

October 1, 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 for a moment of silence in honor of former Commissioner George Thomas Wynne. Mr. Wynne passed away September 29, 2012.

Chairman Mitchell then asked the Board to consider approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Swanson. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

The items approved are as follows.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. September 17, 2012 Minutes
- B. Consider TDA (Tourism Development Authority) request to fund a \$2,500 grant for the Franklin County Firefighter's Association 50th Anniversary Celebration
- C. CDBG Scattered Site Grant (11-C-2310)

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. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS POSITION REQUEST

The Board was asked to consider approving additional funding (\$28,000) for a Telecommunicator position (currently frozen) in the E911 Center.

Christy Shearin, Emergency Communications Director presented the request noting that increasing call volume and the additional capabilities and responsibilities with the new radio system have made it necessary to have a minimum of four staff on duty at all times. She said in order to properly manage the workload, a frozen position must be filled. Mrs. Shearin noted funding for the position was not included in the budget and that the position had been frozen for approximately two years. If approved, funding for the position from the remainder of the fiscal year would come from the General Fund.

Commissioner Swanson made a motion to approve the funding/position request, seconded by Commissioner Dunston. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

Commissioner Lancaster asked for the number of currently frozen positions within Franklin County Government. County Manager Angela L. Harris stated she would obtain that information and report back to the Board.

4. APPOINTMENTS

A. Tourism Development Authority

The Board was asked to appoint Bob Sykes as Chairman to the Tourism Development Authority.

Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to appoint Bob Sykes as Chairman to the Tourism Development Authority, seconded by Commissioner Dunston. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

B. Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee

Kim Hawkins, Regional Ombudsman, asked that the Board remove Carolee Phillips, Mary Murphy and Sadie Burnette and consider the appointment of Talbatha Mangum-Myatt for an initial one-year term on the Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to remove Carolee Phillips, Mary Murphy and Sadie Burnette from the Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee and to appoint Talbatha Mangum-Myatt for an initial one-year term. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bunn and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

C. Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee

Kim Hawkins, Regional Ombudsman, asked that the Board consider the appointment of Catrina Yarborough to serve as the Industry Nominee on the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee for an initial one-year term.

Commissioner Swanson made a motion to appoint Catrina Yarborough to serve as the Industry Nominee on the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee for an initial one-year term. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bunn and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Foy inquired about final payment due to revaluation contractor Assessment Solutions, Inc. Finance Director Chuck Murray was in attendance and stated no payments had been made since the Board's direction (on May 21, 2012) that no further payment be made to Tim Cain or Assessment Solutions, Inc. without approval by the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Murray estimated \$20,000 to \$30,000 was owed based on the terms of the contract, but stated he was not certain of the exact amount.

Commissioner Lancaster made a motion directing that no further payments are made to Assessment Solutions, Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Foy.

County Attorney Pete Tomlinson reminded the Board of its written contract with Assessment Solutions, Inc. and the right of Mr. Tim Cain, revaluation contractor, to make his final presentation to the Board.

Commissioner Jones asked for an amendment to Commissioner Lancaster's motion that payment be based on review by the Board within the next 60 days.

Commissioner Lancaster withdrew his motion. Commissioner Foy withdrew his second and Commissioner Jones then withdrew his amendment.

Commissioner Lancaster then made a motion directing a final report from the Tax Office be obtained within 60 days in order for the Board to make a decision on final payment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Swanson and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

Commissioner Bunn asked for a status report regarding money returned to the County following the sentencing of former Franklin County Sheriff Pat Green. Finance Director Chuck Murray stated approximately \$52,000 were earmarked as Federal and State money and had to be returned into the Federal DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) account. He said the remainder of the money, approximately \$152,000, was returned to the General Fund.

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: Mrs. King informed the Board of the 2012 Rural Partners Forum scheduled for October 16-17, 2012 at the North Raleigh Hilton. The Board was also invited to the opening of the Bunn Solar Farm scheduled for October 24, 2012 from 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Commissioner Lancaster: Commissioner Lancaster stated he attended the annual awards banquet presented by the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments. He noted Clerk to the Board Kristen King was awarded Clerk of the Year and that Commissioner Swanson was recognized for his numerous years of service to the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Jones: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Dunston: Commissioner Dunston commented on his attendance of events including Louisburg College's 225th birthday celebration, the Committee of 100 Banquet, Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments Banquet and the annual Farm-City Week Luncheon held at Mitchell Farm in Bunn. Commissioner Dunston also attended a ceremony at Bunn High School in which the auditorium was named in honor of Mr. Johnny Alford. Mr. Alford is a longtime educator and former principal of Bunn High School.

Commissioner Foy: Commissioner Foy commented on the large crowd that attended the 22nd Annual Senior Fun Day in the Park.

Commissioner Bunn: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Mitchell: Commissioner Mitchell commented on his attendance of recent community events including the Farm-City Week Luncheon and Senior Fun Day in the Park. He said both events were well attended. He reminded the Board of Louisburg Fire Department's 100+ anniversary celebration scheduled for October 7, 2012.

Commissioner Swanson: Commissioner Swanson commented on his attendance at the annual Farm-City Week Luncheon and said he regretted he could not attend the annual Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments Banquet this year for health reasons.

County Manager Angela L. Harris:

- Mrs. Harris presented a slideshow of photographs from recent community events including Senior Fun Day in the Park, Farm-City Week Luncheon and the annual Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments Banquet where Clerk to the Board Kristen King was honored as Clerk of the Year.
- Mrs. Harris stated she and Chairman Mitchell had reviewed 19 applications for Tax Administrator and narrowed the list to five potential candidates. She asked

that Board members come by the office during the following week to review the applications.

- Mrs. Harris also noted Angie Callihan is currently serving as the Interim Emergency Services Director. Mrs. Callihan served as Director prior to retirement.

Emergency Communications Director Christy Shearin provided an update regarding the impacts of a recent lightning strike that affected the County's emergency communications system. For a time, the strike took out the old system that is still in place, but Mrs. Shearin stated cut-over to the new system may have to be initiated sooner than originally planned.

At approximately 7:38 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