

DECEMBER 1, 1997

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Moss with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the minutes of the meeting of November 17, 1997, approved.

Chairman Hardy stated that General Statute 153A-39 provides that an organizational meeting for the purpose of electing the Board's officers shall be held during the first meeting in December. Chairman Hardy requested that County Manager Leary serve as the presiding officer for the purpose of conducting the election of the Chairman of the Board for the next twelve months.

Mr. Leary called for nominations for Chairman of the Board.

Commissioner Moss nominated Commissioner Hardy to serve as chairman.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried close the nominations and elect Commissioner Hardy by acclamation to serve as Chairman of the Board for the next twelve months.

Chairman Hardy assumed the chairmanship and called for nominations for vice chairman.

Commissioner Swanson nominated Commissioner Moss.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all present voting "AYE" duly carried close the nominations and elect Commissioner Moss by acclamation to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board for the next twelve months.

County Manager Leary advised the Board that 'General Statutes require the Board to approve public officials bonds which are in effect for certain County employees. The Board discussed the amount of the bonds now in effect and agreed that the amounts of the bonds for certain officials may need to be increased.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Moss with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the following bonds for certain County officials and employees be approved and that the amounts of these bonds be reviewed for possible amendment at a later date:

Finance Director	\$50,000.00
Tax Collector	\$25,000.00
Deputy Tax Collector	\$ 10,000.00
Tax Clerk	\$10,000.00
Tax Clerk	\$10,000.00
Registrar of Deeds	\$10,000.00

Sheriff

\$25,000.00

Mr. Dave Woodard appeared before the Board with comments regarding county government. He commented on the investigation of the Tax Collector's Office and the revaluation. He stated that the County had been given a blank check for the operation of county government. Several other citizens also made similar comments.

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Proper notice having been given this is the time and place for a public hearing to receive comments on a proposed Animal Control Ordinance.

Chairman Hardy declared the public hearing open and recognized Mr. Keith Patton, Health Director, who made comments regarding the proposed ordinance.

Chairman Hardy then called for public comments and the following people spoke:

- 1) Grady Macon, 1825 Tarboro Road, Youngsville, NC
how many animal control officers; where are animals taken when picked up;
how long are animals held
- 2) Emily Dellamont, 800 Fiddlers Way, Youngsville, NC
owners of hunting dogs should be fined if dogs go on someone else's property;
Sheriff's Department should be called to retrieve dogs on posted property
- 3) Charles Hillard, Epsom, NC
dogs cannot read and don't know that the land is posted
- 4) Mr. Tyro, Epsom, NC
when he calls Animal Control they put him on hold; why don't the Animal Control
Officers pick strays up
- 5) Wayne West, Louisburg, NC
telephone lines are always busy at the Health Department
- 6) Ron Thompson, Louisburg, NC
what is the cost to retrieve dogs from the animal shelter
- 7) Frank Poyer, Louisburg, NC
owners must take responsibility for their animals; has eight strays at his home

There being no further comments Chairman Hardy declared the public hearing closed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Moss with all present voting "AYE" duly carried adopt **FRANKLIN COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE**, effective January 1, 1998, with a \$7.00 boarding fee to be charged for the balance of this fiscal year; copy of the ordinance found in the Franklin County Ordinance Book.

Mr. Tommy Piper, Chairman of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, presented, on behalf of the Advisory Committee, a proposed plan to initiate a program of billing for individuals who are transported by emergency services providers. Under the proposed plan, a portion of the revenues derived from these transports would be made available to individual rescue squads to be used to replace ambulances, acquire major items of equipment or used in other ways to enhance the services provided to the citizens. Mr. Piper advised that all the rescue squads had been provided a copy of the proposed billing plan.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried that the proposed billing plan for individuals who are transported by emergency medical services providers be taken under advisement and considered at the next meeting of the Board.

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Mr. Billy Craft, Board of Elections Supervisor, advised the Board that the General Assembly was requiring that every county in the state be capable of being a part of the State Elections Information Management System. Mr. Craft advised that the State Board of Elections would pay for the cost incurred for the Wide Area Network connection because Franklin County is a pilot site.

Upon motion by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried accept the State Elections Information Management System and agree to continue participation in maintaining a connection with the statewide voter registration system.

Mr. Glen Gullie, Prepaid Legal Services, Inc., presented a proposed group legal benefit plan for County employees. The plan would make legal services available to employees and their families on a voluntary payroll deduction basis. There would be no cost to the County for this benefit.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all present voting "AYE" duly carried make available to County employees a group legal plan with Prepaid Legal Services, Inc. on a voluntary payroll deduction basis at no cost to the County.

Mr. Chuck Murray, Finance Director, appeared before the Board to request approval of a budget ordinance amendment.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Moss with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approved **BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NUMBER ELEVEN (11)**; copy of budget ordinance amendment found in Budget Ordinance Book.

Upon motion by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all president voting "AYE" duly carried the following appointments made to the Health Board:

Cecila Boone
Elyse Goldman

L. S. Ward, Sr.
Mamie J. Jones
Kevin C. Martin
William A. Sayles

reappointments - three-year terms - expiring December, 2000

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the following appointments made to the Work First Planning Committee:

Delia Hunter Edwards-Allen
Barbara Wood

County Manager Leary presented information pertaining to the proposals for the installation of a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system and a mapping component to augment the E-911 emergency telephone system. The proposals have been reviewed and demonstrated for the benefit of the individuals who will be operating the system. Mr. Leary stated that it was felt that the County would benefit from implementing its CAD and mapping systems with software that would integrate more efficiently with that which the County already uses. He further stated that these are eligible costs which can be paid for with the E-911 surcharge revenue. One vendor, Vision Software, Inc. which had installed the software for the existing records management system had offered to update that operating software from DOS to Windows NT at no expense to

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the County. This value added benefit, estimated at approximately \$30,000, will ensure a seamless interface with other system components.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Moss with all present voting "AYE" duly carried accept the proposal from Vision Software, Inc. in the amount of \$133,385 for the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system and mapping component upon confirmation of the final amount inclusive of the updating of the current DOS operating system..

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Moss with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve the forwarding of a petition for addition to State System for College Drive, off NC Highway 56 at Vance-Granville Community College Satellite and a petition for addition to State System for Windsong Lane in the Pinecroft Subdivision, NC Highway 96, to the North Carolina Board of Transportation for its consideration.

The Board discussed an amendment to the lease agreement between Shannon Village Shopping Center and the County of Franklin that would permit the Louisburg Senior Center to expand by leasing an additional 3,000 square feet adjacent to the space currently occupied. The amendment provides for the leasing of this space at the same rate per square foot which is currently being paid. The funds for this additional space are appropriated in the current year's budget.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve the amendment to the lease between Shannon Village Shopping Center and the County of Franklin for the rental of an additional 3,000 square feet for the Louisburg Senior Citizens Center and extending the lease agreement until December, 2005.

The Board reviewed an ordinance which had been drafted pursuant to General Statute 153A-443 upon request of the Sheriff which redesignates the site of the traditional courthouse door as the front door of the Sheriff's Department for the purpose of auctioning personal property items which have been confiscated, seized or found by the Sheriff's Department. The purpose for the request for a redesignation of the site is a matter of convenience.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Moss with all present voting "AYE" duly carried adopt ordinance entitled **"ORDINANCE REDESIGNATING SITE OF COURTHOUSE DOOR FOR SHERIFF'S SALES OF CONFISCATED, SEIZED OR FOUND PROPERTY UNDER CHAPTER 15, ARTICLE 2 OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTES;** copy of the ordinance is found in Ordinance Book.

County Manager Leary informed the Board that he and County Attorney Batton had developed a proposed cable television ordinance which would be applicable to unincorporated areas of the County. The proposed ordinance provides for certain local regulations of cable television and requires that all providers obtain a franchise from the County. He stated that the Board may wish to schedule a public hearing prior to considering adoption of this ordinance.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Moss with all present voting "AYE" duly carried that a public hearing on the proposed cable television ordinance be held during the meeting of the Board on January 5, 1998.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Moss with all present voting "AYE" duly carried that the Board of Commissioners' regularly scheduled meeting for Monday, December 15, 1997, be canceled.

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Pursuant to the North Carolina General Statutes, the Board accepted the tax collections report for the month of November as presented.

Upon motion by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Wynne, voting "AYE" Commissioner Moss, Commissioner Wynne, Commissioner Swanson, Commissioner Hardy; voting "NO" Commissioner Foy that the Board go into Closed Session pursuant to General Statute 143-318. 11 (a) (6) to consider the performance of a public employee.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Moss with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the Board reconvened into regular session and Chairman Hardy stated that no action to be taken as a result of the Closed Session.

