded by Commissioner Dunston. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

6. INFORMATIONAL UPDATE FOR THE FRANKLIN COUNTY 2012 REVALUATION

Jimmy Tanner, Tax Administrator, provided an update as to the reappraisal project and progress.

He stated a second set of reappraisal notices have been mailed to citizens following the first level of appeals. He said meeting dates for the Board of Equalization and Review would be scheduled after new appeals were filed. He commented June 11, 2012 is the scheduled date of adjournment for Board of Equalization and Review. He explained the adjournment date by saying no new appeals could be submitted after June 11, 2012 but that all appeals submitted prior to June 11, 2012 would be heard before the Board of Equalization and Review. Mr. Tanner said he would soon meet with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners to begin selecting possible meeting times. He added that an approximate 3.9% increase in values was seen countywide as a result of revaluation.

Commissioner Foy asked Mr. Tanner if he felt Assessment Solutions, Inc. (the reappraisal contractor) properly fulfilled its contract. Mr. Tanner stated he is not pleased with every aspect of the process but said Tax staff is diligently proceeding with the project with the goal of a satisfactory product.

No action was requested or taken.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

No items were discussed.

8. 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 report was offered.

Commissioner Lancaster: Commissioner Lancaster stated he recently attended a districting meeting of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners held in Roxboro, North Carolina. He said those in attendance discussed the issues and concerns counties are facing and were urged to discuss those matters with State Representatives. He also attended the grand opening of the Sheetz store in Louisburg.

Commissioner Dunston: Commissioner Dunston attended opening ceremonies of the International Whistlers Convention held at Louisburg College. He commended Mr. Alan de Hart for his commitment to the annual convention. Commissioner Dunston also participated in a recent meeting of the Kerr Tar Regional Council of Governments.

Commissioner Foy: No report was offered.

Commissioner Bunn: No report was offered.

Commissioner Mitchell: Commissioner Mitchell attended a recent meeting of the Firemen's Association. He encouraged citizens to pay close attention to changes in their homeowner's insurance rates. He said insurance companies are now using GIS (geographic information systems) to determine fire ratings, but stated some rates are incorrect and will require examination. Commissioner Mitchell commented on the County Government Month Picnic held recently in Louisburg. He thanked all County staff for the talents they share especially during difficult economic times. Commissioner Mitchell asked that the Board continue to keep County Manager Angela L. Harris and her family in prayer. Her father was badly injured in a recent automobile crash.

Commissioner Swanson: Commissioner Swanson commended the Tax Department for its efforts with the current revaluation project.

County Manager Angela L. Harris:

- Mrs. Harris stated at the recent meeting of the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments, an update was given on the Comprehensive Development Plan that is underway for the Region. She said the group organizing the plan expects its final product by September, 2012.
- Mrs. Harris stated she delivered the State of the County address at Louisburg College on April 17, 2012. Copies of the address were made available for the Board's review.
- Mrs. Harris stated the annual Safe Space meeting and reverse raffle was recently held. She said the event was well attended.
- On May 4, 2012, Mrs. Harris attended commencement activities at Louisburg College.
- Mrs. Harris stated the EMS (Emergency Medical Services) is in the process of relocating its Bunn station to an available classroom at Bunn High School. The temporary location will be used until a permanent location is determined.
- Mrs. Harris mentioned discussions conducted at the staff level with representatives from the Town of Youngsville regarding the proposed acquisition of the Town's water

and sewer utility service properties and assets. A joint press release on the proposal was distributed May 4, 2012. Mrs. Harris asked the Board to support staff in bringing back a formal proposal for its review and consideration. Commissioner Lancaster then made the motion directing staff to bring forward a formal proposal, seconded by Commissioner Dunston. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE." Commissioner Mitchell then stated he was recently misquoted in The Franklin Times regarding the proposal. He stated the Town of Youngsville is not a supplier of water to the County and that such an acquisition would not in fact mean the County is receiving an additional source for water. He stated the Town of Youngsville currently receives its water from the County.

- Commissioner Foy then asked Mrs. Harris about the upcoming budget. She stated departments have asked to be conservative in their requests working toward the goal of no tax increases. Mrs. Harris stated furloughs for employees are not a recommendation at this time and said preliminary budget sessions will soon be scheduled.

9. CLOSED SESSION

The Board was asked to consider entering 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 8:42 P.M., Commissioner Swanson made the motion to enter into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a)(6), seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion carried 6 to 1, with Commissioner Foy voting "NO."

Following the closed session, Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to enter back into open session, seconded by Commissioner Foy. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

No action was taken as a result of the closed session.

At approximately 9:00 P.M., Commissioner Swanson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

E. Shane Mitchell, Chair

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board

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