

JUNE 1, 1998

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Moss with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the minutes of the Board meeting held on May 18, 1998, approved.

Upon motion by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the Board adopt resolutions of congratulations for the valedictorians from the area high schools as follows: Jeremy Heuts, Bunn High; Elizabeth Taylor, Franklinton High and Jamie Howard, Louisburg High; copies of resolutions attached and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Fred Hobbs, Consultant with the engineering firm of Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, appeared before the Board to discuss his firm's recommendations for an alternate water supply for the County. Mr. Hobbs, along with County officials, had participated in discussions with the City of Henderson regarding a proposed agreement for the sale of water from the City of Henderson to the County.

Ms. Lucy Allen, Mayor of Louisburg, was present and requested that the Board of Commissioners consider the impact that the proposed contract between the City of Henderson and Franklin County for the sale of water would have on the municipalities in the County. Mayor Allen stated that if the cost of the water was too high there would be a negative impact on economic development in the County - She further stated that the officials of the Town of Louisburg were available to assist the County officials in the pursuit of an alternate water supply.

County Attorney Batton stated that he had concerns with Paragraphs Six and Eleven of the proposed agreement for the sale of water between the City of Henderson and Franklin County, and he stated that he would like to have the opportunity to discuss these items with the Henderson City Attorney to have the wording changed before the Board considered accepting the proposed agreement.

Chairman Hardy concurred with statements by the County Attorney and other Commissioners and tabled action on the proposed agreement for the sale of water between the City of Henderson and Franklin County until a later date.

Ms. Lucy Allen, Mayor of Louisburg, requested that the County consider sharing the cost of the construction of steps and a handicap ramp leading from Johnson Street to Market Street. She stated that because of the location of the Courthouse and the Courthouse Annex in that area there was a great need for the steps and the ramp. She further stated that the Town was requesting that the Department of Transportation also participate in the construction. The Board requested that cost estimates and design be submitted to the County Manager's Office.

Mr. Dennis Tabron, representative of REEP, appeared before the Board to provide additional information regarding that organization's request for a swimming pool to be made available for

recreation purposes. Mr. Tabron had obtained cost figures for various size pools. After discussion, the Board advised that this matter would be discussed during the deliberations on the proposed 1998-1999 budget.

Ms. Mary Jane Jennings, representative of the Tar-Pamlico River Basin Regional Council, presented information regarding the proposed staffing of a Tar-Pamlico River Extension Environmental Education Team. Ms. Jennings requested the County's support for advocating the establishment of the positions through the Cooperative

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Extension Service. The positions requested consist of one Basin-Wide Coordinator, three area Extension Environmental Education Agents and one Habitat Specialist. She

requested that the County send letters of support to representatives of the North Carolina General Assembly for the creation of the positions which would be funded by the State.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Moss with all present voting "AYE" duly carried advocate the funding of positions to create a TarPamlico River Extension Environmental Education Team and that letters of support be sent to representatives of the North Carolina General Assembly encouraging the creation of these positions.

County Manager Leary advised the Board that the Board of Education had solicited bids for a water line to serve the new Cedar Creek Middle School, and at the County's request had solicited bids for a ten and twelve inch line to allow for sufficient water to be provided in that area to serve users in the future in addition to the school. The Board of Education had agreed to appropriate funds in an amount required for an eight inch line which is sufficient for the school, and the County needs to appropriate funds for the upsizing of the line in the amount of \$61,578.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Moss with all present voting "AYE" duly carried authorize the County's participation in the construction of a water line to Cedar Creek Middle School in the amount of \$61,578.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Moss with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the following appointments made to the Transportation Advisory Council for the purpose of updating the four-year transportation plan for KARTS:

Ruth Murphy	Mental Health
Wendy Campbell	Senior Services
Cindy Tharrington	Social Services
Lisa Perdue	Health Department

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Moss with all present voting "AYE" duly carried an additional appointment made to the Transportation Advisory Council:

Chuck Murray	Finance
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Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the following appointment made to the Department of Aging Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Anita Flayer:

William Green

Term to expire November, 1998

County Manager Leary reported to the Board on the needed renovations of the Courthouse due to inadequate heating, electrical and plumbing systems. He stated that proposals had been solicited from some architects and that review of the proposals indicated that the design work needs to be initiated immediately in order for the County to be in a position to consider awarding bids in the fall in order that the boiler can be replaced before winter. Proposals had been received from H. S. Annis Architect, Bob Wilund and Hayes, Seay, Mattern & Mattern to provide services for the renovation project. The proposed sum from H. S. Annis reflected a lump sum fee.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wynne, voting "AYE" Commissioner Swanson, Commissioner Wynne, Commissioner Swanson, Commissioner Hardy; voting "NO" Commissioner Foy engage the firm of H. S. Annis

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Architect to provide the design services for Courthouse renovation for a lump sum fee of \$26,800.00.

The Board scheduled a work session on the proposed 1998-1999 Budget for Tuesday, June 9, 1998, at 7:00 P. M. in the County Office Building.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried accept the tax collection report for the month of May, 1998.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve the tax releases and tax refunds for the month of May, 1998.

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

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 no action necessary as a result of the Closed Session.

Commissioner Foy requested that the County Manager determine the North Carolina Department of Transportation's interest regarding turning lanes at the two new middle schools.

There being no further business to come before the Board, adjournment recorded at 10:00

