

November 5, 2012

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

Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order and asked the Board to consider approval of the consent agenda.

Commissioner Foy made a motion to remove Item 1-C from the agenda for further discussion, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

Commissioner Lancaster then made a motion to approve the remainder of the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

The items approved are as follows.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. October 15, 2012 Minutes
- B. 2013 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule
- C. ~~Contract and Agreement with Pilot Fire Department, Inc.~~

Regarding the contract and agreement with Pilot Fire Department, Inc. Commissioner Foy asked if a contract was already in existence with the County. Lane Hobbs, Pilot Fire Chief and Terry Jones, Chairman of the Board of Directors for Pilot confirmed a contract was in existence but had expired. Mr. Hobbs stated some contracts are renewed yearly, others on ten-year rotations.

Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to approve the Contract and Agreement with Pilot Fire Department, Inc. (Item 1-C). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bunn and approved unanimously with all present voting "AYE."

2. RESOLUTION COMMENDING COMMISSIONER ROBERT L. SWANSON

Chairman Mitchell read aloud the resolution in honor of retiring Commissioner Robert L. Swanson.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
HONORING COMMISSIONER ROBERT L. SWANSON**

WHEREAS, the Honorable Robert L. Swanson has served the citizens of Franklin County, North Carolina, the Board of Commissioners as well as its management and staff in an exemplary manner as County Commissioner for 32 years from 1976-1980 and from 1984-2012; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Swanson served the Franklin County Board of Commissioners as Chair eight years in 1979, 1987, 1992, 1996, 2001, 2005, 2008 and 2009; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Swanson served as District Director for the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners from 2000-2002; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Swanson has served numerous boards and committees through the years including Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunity and the Social Services Board; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Swanson has been a long-time advocate for Education, Parks and Recreation, Senior Citizens and avid supporter of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Swanson has also been supportive of local business and industry as well as local fire and rescue associations; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2012, Robert L. Swanson was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, one of the highest honors the Governor can bestow on a North Carolina citizen for recognition of a proven record of service to the State and their respective community; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Board of County Commissioners to commend the Honorable Robert L. Swanson upon a job well done, bringing credit to this County and its citizens for which this Board appreciates his hard work and dedication to Franklin County; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners that Commissioner Robert L. Swanson be recognized for all of his outstanding achievements while serving as County Commissioner. May Robert L. Swanson move forward with future endeavors knowing of the Board's appreciation for his dedication and hard work;

AND, that a copy of this commendation be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, be made available to the news media, and be presented to Commissioner Swanson for future reference.

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

3. 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 received.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Closeout Report for Palziv North America – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

The Board was asked to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of obtaining a Closeout Report on the County's 2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Economic Development for Palziv North America. David Hartigan, project consultant, was in attendance to review documents for the CDBG closeout and to answer questions.

The project consisted of the renovation of the former HON Building at 7966 Highway 56 near Louisburg, North Carolina. The construction was made possible, in part, to a \$750,000 CDBG grant from the North Carolina Department of Commerce. From the grant, Franklin County loaned \$750,000 to Palziv for renovations to the building. Palziv matched the loan with \$750,000 in private funds as well as investing over \$7 million for land, building and equipment. CDBG funds comprised about 8% of total project costs and 53 new jobs were created as a result of the project. Mr. Hartigan stated Palziv met and surpassed requirements for job creation and stated 86% of those jobs are held by individuals of low or moderate income.

At 7:10P.M., Chairman Mitchell opened and closed the public hearing with no comments offered.

Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to approve the closeout of CDBG grant, seconded by Commissioner Swanson. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

Mr. Hartigan stated the Board should be proud to have Palziv in the Franklin County community.

B. Incentive Request – Palziv North America

Palziv North America is planning an expansion of a new 40,000 square foot warehouse, with an estimated cost of \$1,000,000. Franklin County proposes to participate in the cost of the economic development project with the Franklin County Economic Development Commission, which consists of providing incentives pursuant to the County's incentive policy.

Ronnie Goswick, Economic Development Director, stated the proposed expansion would not involve additional job creation. Rather, Palziv's expansion would create more storage area outside of its current facility, allowing the company to free up space in order to put in additional lines in order to manufacture more product.

The proposed expansion is tied to the incentive request by Palziv that involves sharing in the cost of refurbishing a water tank located at the Palziv site. An estimate provided by Southern Corrosion, Inc. to refurbish the tank totals \$136,928. The County has been asked by Palziv to share in the cost of refurbishing the tank by paying one-third (\$45,643) of the cost. Palziv has also committed to pay one-third of the cost. The Town of Louisburg has been asked to participate in the final third of the cost. At this time, the Town has not committed.

Commissioner Lancaster asked Mr. Goswick where the final third comes from if the Town of Louisburg elects not to participate. Mr. Goswick stated he would look to Palziv, but feels positive the Town will be able to utilize a source of grant funding for the project.

When asked by Commissioner Mitchell to speak to the ownership of the water tank, it was noted that ownership is unclear. It is believed the tank is owned by the County despite the County's efforts to "give" the tank to the Town of Louisburg as it is part of Louisburg's water system. There is no record that indicates the Town accepted the tank following a shared refurbishment in 1992. County Attorney Pete Tomlinson stated he too had researched ownership but was unable to make a determination. Palziv wishes to use the tank for needed fire protection.

At approximately 7:25 P.M., Chairman Mitchell opened the public hearing.

Roger Lytle, 571 Williams White Road, Zebulon

- Mr. Lytle stated the topic needs more study and suggested the Board wait on a decision until the Town of Louisburg makes a decision. He stated the County should proceed with caution and stated the project does not follow the County's current incentive policy.

With no further comments offered, Chairman Mitchell closed the hearing at 7:26 P.M.

Commissioner Dunston reminded the Board of Palziv's commitment and follow through with its previous incentive that was discussed earlier in the evening and asked about Palziv's payroll. It was estimated at \$1.8 million.

Commissioner Swanson then made a motion to approve the incentive request in an amount not to exceed \$45,643 and contingent upon Palziv's proposed

\$1,000,000 warehouse expansion. The motion also included direction to Mr. Goswick to come back before the Board for a status report is the Town of Louisburg elects not to participate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunston and carried approval with a 6 to 1 vote, with Commissioner Foy voting in opposition.

5. APPOINTMENTS

A. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

The Board was asked to consider the following reappointments for two-year terms.

- Jeanette Richardson (Social Services Director or designee)
- Kathy Harrelson (United Way or other nonprofit)

Commissioner Dunston made a motion to approve both appointments to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

B. Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board

The Board was asked to consider the following reappointments for two-year terms.

- Peggie Simpson (private industry representative)
- Dexter Williams (private industry representative)
- Ronnie Goswick (economic development representative)
- Chris Roark (organized labor representative)

Commissioner Dunston made a motion to approve the aforementioned reappointments to the Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board, seconded by Commissioner Swanson. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

C. Youngsville Planning Board ETJ

The Board is asked to consider the following reappointment for a three-year term.

- William Michael Hensley

Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to approve the reappointment to the Youngsville Planning Board ETJ, seconded by Commissioner Dunston. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Mitchell asked Emergency Communications Director Christy Shearin to provide an update on the ongoing radio project. Mrs. Shearin stated the new system had been turned on for all law enforcement agencies and problems with dropped and garbled transmissions were being had in the Youngsville and Bunn areas. Mrs. Shearin stated the problem does not seem to be a coverage issue but rather a system issue and how it handles the data being transmitted. She said Harris Corporation has been working on the issue for 22 days and said no other groups would cut over to the new system until the new system is stable.

Harris Corporation representative Greg Strader was in attendance. He stated the company is working with the County and engineering staff to get to the bottom of the issue involving delays in voice packets. He said the solution had not yet been determined but that Harris has all the engineering support it needs and said it is a matter of catching the issue when it happens in order to analyze and correct it and take the delay out of the system. Mr. Strader insured the Board that Harris would fix the problem. Commissioner Dunston asked Mr. Strader if this is a problem Harris has encountered before. Mr. Strader said the issue could come from different sources and that Harris does not have a system that is experiencing the exact same issue.

Harris Corporation representative Kevin Desmond was also in attendance. He said the problem with the system is not caused by interference. He commented the issue must first be properly diagnosed and recreated in order to remedy it. He said Harris will keep working and that the problem would be fixed "sooner rather than later."

Sheriff Jerry Jones stated he agreed with the comments by Harris representatives and said he is confident the problem will soon be fixed.

Chairman Mitchell asked that an update be provided to the Board at its next regular meeting on November 19, 2012.

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: Mrs. King stated the Veteran's Day ceremony is scheduled for November 12, 2012 at 11:00 A.M. at the Louisburg High School Auditorium.

Commissioner Lancaster: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Jones: Commissioner Jones stated he participated in the newly organized Community Operations Center Oversight Board. He also attended a recent meeting of the Board of Health. He also attended the grand opening of the Bunn Solar Farm.

Commissioner Dunston: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Foy: Commissioner Foy stated free flu shots would be given to citizens on November 15, 2012 from 5:00-7:00P.M. at Foy Mart in Spring Hope, North Carolina. The shots will be administered by Franklin County Volunteers in Medicine.

Commissioner Bunn: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Mitchell: Commissioner Mitchell offered birthday greetings to County Manager Angela Harris, Commissioner Harry Foy and Commissioner Swanson. He also reminded the Board of its work session scheduled for November 8, 2012 at 5:30P.M. at the Franklin County Jail. Commissioner Mitchell attended and emceed the grand opening of the Bunn Solar Farm. He also represented the Board at the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Franklin County Firemen's Association on November 4, 2012. Commissioner Mitchell informed the Board and those in attendance that results of the general election (to be held the following day) would be available for viewing on the evening of the election at the Hamilton Hobgood Courthouse Annex in Louisburg. Chairman Mitchell also asked the Board to consider a time to conduct interviews for Franklin County Tax Administrator. The Board will meet on December 10, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. at the County Administration Building in Louisburg.

Commissioner Swanson: No comments were offered.

County Manager Angela L. Harris: Mrs. Harris noted Franklin County will be featured on UNC TV's program entitled *North Carolina Now*. The program is expected to air on November 9, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. and will examine agritourism efforts in Franklin County.

At approximately 7:53 P.M., Commissioner Dunston made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Swanson. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

E. Shane Mitchell, Chair

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board