

MARCH 2, 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, Commissioner Harry L. Foy, Jr., Commissioner Robert L. Swanson, Commissioner George T. Wynne. Vice Chairman James T. Moss was absent.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the minutes of the meetings held on February 16 and February 24, 1998, approved.

Dr. Philip Stover, Chairman of the Strategic Plan Steering Committee, was present to present the completed plan. Dr. Stover stated that it had taken approximately eighteen months for the Steering Committee to complete its work. The plan lists the specific goals and the what, who and how these goals are to be accomplished. He further stated that a Strategic Plan Review Committee should be created for the purpose of periodically reviewing the County's progress in accomplishing the goals and objectives contained in the plan. The plan was developed by county citizens in consultation with Mr. Mack Simpson of the Rural Development Institute of East Carolina University. Mr. Simpson was also in attendance and made comments regarding the plan and the importance of implementing the goals and objectives outlined in the plan. He stated that a Strategic Plan Review Committee consisting of approximately 10-12 members should be appointed as soon as possible to begin the implementation process.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wynne, voting "AYE" Commissioner Swanson, Commissioner Wynne, Commissioner Hardy, voting "NO" Commissioner Foy accept the Strategic Plan as developed by the Strategic Plan Steering Committee and that Dr. Stover and Mr. Simpson provide the names of members of the Strategic Plan Steering Committee that they recommend for consideration for appointment to the Strategic Plan Review Committee at the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Bob Wilund, Architect with the LPA Group, appeared before the Board and presented the following bid summary received for the renovation of the former Jail/Sheriff's Department facility:

Patriot Building Company, Inc.	\$ 469,500.00
D. A. Thomas Construction	\$ 490,000.00
H. G. Reynolds Company, Inc.	\$ 496,000.00
Able Construction	\$ 499,900.00
Group III Management, Inc.	\$ 518,900.00
Cade, Inc.	\$ 583,400.00

Mr. Wilund stated that the proposed renovations were for approximately 4,000 square feet on the ground floor and approximately 5,000 square feet on the second floor. He further stated that he had negotiated the initial low bid to \$436,650.00.

In response to questions by the Board regarding the condition of the roof on this building, Mr. Wilund stated that he had been advised by the County Maintenance Department that the roof was in good condition and there were no leaks.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, voting "AYE" Commissioner Wynne, Commissioner Swanson, Commissioner Hardy, voting "NO" Commissioner Foy contingent upon inspection of roof to ensure that there are no leaks, pursuant to the architect's recommendation award bid for the renovation of the former Jail/Sheriff s Department facility to Patriot Building Company in the amount of \$436,650.00,

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Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the following reappointments made to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee:

Robert Kinton
Donald Lancaster
R. G. Leary
Randy Likens

Three-Year Term - March, 1998 - March, 2001

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the following reappointment made to the Solid Waste Education Task Force:

Mary Jane Jennings

Two-Year Term, March, 1998 - March, 2000

In accordance with policies and procedures established by the State Division of Aging for the Home and Community Care Block Grant funds, the Board is required to annually adopt a resolution designating an agency or office with lead responsibility for planning and coordination in the development of the County Aging Funding Plan. The Department of Aging was designated as the lead agency in the previous year.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all present voting "AYE" duly carried adopt resolution entitled "**RESOLUTION HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT FOR OLDER ADULTS**" designating the County Department of Aging as the lead agency for the responsibility for planning and coordination in the development of the County Aging Funding Plan; the resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

The Board established the following dates and times as the time for the Board of Commissioners to convene as the Board of Equalization and Review with all meetings to be held in the Conference Room of the County Office Building, 215 East Nash Street:

Tuesday, April 7	7:00 P. M. - 9:30 P. M.
Wednesday, April 8	3:00 P. M. - 7:00 P. M.
Thursday, April 9	7:00 P. M. - 9:30 P. M.
Tuesday, April 14	7:00 P. M. - 9:30 P. M.

Wednesday, April 15
Thursday, April 16

7:00 P. M. - 9:30 P. M.
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Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried accept and approve the tax collection report for the month of February, 1998.

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

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

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As a part of the Work First Program, the State of North Carolina has made available additional funds for the Transportation needs of the participants of the Work First Program. As a part of the application that the County Department of Social Services is preparing that would enable the County to receive approximately \$6,500, it is necessary for the Board to adopt a resolution authorizing this application.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried adopt resolution entitled "APPLICANT SEEKING PERMISSION TO APPLY AND ACCEPT SYF 1997-98 WORK FIRST/EMPLOYMENT TRANSPORTATION OPERATING FUNDS"; copy of the resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried adopt resolutions authorizing the filing of applications to apply for Emergency Loan funds and Revolving Fund Loan funds totaling \$5,100,000.00. These funds are available through the State of North Carolina Clean Water Bonds. The resolutions are attached and made a part of these minutes.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wynne, voting "AYE" Commissioner Swanson, Commissioner Wynne, Commissioner Hardy, voting "NO" Commissioner Foy the Board went into Closed Session pursuant to General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (5) in order that the Board may consider a matter of real property acquisition and pursuant to General Statute 143-318. 11 (a) (3) to consult with its attorneys in the matter of Arnold v. Franklin County.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the Board reconvened into regular session.

Chairman Hardy recognized the County Attorney to outline the terms of a proposed settlement of the matter of Arnold vs. Franklin County.

Mr. Batton stated that it is proposed that the County settle the lawsuit Arnold v. Franklin County with the purchase of the Donald & Connie Arnold property located adjacent to the Franklin

County Airport at a cost of \$200,000; this action does not admit a liability on the part of the County and does not constitute a partial or full taking of this property; the property will be needed for future expansion of the airport; the State of North Carolina will provide 90% or \$180,000 of the funds needed for the settlement, with Franklin County to pay 10% or \$20,000.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, voting "AYE" Commissioner Wynne, Commissioner Swanson, Commissioner Hardy; voting "NO" Commissioner Foy approve the terms of the settlement of Arnold vs. Franklin County, approve BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NUMBER TWENTYFOUR (24), and direct the County Manager to investigate the possibility of the land purchased from Donald & Connie Arnold adjacent to the Franklin County Airport being used for recreational purposes; copy of budget amendment found in the Budget Ordinance Book.

There being no further business to come before the Board, adjournment recorded at 9:30 P.M.