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The Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina met in regular session at 7:30 P. M. in the Superior Courtroom of the Franklin County Courthouse with the following Commissioners present: Chairman Robert L. Swanson, Vice Chairman James G. Hardy, Commissioner Harry L. Foy, Jr., Commissioner Ronald W. Goswick and Commissioner George T. Wynne.

Upon motion by Commissioner Goswick, seconded by Commissioner Hardy with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the minutes of the meetings held January 6, 18, & 20, 1992 approved.

Lucy Allen, Mayor, Town of Louisburg, appeared before the Board to request dedication of right-of-way for Johnson Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Hardy, seconded by Commissioner Goswick with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve dedication of right-of-way of Johnson Street from South Main Street to Wade Avenue to the Town of Louisburg.

Scott May, Phillips, Booth & May, presented the Franklin County audit for fiscal year ended June 30, 1991.

Upon motion by Commissioner Goswick, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve amend Contract To Audit Accounts, as presented by Phillips, Booth & May, to reflect that audits performed and report of audit submitted by January 31, 1992.

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Proper notice having been given, this is the time and place set for a public hearing to obtain the views and comments of citizens regarding the economic development needs of the county.

Chairman Swanson declared public hearing open at 7:45 P. M. and recognized Economic Development Director Bob Heuts who made comments regarding applying for economic development funds under the North Carolina Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program.

Chairman Swanson then called for public comments and no one spoke.

Chairman Swanson declared public hearing closed at 7:50 P. M.

Roxanne Bragg-Cash, Director, Franklin County Department of Aging and Glenn Osborne, Director of the Franklin County Social Services Department, appeared before the Board concerning Home and Community Care Block Grant.

Upon motion by Commissioner Hardy, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the following items, as recommended by the Franklin County Department of Aging and Franklin County Social Services Department approved:

1. Actions taken by the Franklin County Commissioners be effective for Fiscal Year 1992-1993. The results of these actions be evaluated by the Advisory Council and presented to the Board of Commissioners for reconsideration for Fiscal Year 1993-1994.
2. Recommend the Area Agency on Aging's Office located at the Region K Council of Governments be designated as Agency with lead responsibility for Fiscal Year 1992-1993.
3. Recommend the following persons to serve on the Advisory Council: Roxanne Bragg-Cash, Glenn Osborne, Mattie Woodard, Ronnie Goswick, Anita Flayer, Cindy Tharrington.
4. Recommend the Advisory Council be required to devise a funding formula for distribution of any future in-home aide expansion funds included in the Block Grant.

Upon motion by Commissioner Goswick, seconded by Commissioner Hardy with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the following resolution regarding excessive, bureaucratic red tape and governmental paperwork adopted:

**RESOLUTION
FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGARDING EXCESSIVE BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE
AND GOVERNMENTAL PAPERWORK**

WHEREAS, the Alexander v. Flaherty Court Order and Consent Agreement creates unnecessary regulations and paperwork for the administration of the Aid to Families with Dependent Children and Medicaid Programs in North Carolina and, in effect, drastically impedes the timely receipt of aid to citizens in need;and,

WHEREAS, the Alexander v. Flaherty Court Order superimposes another elaborage, bureaucratic process of steps and procedures on top of burdensome state regulations and procedures, and these procedures represent a moving away from central needs of cliental toward meeting demands of processing deadlines themselves; and,

WHEREAS, Franklin County and the entire state of North Carolina is experiencing a significant increase in requests for financial assistance in Alexander v. Flaherty and state regulations serve as a barrier to meeting our citizens' needs; whereas, forms required for an Aid to Families with Dependent Children application has risen from three to over eighty (including superimposed steps and procedures from Alexander v. Flaherty); and

WHEREAS, the administration cost of processing an Aid to Families with Dependent Children case has nearly doubled between 1982 and 1988; and,

WHEREAS, cutting paperwork at the local level would mean better, faster and more cost-effective delivery of public assistance;and,

WHEREAS, county taxpayers, needy county citizens and county social services staff are equally carrying the burden of excessive, unnecessary and costly paperwork and regulations generated from the State and Alexander v. Flaherty Court Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of the citizens of Franklin County, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners resolves to:

1. Request that program policy derived from court orders, consents, judgements, and settlement agreements be eliminated where possible and the remainder be simplified to assure that citizens in Franklin County as well as North Carolina are served humanely, efficiently, and expeditiously. Humane and compassionate treatment of potentially eligible citizens should be the first principle of policy formulation and a guide to possible policy elimination.

2. Request that simplification be the key to better program design and relief from the Alexander V. Flaherty Court Order, and that we should take a stand and focus on dealing only with minimum federal requirements.
3. Request that only counties with an average application processing time above the federally-mandated 45-60 day time frames, be sanctioned by Alexander v. Flaherty monitoring. The counties that are found to be out of compliance be given a reasonable time to conform to monitoring standards and receive intensive supervision from the state.
4. Call upon state officials to aggressively advocate for simplification of Social Services programs with federal officials, who must equally be involved in solving this problem.

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5. Request support, at the federal level, for House Bill 4046, and Senate Bill 1883, which may lead to uniform program rules across AFDC, Medicaid and Food Stamp Programs.
6. Call upon our state and federal legislators to assist where possible in decisions to reduce administrative duplication, promote coordination of eligibility services and remove barriers which restrict the access of pregnant women, children and families to benefits under the Food Stamp, AFDC and Medicaid programs and that identify program rules which would achieve uniformity across all programs.
7. Requests that state officials vigorously pursue the Resource Management methodologies to simplify programs, decrease paperwork and eliminate unnecessary regulations.
8. Requests that our county social services staff be given the opportunity to restore the dignity of the citizen in need and promote self-sufficiency when possible. This would require elimination of policy that presumes discouragement and the restoration of faith in social services staff to make sound professional decisions which promote the self esteem and dignity of our citizens in need.
9. Ask that the North Carolina Board of Social Services Association, North Carolina County Commissioners Association, North Carolina Directors of Social Services Association and North Carolina Social Services Association continue to work together to seek total relief from the Alexander v. Flaherty Court Order and Settlement Agreement. ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE THIS 3rd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1992.

Angie Callihan, Director of Emergency Medical Services, appeared before the Board to request the Board designate her to serve as liaison between the county and other agencies on matters pertaining to fire departments.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Hardy with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the following resolution adopted:

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE FRANKLIN COUNTY DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AS LIAISON BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE DIVISION AND THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO FIRE DEPARTMENTS

WHEREAS, various reports are to be filed-with the Department of Insurance and the State Firemen's Association to receive the full benefit of various state programs; and

WHEREAS, G. S. 118-1.1 authorizes the governing body to designate the individual to perform any acts pursuant to Chapter 118 where there is no clerk, and the Clerk to the Board does not perform these functions and must rely upon the Director of Emergency Services; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services, who serves also as Fire Marshall, is the most appropriate individual on the Franklin County Staff to perform these tasks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County that the Franklin County Director of Emergency Services, is hereby designated to perform for the clerk and otherwise any act pursuant to Chapter 118 of the North Carolina General Statutes which county governments must perform to ensure that all benefits accruing to the Franklin County Fire Districts are obtained; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be filed with the Department of Insurance to assist in the expeditious handling of these and all related administrative matters.

ADOPTED this the 3rd day of February, 1992.

Ms. Callihan also requested the Board to increase rates for ambulance services for the Franklin County Emergency Medical Services.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Goswick with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the following rates approved for the Franklin County Ambulance Services:

Basic Life Support - \$100 + \$2.00 per mile outside of county for resident
Basic Life Support - \$110 + \$3.00 per mile outside of county for non-resident
Advance Life Support - \$135 + \$2.00 per mile outside of county for resident
Advance Life Support - \$145 + \$3.00 per mile outside of county for non-resident
Oxygen - \$15
Waiting charge after first hour - \$20 per hour or portion of

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Upon motion by Commissioner Goswick, seconded by Commissioner Hardy with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the following resolution endorsing use of asphalt-rubber approved:

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE USE OF ASPHALT-RUBBER

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners endorses and fully supports the recovery of our resources through recycling methods which are beneficial to the environment and from which an economic benefit may be derived; and,

WHEREAS, Asphalt-Rubber, as defined by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), is a "blend of asphalt cement, reclaimed tire rubber and certain additives in which the rubber component is at least 15% by weight of the total blend"; and,

WHEREAS, the use of Asphalt-Rubber in the United States and Europe has proven to be beneficial for extension of pavement life, for reduced pavement maintenance, for over 75% highway noise reduction, and for the rehabilitation of severely damaged highways; and,

WHEREAS, the Surface Transportation Act of 1991 mandates the use of reclaimed tire rubber in federally funded highway projects in all states at the scheduled rate of 5% in 1994, 10% in 1995, 15% in 1996 and 20% in 1997 and every year thereafter, and mandates that funds will be withheld from states not achieving these goals; and,

WHEREAS, the expanded use of tires in Asphalt-Rubber would rid our state of unsightly and environmentally damaging tire piles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin County Board of Commissioners hereby endorse the use of Asphalt-Rubber and requests that the North Carolina Department of Transportation allow AsphaltRubber pavement to be specified immediately in projects in our county where the use of such AsphaltRubber as designed and bonded by an experienced, reliable, and bondable Asphalt-Rubber supplier, will achieve an economic benefit measured in immediate cost savings and long-term maintenance cost reductions.

ADOPTED this the 3rd day of February, 1992.

Chairman Swanson appointed Commissioner Wynne and Commissioner Foy to serve as members of an Ad Hoc Regional Landfill Committee that will be responsible for fine-tuning the recommendations of the Solid Waste Committee regarding a regional landfill.

Upon motion by Commissioner Hardy, seconded by Commissioner Goswick with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve road petition for addition to state system of road located off SR1001, Margaret Community, Cypress Creek Township and forward to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for evaluation and review.

Upon motion by Commissioner Goswick, seconded by Commissioner" Hardy with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the following budget amendment approved after recommendation from County Manager Radford requesting salary increase for Register of Deeds Martha Shearin; after salary survey comparing surrounding counties and statewide counties demonstrated the average salary to be \$31,277.43:

Increase Annual Salary to \$31,277.43

Increase to fiscal year end \$1,420.00

FICA and Retirement to fiscal year end \$241.26

TOTAL AMENDMENT IN CURRENT FISCAL YEAR \$1,661.26

Franklin County Sheriff Robert Redmond and Walter Moorman, Economic Development Planner, Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments, appeared before the Board to discuss the establishment of a City/County Bureau of Investigation and a Franklin County Child Abuse Response Team. Revenues for the CCBI would be 75% federal grant and a 25% local share, the local share to be funded by Franklin County, Town of Louisburg, Town of Bunn, and Town of Youngsville. The total project costs for the first year to be \$97,956 and for the second year the costs would be \$77,263. The Child Abuse Response Team would be funded 100% by a Federal Grant, with the total costs for the first year being \$166,912 and \$150,101 for the second year.

Upon motion by Commissioner Goswick, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried authorize the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments to file a pre-application for a federal grant to fund the Franklin County Child Abuse Response Team and the City/County Bureau of Investigation.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Hardy with all present voting "AYE" duly carried, upon the recommendation of County Manager Radford A. J. Perkinson employed to serve as the Franklin County Veteran's Service Officer at an annual salary of \$15,000.00.

Chester Davis, Chairman, Franklinton City Board of Education; Peggy McGhee, Superintendent of the Franklinton City School System; Jack Simmons, Chairman, Franklin County Board of Education, and Gene Allen, Superintendent of the Franklin County School System appeared before the Board regarding school merger consulting firms.

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Upon motion by Commissioner Goswick, seconded by Commissioner Hardy with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the following three school merger firms accepted as submitted by both the Franklin County Board of Education and the Franklinton City Board of Education, and after review by the Board of Commissioners, request for proposals to go out:

Dr. Delma Blinson Rural Education Institute Associates School of Education East Carolina University 28802 Greenville, NC 27834 NC	Dr. Ben Quinn, Interim Superintendent Bertie County Schools P. O. Box 10 Bertie Industrial Park Windsor, 27983	Dr. Andy Miller Education Planning P. O. Box 801 Asheville, NC
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There being no further business to come before the Board, adjournment recorded at 10:00 P. M.