

November 3, 2014

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 John M. May, Commissioners E. Shane Mitchell, Cedric K. Jones, Don Lancaster and David T. Bunn. Commissioner Harry L. Foy, Jr. arrived at 7:01 P.M.

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

- Change Order #12 – Franklin County Law Enforcement Renovation and Additions
- Appointment of Donnell Adams to the Aging Committee Council of Governments
- Reappointment of Peggy Simpson, Chris Roark, Ronnie Goswick and Dexter Williams to the Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board

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

The following items were approved.

1. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. October 20, 2014 Minutes

Commissioner Foy arrived at 7:01 P.M.

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.

Mike Gerbos, 1144 Lake Royale, Louisburg, NC

- Mr. Gerbos asked if the First Amendment had value to the Board. He stated all citizens have the right to freedom of speech and feels it is the Board's interest to eradicate that right. Chairman Dunston asked Mr. Gerbos not to query the Board, but to provide comments. Mr. Gerbos was eventually escorted from the building by officials of the Sheriff's Department for disrupting the meeting.

3. **CHANGE ORDER**

The Board was asked to consider approval of Change Order #12 for Franklin County Law Enforcement Renovation and Additions. The change order was in the amount of \$42,620. Funding associated with the change order would come from the Capital Improvements Fund (10-598-0151).

County Manager Angela L. Harris noted there were two prior change orders for the project. The first was a laundry list of changes that resulted in a negative change order

of approximately \$2,000. The second change order allowed flexibility and an extension of the project timeline. Mrs. Harris said Change Order #12 dealt primarily with improvements to the fire system with input from the State Division of Health and Humans Services Division of Facility Services, as well as from the local code enforcement office and the Town of Louisburg.

Commissioner Lancaster asked for an explanation of the change order and why the items included were not shown on the original bid documents. He requested the Board be provided a detailed spreadsheet of changes when future change orders are presented.

After additional discussion, Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to table consideration of Change Order #12 to November 17, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bunn and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

4. APPOINTMENTS

A. Aging Committee Council of Governments

The Board was asked to consider appointing Donnell Adams to the Aging Committee Council of Governments.

Commissioner Bunn made a motion to appoint Donnell Adams, seconded by Commissioner May. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

B. Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board

The Board was asked to consider reappointing the following individuals:

- Peggy Simpson
- Chris Roark
- Ronnie Goswick
- Dexter Williams

Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to reappoint Peggy Simpson, Chris Roark, Ronnie Goswick and Dexter Williams. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bunn and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

C. Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee

The Board was asked to consider reappointing the following individuals:

- Ronnee Klinger
- Peggy Kearney
- Mary Yarbrough
- Clarence Williams

Commissioner Bunn made the motion to reappoint Ronnee Klinger, Peggy Kearney, Mary Yarbrough and Clarence Williams, seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

A vacancy remains and should be filled by an industry nominee.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

DCA Quarterly Performance Status Report (11-D-2447)

The status report is for information only. Board action was not required.

Commissioner Mitchell addressed security needs of county buildings, specifically the County Administration Building. He understood money is already allocated in the budget to address the need and said he would like the Board to take proactive steps to address the need as soon as possible. He envisioned a door being placed at the entrance of each hallway (two hallways) with a receptionist area at the County Administration Building.

The Board directed the County Manager to come back to the Board at its November 17, 2014 meeting with a report.

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 inquired about concerns at the County Airport mentioned recently by a former airport employee. County Manager Angela L. Harris stated auditors have conducted additional auditing at the Airport and said the Board would soon be provided a report on findings and recommendations moving forward.

Commissioner Bunn: Commissioner Bunn stated he spoke recently to an AMVET (American Veterans) group at Lake Royale. He also inquired about the appointment of a possible committee to examine options for placement of a historic bell removed recently during renovation of the Franklin County Courthouse. County Manager Angela L. Harris said she would bring forward suggestions at the Board's meeting on November 17, 2014.

Commissioner May: Commissioner May commented on a recent visit to the satellite library at Laurel Mill Elementary School. He said he received positive feedback and that approximately 20 new patrons had signed up for library cards. He said utilization of the library is primarily helpful for students of Laurel Mill. Commissioner May also mentioned the need for security at the county's Health and Human Services building and staff's desire for a security officer on site. He asked the Board to consider the need as it continues discussions about safety.

Commissioner Jones: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Mitchell: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Dunston: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Lancaster: Commissioner Lancaster asked if an update on the Emergency Communications system would be provided. County Manager Angela L. Harris indicated the Board would receive an update later in the meeting.

County Manager Angela L. Harris: Mrs. Harris noted the following:

- A Veterans Day ceremony will be held on November 11, 2014 at Louisburg High School.
- Mrs. Harris stated the Courthouse renovation project is on schedule and going well. She also commented on renovations at the Franklin County Detention Center. She said the project is expected to be complete in February, 2015.

7. CLOSED SESSION

The Board was asked to enter into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.

At approximately 7:46 P.M., Commissioner Bunn made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried 6 to 1, with Commissioner Foy voting "NO."

Following closed session at approximately 9:16 P.M., Commissioner Bunn made a motion to enter back into open session, seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

Commissioner Lancaster then asked to recuse himself from voting on a matter relating to the purchase of property for Owens Park.

Commissioner Mitchell made the motion to recuse Commissioner Lancaster from voting relative to the purchase of property for Owens Park. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bunn and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

Commissioner May then stated the County had reached an agreement regarding the purchase of Bull Creek Golf and Country Club to be used for Owens Park. He made a motion to purchase the park at a negotiated price of \$600,000, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell. The motion carried approval with a 5 to 1 vote, with Commissioner Foy voting "NO."

It was noted Commissioner Dunston will sign any closing statements regarding the purchase.

At 9:18 P.M., Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

Sidney E. Dunston, Chair

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board