

MAY 3, 1999

The Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina met in regular session at 7:30 P. M. in the Commissioners Meeting Room located in the County Administration Building with the following Commissioners present: Chairman James T. Moss, Jr., Vice Chairman Robert L. Swanson, Commissioner Harry L. Foy, Jr., Commissioner Edward Strickland, Commissioner George T. Wynne.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the following Consent Agenda items approved:

- A. Approval of minutes of meeting held on April 19, 1999.
- B. Acceptance of the Tax Collector's report for the month of April, 1999.
- C. Approval of list of releases and refunds for the month of April, 1999.

The following students were in attendance and were presented a certificate of award commemorating their participation in the 26th International Whistlers Convention held on April 17, 1999:

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| Casey Aycock | Josh Moore |
| Joseph Cutchins | Casey Rattz |
| Marquis Foster | John W. Benning |
| Krystal Hawkins | Joel Hayes |
| Joy Leonard | Bryce Masterman |
| Tyler Cooke | Hallum Dickens |
| Colby Moore | |

Mr. Fred Hobbs and Mr. Charles McGougan, with-the firm of Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, Consultant Engineers, were in attendance to update the Board on the progress of the water system expansion project.

As previously directed by the Board, Mr. Chuck Murray, Finance Director, was in attendance to present information regarding proposals solicited from qualified independent accounting firms for conducting the annual independent audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1999. Mr. Murray stated that the following two proposals were received:

Holden, Moss, Knott, Clark & Taylor	\$32,000
Mills Rouse & Company	\$32,504

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Moss with all present voting "AYE" duly carried upon the recommendation of the Finance Director engage the firm of Holden, Moss, Knott, Clark and Taylor at the low bid of \$32,000 to conduct the annual fiscal and compliance audit for the County; this engagement will be for a three-year period.

Mr. Murray also requested approval of Budget Ordinance Amendments Numbers 23, 24 and 25.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NUMBER 23; copy of amendment found in the Budget Ordinance Book.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NUMBER 24; copy of amendment found in the Budget Ordinance Book.

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Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NUMBER 25; copy of amendment found in the Budget Ordinance Book.

Master John-William Benning and Miss Melanie-Lark Benning were in attendance to present a petition requesting financial support for the Franklin Community Children's Theater. After the presentation, the Board suggested that they try to obtain funds from the Franklin County Arts Council; to solicit local businesses and to apply for state grants that are available for such activities.

Proper notice having been given, this is the time and place set for a public hearing to receive comment regarding the official request from the Town of Franklinton for an extension of its extraterritorial jurisdiction boundaries.

Chairman Moss declared the public hearing open and called for comments and the following people spoke:

John Williamson, Attorney for the Town of Franklinton

The County Manager and the Town Administrator have agreed that the proposed ETJ boundaries conform to property lines; Franklinton can best govern its area

Bill Vance, Administrator, Town of Franklinton

good growth taking place in Franklinton at this time and the extension of the ETJ will be beneficial

Tom Capps, Raleigh, NC

stated he owns property and the proposed ETJ boundary runs through the property; has already begun the process of establishing affordable housing for low and moderate-income people on that property; is in the process of filing an application for a Community Development Block Grant Housing Development Program and if approved the funds would be used for infrastructure in that development; feels that the best use of this property is residential; will the rezoning

approval already received from the County be approved by the Town; request that Board prevent adverse impact to landowners

Chairman Moss called for further comments and hearing none declared the public hearing closed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Foy, seconded by Commissioner Strickland, voting "AYE" Commissioner Foy, Commissioner Strickland, Commissioner Moss; voting "NO" Commissioner Swanson, Commissioner Wynne, consideration of approval of revised ETJ boundaries for the Town of Franklinton be tabled until the next meeting in order that there can be clarification regarding questions raised during the public hearing.

Chairman Moss directed County Attorney Batton and Planning Director Ralph Willoughby to review issues raised regarding the revised ETJ boundaries for the Town of Franklinton and advise the Board.

Mr. Ralph Willoughby, Planning Director, appeared before the Board to present the Planning Board's recommendation regarding the options of high and low density development in watersheds as previously requested by the Board. Mr. Willoughby stated that the Planning Board recommended that the Board of Commissioners adopt the low-density option for development in watersheds. He further stated that the Planning

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Board also recommended that the low-density development be limited to non-residential uses and be provided on a first come, first served basis.

It was the consensus of the Board that members of the Planning Board consult with the Economic Development Commission members regarding the options of high and low density development in watersheds and return at a later date with a recommendation.

Commissioner Strickland had requested that a resolution urging the members of the General Assembly to provide full funding for the Low-Wealth Schools Supplemental Fund be prepared for consideration by the Board.

Upon motion by Commissioner Foy, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all present voting "AYE" duly carried adopt resolution entitled "RESOLUTION URGING SUPPORT FOR FULL FUNDING FOR THE LOW-WEALTH SCHOOLS SUPPLEMENTAL FUND"; a copy of the resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

County Manager Leary stated that the Board needed to establish a date for a joint meeting with the Franklin County Board of Education to receive information regarding the future capital outlay needs of the schools.

The Board set Thursday, May 13, 1999, at 7:00 P. M., in the Board of Education Meeting Room as the date for a joint meeting with the Board of Education to discuss the future capital outlay needs of the schools.

County Manager Leary stated that he had received lease agreements between the County and two individuals for a ground lease at the airport so that the lessees may construct a hangar to house their airplanes. Mr. Leary further stated that the lease is for a twenty year term with an option to renew, and the terms are consistent with those which apply to other individual leases.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve the ground lease agreements with Elbert M. Boyd, Jr. and Bruce Baldwin and authorize the Chairman to execute them on behalf of the County.

Commissioner Strickland had requested that information regarding a policy on the disclosure of conflicts of interest be scheduled on the agenda for discussion. After discussion, County Manager Leary and County Attorney Batton were instructed to develop a rules of procedure policy for consideration by the Board.

County Manager Leary stated that the Parks & Recreation Department had initiated an agreement with the Moose Lodge for the use of the ball field on the Moose Lodge property in order that the department may offer adult softball activities. Mr. Leary further stated that the Agreement was for a fifteen year period at the rate of \$1.00 per year.

Upon motion by Commissioner Foy, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve the lease agreement with the Moose Lodge for the use of the ball field and authorize the Chairman to execute it on behalf of the County.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Swanson; voting "AYE" Commissioner Wynne, Commissioner Swanson, Commissioner Moss, Commissioner Strickland; voting "NO" Commissioner Foy the Board went into Closed Session pursuant to General Statutes 143-318.11 (a) (5) and (6) to consider property acquisition and the performance of public employees.

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

Chairman Moss stated no action necessary as a result of the Closed Session.

The Board scheduled a workshop for Tuesday, May 18, 1999, at 7:30 P. M. in the Conference Room of the County Administration Building to discuss the Parks & Recreation Master Plan and In-House Revaluation.

Chairman Moss reported to the Board on a meeting he attended, along with Mayor Lucy Allen, with Secretary of Transportation Norris Tolson for discussions regarding the proposal of the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization that the Department of Transportation expedite work on the US 64 Bypass around Knightdale and the widening of a portion of NC 55 by suggesting that other projects be delayed in order to accomplish this. The widening of US 401 from Rolesville to Louisburg being one of the projects to be delayed. Chairman Moss encouraged everyone to continue to lobby Department of Transportation officials, the Franklin

County Legislative Delegation and anyone of influence that the widening of US 401 from Rolesville to Louisburg not be delayed.

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