

September 6, 2011

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: Chair Sidney E. Dunston, Vice-Chairman E. Shane Mitchell, Donald C. Lancaster, Penny McGhee, Robert L. Swanson and David T. Bunn. Commissioner Harry L. Foy, Jr. arrived at 7:01 P.M.

Chairman Dunston called the meeting to order and stated staff had requested to table Item 3-B until the Board's October 3, 2011 meeting until such time additional information can be gathered.

Commissioner Swanson made the motion to table Item 3-B until October 3, 2011, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

Commissioner Foy arrived at approximately 7:01 P.M.

Chairman Dunston then asked the Board to consider approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner McGhee made the 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. August 15, 2011 Minutes
- B. Fall 2011 Litter Sweep Proclamation
- C. New Clinical Procedures/Fees and Environmental Health Fees
- D. Collocation Lease Agreement with State of North Carolina (North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, Division of the State Highway Patrol)
- E. Budget Ordinance Amendment #1 (Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 159-15, the County Finance Officer is requesting a budget ordinance amendment in the amount of \$179,191 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012 to amend the General Fund to appropriate the expenditures and revenues for the Franklin County Health Department in the amount of \$150,000 for the operation of the School Nurse Program and additional monies received by the Department of Social Services.)

Item 1-B

**FALL LITTER SWEEP 2011
BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
A PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation organizes an annual fall statewide roadside cleanup to ensure clean and beautiful roads in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the fall 2011 **LITTER SWEEP** roadside cleanup will take place September 17 through October 1, 2011, and encourages local governments and communities, civic and professional groups, businesses, churches, schools, families and individual citizens to participate in the Department of Transportation cleanup by sponsoring and organizing local roadside cleanups; and

WHEREAS, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers, Department of Transportation employees, Department of Correction inmates and community service workers, local government agencies, community leaders, civic and community organizations, businesses, churches, schools, and environmentally concerned citizens conduct local cleanups during **LITTER SWEEP** and may receive certificates of appreciation for their participation; and

WHEREAS, the great natural beauty of our state and a clean environment are sources of great pride for all North Carolinians, attracting tourists and aiding in recruiting new industries; and

WHEREAS, the cleanup will increase awareness of the need for cleaner roadsides, emphasize the importance of not littering, and encourage recycling of solid wastes; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 fall cleanup will celebrate the 23rd Anniversary of the North Carolina Adopt-A-Highway program and its 5,815 volunteer groups that donate their labor and time year round to keep our roadsides clean; and

WHEREAS, the **LITTER SWEEP** cleanup will be a part of educating the children of this great state regarding the importance of a clean environment to the quality of life in Franklin County;

NOW, THEREFORE, the **Franklin County Board of Commissioners**, does hereby proclaim September 17th through October 1, 2011 as **LITTER SWEEP** time in Franklin County, and encourages citizens to take an active role in making their communities cleaner.

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 HEARINGS

A. 2012 Schedule of Values

Per North Carolina General Statute 105-317 (2)(b), a public hearing on the proposed schedules, standards and rules must be held by the Board of County Commissioners at least seven days before adopting the final schedules, standards and rules.

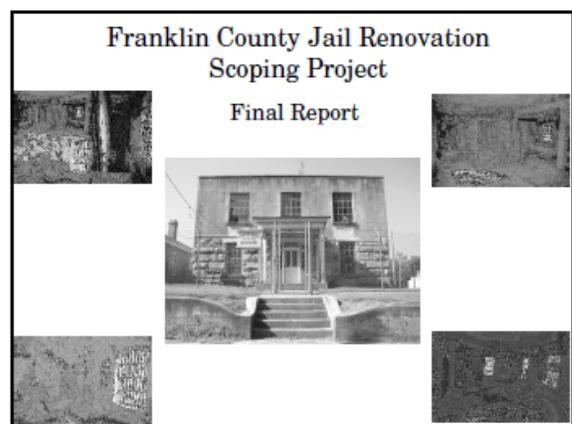
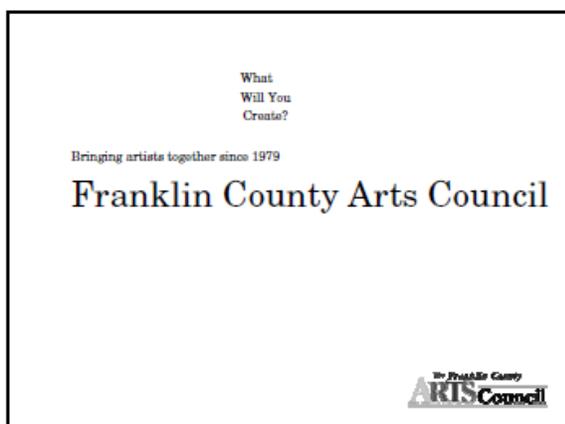
Chairman Dunston, at approximately 7:02 P.M., opened and closed the public hearing with no comments offered from the public. No further action was requested at this time.

~~B. Text Amendment to the Franklin County Unified Development Ordinance, Section 2-2: Definition of Basic Terms, and the addition of Article 15B. Public Safety Telecommunication Tower Regulations.~~

~~ACTION REQUESTED: Conduct public hearing and consider adoption of text amendment.~~

4. UPDATE: FRANKLIN COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

Simon Brough, Chair of the Franklin County Arts Council, provided an update on current Arts Council activities as well as the Old Franklin County Jail Renovation project. Katelyn Graham, leader of the Student Arts Council and Teresa Brown, Arts Council member also assisted with the presentation.



Franklin County Jail Renovation Scoping Project

Lessons Learned

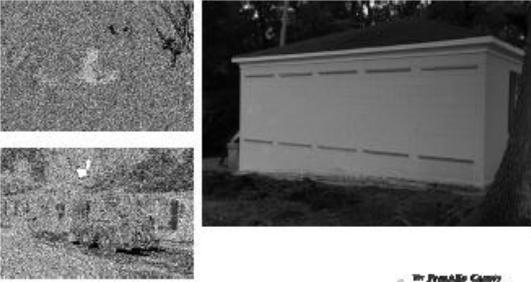
- Community support for arts and culture remains strong in Franklin County.
- Supporters come from a diverse range of communities, interests, ages, and ethnic and cultural groups.
- The current financial climate makes fund raising and personal financial donations a particular challenge.
- People in the community are willing to donate their time and professional expertise to benefit the residents of Franklin County.
- Franklin County residents take interest and pride in local landmarks and history.
- Franklin County residents want to enjoy amenities in the county.
- Franklin County residents want to promote and improve Franklin County.



Franklin County Arts Council Arts Center Renovation Project




FCAC Arts Center Renovation Project Exterior Updates




FCAC Arts Center Renovation Project Interior Updates



FCAC Arts Center Renovation Project Interior Updates: The Vision



FCAC Arts Center Renovation Project

Donors

- Country Clearing, LLC (Bunn)
- Craig Ayscue Landscaping
- Franklin County citizens
- Franklin County Government
- Kristin-Lee's Greenhouse (Youngsville)
- Powerflow, LLC (Franklinton)
- Rustic Building Supply (Louisburg)
- Toney ACE (Louisburg)
- Wade Moore Equipment Company, Inc. (Louisburg)



Questions?




Our Logo was designed by a
Franklin County Student

We have a blog that was designed by a student to publish the work of local students!



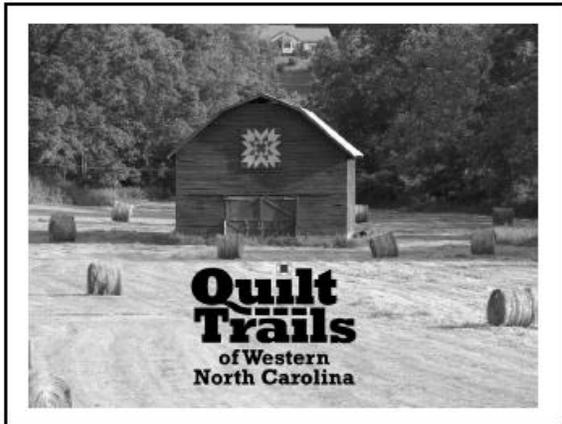
We offer a place for young artists to express themselves

Teens can come and show off their art and enjoy the creativity of other teens. And maybe meet a few new friends.



Our next big project is painting the outside of the Arts Council Building!

Check us out online
www.fcsac.blogspot.com

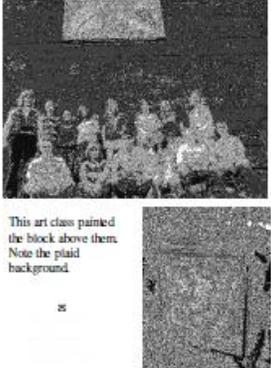
Tell our stories
 Bring the community together



Bring more money to the area

Advantages

- We are building community and helping people learn about each other
- Local businesses are seeing an increase in traffic
- Students are exploring their county
- Teachers are using the blocks as teaching tools



This art class painted the block above them. Note the plaid background.

Community Involvement



Job Creation

Since starting our project in 2006, we've created 4 jobs and contributed to the incomes of 9 other people.

- Stained glass artist
- 2 Clay artists
- Seamstress/painter
- Wood artist
- Craft artist
- 2 quilters
- 2 Part time gift shop people
- 1 bookkeeper
- 1 Executive Director



Thank you for your time...



Mr. Brough noted a grand opening of the newly renovated Arts Council facility is tentatively scheduled for the end of September, 2011.

No action was needed or taken.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Bunn commented it is important to immediately begin the interview process for Sheriff's candidates. Commissioner Bunn made his suggestion in the form of a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Lancaster. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

County Manager Angela L. Harris stated interested candidates had not been previously directed to submit applications, but stated letters and resumes had been accepted in the Manager's office. Thus far, Mrs. Harris said approximately 16 individuals had expressed interest in serving as Sheriff.

Regarding the investigation of former Sheriff Pat Green, County Attorney Darnell Batton explained there are several ways of initiating criminal cases. Eventually, he said, all felony charges are presented to a grand jury that decides whether or not to return a true bill of indictment. If a true bill of indictment is returned, the indictment will be served and a trial date set. Mr. Batton stated likely the Board would not know if the true bill of indictment was returned until it is made public. He commented the grand jury meets again on September 12, 2011 and that any action at this time would be taken by the Attorney General. He said the matter is out of the County's hands.

Commissioner Foy asked Mr. Batton if the results of the investigation will be made public. Mr. Batton stated if the matter is taken to trial, all evidence will be publicly conducted.

Mr. Batton then commented that even as public as the Sheriff's position is, candidates are applying for a job and personnel laws apply. He said the applicant's information is part of a confidential procedure. He stated only the applicants themselves could release their confidentiality.

Commissioner Foy stated he has advocated for swift closure into the investigation of former Sheriff Green in order that the Board may make a fair and accurate candidate selection. He asked how the Board would be aware of others potentially involved in the investigation until the results are made public.

Commissioner McGhee stated she was not prepared to name/appoint a Sheriff at this time, but felt it important to get the "process in motion."

6. APPOINTMENTS

Firemen's Relief Fund

The Board was asked to consider an appointment to the Local Firemen's Relief Fund Board of Trustees. Bunn Fire Chief Ken Pearce, on behalf of the Bunn Rural Fire Department, recommended the appointment of Kevin Alford to fill the unexpired term of Tim Edwards.

Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to appoint Kevin Alford to the Local Firemen's Relief Fund Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term of Tim Edwards. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

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.

Clerk to the Board Kristen G. King: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Foy: No comments were offered.

Commissioner David Bunn: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Lancaster: No comments were offered.

Commissioner McGhee: Commissioner McGhee reported on a recent meeting of the Five County Mental Health Board. She said final numbers had been received from the State for the Local Management Entities (LME's) which are the groups that manage the entities that provide mental health services. She said the final reduction was \$1,940,959 from the State and said a grave concern is that promised monies set aside in fund balance to pay retirees insurance would not be touched. She said the funds must still be "discovered" and that services could not be cut. Additionally, she reported Five County Mental Health is joining, in January 2012, with a group that already has a Medicaid waiver. She said doing so will be a significant change in the way mental health services are provided as well as the makeup of the mental health board. At some point, action by the Board will be needed.

Commissioner Swanson: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Dunston: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Mitchell: No comments were offered.

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

- Mrs. Harris distributed a brief summary regarding Hurricane Irene. She commended Emergency Services Director Randy Likens.
- She commented that she recently accepted an award on behalf of the County at the annual conference of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. The 2011 Property Pool Award recognized the County for having the lowest number of vehicles claims.
- Mrs. Harris also recognized the Finance Department for receiving the CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) for twelve consecutive years. A presentation will be made at a later date.
- Lastly, she commented on the presentation offered earlier by the Arts Council. She said members have been active and engaging in the community.

County Attorney Darnell Batton mentioned events planned in observance of the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. All events will be held on September 11, 2011.

- 2:00pm Louisburg Fire Department
- 3:00pm Franklin County Courthouse
- 4:00pm Shannon Road Highest Praise Church

8. CLOSED SESSION

The Board was asked to consider entering into closed session pursuant to the following North Carolina General Statutes.

- A. North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a)(6), in order for the Board to discuss a personnel matter.
- B. North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location and/or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the County, including agreements on a tentative lists of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations.

Commissioner Swanson made the motion to enter into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a)(6), in order for the Board to discuss a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and carried 6 to 1, with Commissioner Foy voting "NO."

Commissioner Lancaster made the motion to enter into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location and/or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the County, including agreements on a tentative lists of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and carried 6 to 1, with Commissioner Foy voting "NO."

At approximately 7:56 P.M., the Board entered into closed session.

At approximately 9:06 P.M., Commissioner Swanson made the motion to enter back into open session, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

County Attorney Darnell Batton stated in closed session the Board adopted the following public statement.

"The Board will begin a process for appointment of Sheriff immediately. This Board has designated September 14, 2011 at 5:00 P.M. as the cutoff for submitting names for consideration for the position of Sheriff. Each person considered must submit an application for the position which is available at the Human Resources Office. This application can replace or be added to the submissions previously offered at the election of each candidate. The application is due in the office of the County Manager by September 14, 2011 at 5:00 P.M. in order to be considered."

Commissioner Lancaster made the statement (above) in the form of a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

At approximately 9:07 P.M., Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

Sidney E. Dunston, Chair

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board

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