

MAY 4, 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 and Commissioner George T. Wynne.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Moss with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the minutes of the meetings held on April 20 and 21, 1998, approved.

The Franklin County Chapter of the North Carolina Home Builders Association requested that the County join with the State of North Carolina in declaring the month of May as Affordable Housing Month by the adoption of a proclamation. Ms. Becky Gilbert, representative of the Franklin County Home Builders Association, was present to accept the proclamation.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried adopt Proclamation declaring the month of May as Affordable Housing Month in Franklin County.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all present voting "AYE" duly carried Commissioner James T. Moss, Jr. reappointed to serve a three-year term, July 1, 1998 - June 30, 2001, on the Franklin County Social Services Board.

The Kerr Area Transportation Authority is required to update its four-year transportation plan and it is necessary that a Transportation Advisory Council be created to update this plan. Each of the counties being served by the Authority are to appoint six people. The Authority has provided a list which outlines categories from which appointees should be considered. The Board tabled action on this matter until the next meeting to allow time to contact potential appointees.

County Manager Leary advised that Board that the County had received a proposal from the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments to provide administrative services for the Economic Development Administration's grant for financial assistance in the construction of water transmission mains. The proposal was in an amount not to exceed \$28,000. Mr. Leary further advised that the Council of Governments was primarily responsible for the completion of the grant application and for communications with EDA during its evaluation of the application and was familiar with the proposal and the requirements for ensuring compliance with the EDA rules and regulations.

Upon motion by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all present voting "AYE" duly carried accept the proposal from the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments for the administration of the Economic Development Administration's grant for financial assistance in the construction of water transmission mains in an amount not to exceed \$28,000.

County Manager Leary advised the Board that the County had received a proposal from the CPA firm of Holden, Moss, Knott, Clark & Taylor to audit the financial records of the County for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 1998, at a cost of \$25,000. Mr. Leary further advised that the

proposed fee for this audit work is increased approximately 16% due to additional work required to audit the Water & Sewer Fund and other special projects funds.

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Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Moss, voting "AYE" Commissioner Swanson, Commissioner Moss, Commissioner Wynne, Commissioner Hardy, voting "NO" Commissioner Foy accept the proposal from the CPA firm of Holden, Moss, Knott, and Taylor to audit the County's financial records for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 1998, at a cost of \$25,000.

County Manager Leary advised the Board that the County had taken a Deed of Trust for property on which a dwelling was located which had been rehabilitated with Community Development Block Grant funds. The requirements under CDBG regulations state that the house and lot may not be sold for a period of eight years, but the restriction does not apply to excess land beyond that which is required for the building site. The owner of this property desires to divest herself of 1.56 acres of the approximately 24 acres and it is necessary that the Board approve release deeds on this property.

Upon motion by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, voting "AYE" Commissioner Moss, Commissioner Swanson, Commissioner Wynne, Commissioner Hardy; voting "NO" Commissioner Foy approve the current and future release deeds on this property and authorize the County Manager to execute on behalf of the County.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Moss with all present voting "AYE" duly carried adopt a proclamation proclaiming the week of May 17-23, 1998, as Emergency Medical Services Week in Franklin County.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Moss with all present voting "AYE" duly carried accept the Tax Collection Report for the month of April, 1998; approve the refunds list for the month of April, 1998; approve the releases for the month of April, 1998.

Mr. Dennis Tabron, representing the REEP Organization; appeared before the Board with petitions containing approximately 1,000 signatures requesting that the County install and maintain an outdoor public swimming pool, accessible and centrally located in Franklin County.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried that the Board of Commissioners to consider the possibility of funding for an outdoor public swimming pool during the upcoming budget deliberations.

There being no further business to come before the Board, adjournment recorded at 8:00 P. M.