

November 7, 2016

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

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

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

The following items were approved.

**1. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. October 24, 2016 Minutes
- B. CPT Codes
- C. Surplus Vehicles (see listing below)
- D. Budget Amendment #5 (Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 159-15, the County Finance Officer is requesting a budget ordinance amendment in the amount of \$127,097 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 to amend the General Fund for adjustments in expenditures and revenue for the Department of Social Services and economic incentives.)

Item 1-C

2006 Ford Passenger Van	White	VIN#	2fmza51606ba17694
2000 Ford Passenger Van	White	VIN#	2fmza50421ba37003
2009 Dodge Charger	White	VIN#	2b3aa4ct0ah121494
19?? Ford F150 P/U	White	VIN#	1ftdf15y5snb17356
1995 Ford Ranger P/U	White	VIN#	1ftcr10u8sub54253
2005 Ford Crown Vic	White	VIN#	2fafp74wx5x168840

**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. PUBLIC HEARING**

A. Debt Refinancing

The Board conducted a hearing and was asked to consider whether to enter into an installment financing agreement for the purpose of refinancing all of the County's outstanding installment financing obligations with respect to the Certificates of Participation, Series 2007.

At approximately 7:11 P.M. Chairman Dunston opened and closed the public hearing with no comments offered.

Commissioner Foy made a motion to adopt preliminary resolution for approval of debt refinancing for the Certificates of Participation, Series 2007, and approval of

winning low interest bid for BB&T. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

B. Incentive: K-Flex USA

The Board conducted a hearing regarding the possibility of an economic development project which consists of potentially providing a cash grant to K-Flex USA after their taxes are paid. The Board discussed the competitive nature of the project and the possibility of offering up to \$1,350,000 paid over a four-year time period once goals are met by K-Flex USA. The Board was asked to consider this project and how it could stimulate the local economy and result in the creation of a substantial number of jobs in Franklin.

At approximately 7:23 P.M., Chairman Dunston opened and closed the public hearing with no comments offered from the public.

Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to approve an incentive up to \$1,350,000 paid over a four-year time period once goals are met by K-Flex USA. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

**4. RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT: BUILDING REUSE GRANT FOR K-FLEX**

K-Flex USA is applying for a \$500,000 building reuse/existing building grant through the North Carolina Department of Commerce-Rural Division to expand their current facility by 360,000 square feet. The cost of the project for the existing building expansion is \$16 million and projected to create 100 new jobs. Franklin County is required to provide a 5% match to receive the grant. This will equal \$25,000. This amount falls within incentive guidelines. A portion of the 5% match will be paid to the Kerr-Tar Council of Governments for grant administration.

Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to approve a resolution of support for Building Reuse Grant for K-Flex. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

**5. BACK-UP PSAP**

Emergency Communications Director Christy Shearin provided an update on the back-up PSAP. Richard Taylor, Executive Director of the NC 911 Board was also in attendance.

Mrs. Shearin stated the basement of the County Administration Building is still being explored as a backup location. She also said Halifax County was willing to partner. She will address the matter once again after details are ironed out with the radio component.

Mr. Taylor explained the NC 911 Board and North Carolina General Assembly are looking for a back-up in the event something where to damage the permanent 911 center and emergency calls could not be taken. He said the expectation is not to create a complete mirror image of the 911 center, but rather mirror its functionality. He said the back-up is not intended for a long-term situation and recommended the location be located at least one mile from the current 911 center. He noted the hard deadline for selecting the back-up is July 1, 2017 with no additional extensions granted. Those out of compliance could realize a suspension, termination or reduction of funding.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

No additional business was discussed.

## 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:** Commissioner Foy attended the Farm-City Week Luncheon on October 28, 2016 at Mitchell Farms in Bunn.

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

**Commissioner May:** Commissioner May was absent.

**Commissioner Jones:** Commissioner Jones attended a recent "Job Announcement" event at K-Flex USA in Youngsville. The company will soon be expanding and adding new jobs as a result.

**Commissioner Mitchell:** Commissioner Mitchell commended Economic Development Commission staff. He said staff "hit the ground running" since Richie Duncan was promoted to Director and Beau Carson was named Existing Industry Coordinator.

**Commissioner Dunston:** Commissioner Dunston attended many of the same events mentioned by other commissioners. He commented on his excitement regarding the recent grant/incentive opportunities that allowed Franklin County to successfully compete for retaining K-Flex USA. He is also excited about economic development in the county and feels staff is to be commended for helping to bring opportunities to Franklin.

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

**County Manager Angela L. Harris:** Mrs. Harris echoed comments about the expansion of K-Flex USA and said it was a pleasure to work with the state and local economic development commission to help bring job opportunities to citizens.

At approximately 7:45 P.M., Commissioner Bunn 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

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