

October 2, 2017

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 Cedric K. Jones, Vice-Chairman Sidney E. Dunston, Commissioners Michael S. Schriver, David T. Bunn, Mark Speed, Harry L. Foy, Jr. and Shelley L. Dickerson.

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order and asked the Board to participate in a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the mass shooting in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 1, 2017.

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

I. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. September 18, 2017 Minutes
- B. National Fallen Firefighter's Memorial Proclamation
- C. 2017 Fire Prevention Week Proclamation

Item 1-B

NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTER'S MEMORIAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the United States Congress and the President of the United States have designated the day of the annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service as a day to honor firefighters and emergency services personnel who have sacrificed their lives to save others by lowering the American flag on all federal buildings to half-staff; and

WHEREAS, an average of 80 firefighters courageously make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty each year; and

WHEREAS, firefighters and emergency services personnel play an essential role in the protection of lives and property in our local community; and

WHEREAS, the National Memorial Service marks the beginning of the annual Fire Prevention Week observance; and

WHEREAS, it is of major importance that we increase our efforts to reduce deaths, injuries, and property losses from fire;

NOW THEREFORE, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim to all citizens of Franklin County and upon all patriotic, civic, and educational organizations to observe the day of October 8, 2017, in recognition of the patriotic service and dedicated efforts of our fire and emergency services personnel by lowering American flags to half-staff. The Board encourages these same organizations as well as the citizens of Franklin County to remember all fire and emergency personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community and to pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes by participating in Bells Across America for Fallen Firefighters. Toll a bell, pause for a moment of silence, or read a special passage to honor the sacrifices of these public servants and their families during your group's gathering or meeting.

The Board further encourages appropriate services and ceremonies in which all of our citizens may participate to honor fire and emergency services personnel, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to duties, have rendered invaluable service to our community and its citizens.

The Board further calls upon citizens of Franklin County to remember all fire and emergency personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community and to pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

Item 1-C

2017 FIRE PREVENTION WEEK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the County of Franklin is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, U.S. fire departments responded to 365,500 home fires in 2016, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA); and

WHEREAS, U.S. home fires resulted in 2,560 civilian deaths in 2016, representing the majority (78 percent) of all U.S. fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, newer homes are built with lightweight materials that burn faster than older home constructions; and

WHEREAS, many of today's products and furnishings produce toxic gases and smoke when burned, making it impossible to see and breathe within moments; and

WHEREAS, these conditions contribute to a much smaller window of time for people to escape a home fire safely, with people having as little as one to two minutes to escape from the time the smoke alarm sounds; and

WHEREAS, a home fire [escape plan](#) provides the skill set and know-how to quickly and safely escape a home fire situation; and

WHEREAS, a home fire escape plan includes two exits from every room in the home; a path to the outside from each exit; smoke alarms in all required locations; and a meeting place outside where everyone in the home will meet upon exiting; and

WHEREAS, home fire escape plans should be developed by all members of the household; and

WHEREAS, practicing a home fire escape plan twice a year ensures that everyone in the household knows what to do in a real fire situation;

WHEREAS, Franklin County's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of developing a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it twice a year;

NOW THEREFORE, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 8-14, 2017, as Fire Prevention Week throughout the county. I urge all the citizens of Franklin County to develop a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practice it twice a year, and to participate in the many public safety activities and efforts of Franklin County's fire departments and [emergency services](#) during Fire Prevention Week 2017.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments were offered.

3. RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF \$11,400,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2017

The Board was asked to consider approval of the resolution.

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

4. RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$9,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2017

The Board was asked to consider approval of the resolution. Interim Finance Director Chuck Murray stated he anticipates a savings of over \$800,000 when the bonds are refinanced.

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

5. APPOINTMENTS

A. 911 Board

The Board was asked to appoint a county commissioner to serve on the 911 Board.

Commissioner Dickerson made a motion to appoint Commissioner Mark Speed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunston and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

B. Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board

The Board was asked to reappoint Chris Roark (organized labor position), Fred Keller (private industry position) and Dexter Williams (private industry position) to the Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board.

Commissioner Dunston made a motion to reappoint Chris Roark (organized labor position), Fred Keller (private industry position) and Dexter Williams (private industry position) to the Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bunn and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

C. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

The Board was asked to consider appointing Douglas Moore to fill the "person of faith" position on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

Commissioner Speed made a motion to appoint Douglas Moore to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

D. Planning Board

Commissioner Speed nominated Kelly Harris to serve as his representative on the Planning Board.

Commissioner Schriver seconded the nomination and the board voted unanimously in favor of the appointment.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

No new business items were 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 recently attended Senior Fun Day in the Park. He also spoke against those who have silently protested during the playing of the U.S. national anthem.

Commissioner Bunn: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Jones: Commissioner Jones attended the annual Senior Fun Day event held recently at Riverbend Park. He also attended a recent meeting of the Board of Health which is looking at ways to better handle filing systems.

Commissioner Schriver: Commissioner Schriver reminded the group the Tar River Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 7, 2017.

Commissioner Dunston: Commissioner Dunston commented in response to Commissioner Foy's remarks on those who have protested silently against police brutality and racial inequality. He said he does not agree with the method of protest but agrees that all have the right to stand for their beliefs.

Commissioner Dickerson: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Speed: No comments were offered.

County Manager Angela L. Harris: No comments were offered.

At approximately 7:15 P.M., Commissioner Schriver made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

Cedric Jones, Chair

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board