

SEPTEMBER 20, 1999

The Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina, met in regular session at 7:30 P. M. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room 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 and 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. Minutes of the meeting of held on September 7, 1999.
- B. Adoption of a resolution establishing the Council on Physical Fitness.
- C. Approval of road petitions for Herbert Drive and Evelyn Court in Stalling Crossing to be added to the State System; petitions to be forwarded to the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Ms. Angie Callihan, Emergency Services Director, was in attendance and presented information regarding activities and events which took place in the County as a result of the threat imposed by Hurricane Floyd, and she gave a preliminary report on the extent of damages in the County. The damage to residential structures is estimated to be in excess of \$200,000.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Foy with all present voting "AYE" duly carried adopt a resolution of appreciation for the Emergency Management Services employees and all other individuals and organizations for their efforts to aid the citizens before, during and after Hurricane Floyd.

Mr. Tony King, Assistant Administrator for the Town of Louisburg, was in attendance to discuss the development of a bicycle trail along the old rail corridor from inside the municipal boundaries of Louisburg to the Community College facility. Mr. King explained that the Town of Louisburg had submitted a grant application to the North Carolina Department of Transportation Bicycle Division and had been awarded approximately \$350,000 to be used to develop this trail. These funds would cover the cost of the project to Industrial Road (T. Kemp Road). Mr. King stated that the Town wanted to apply for additional funds to extend the project to Vance-Granville Community College. The section of the trail between Industrial Road and Vance-Granville Community College is within Franklin County's jurisdiction, and the Department of Transportation requires that a public hearing be held for the use of the rail corridor both in and out of town. Mr. King advised that the Town of Louisburg would be glad to hold the public hearing for the Town and on behalf of the County.

Mr. Bill Pearce, 175 Will Mitchiner Road, Franklinton, NC, requested that the Board not endorse the use of this rail corridor as a bicycle trail and not to conduct the public hearing. He stated that a trail would inhibit his use of his land.

Upon motion by Commissioner Foy, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve a joint public hearing, to be conducted by the Town of Louisburg and the County, to be held on Monday, October 11, 1999, to receive public comment on the

proposal for the use of the rail corridor as a bicycle trail from Industrial Road (T. Kemp Road) to Vance-Granville Community College.

Proper notice having been given this is the time and place set for a public hearing to receive comment on the County's application for Rural Operating Assistance Program funds in the amount of \$64,943 to be used to serve citizens throughout Franklin County.

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Chairman Moss declared the public hearing open and recognized County Manager Leary who made comments regarding the use of these funds. Mr. Leary stated that the funds would be used to provide transportation services to the elderly and disabled and Work First participants as well as provide funding to the transportation system (KARTS). He stated that the proposed plan for expending the funds had been developed

and made available for public inspection. The Department of Social Services will be the lead agency in completing the application for the funds.

Chairman Moss then called for public comment and hearing none declared the public hearing closed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Foy with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve the planned use of Rural Operating Assistance Program funds and authorize the filing of the application for the funding.

Mr. Dave Munden, Recreation Director, was in attendance to review with the Board the revisions that had been made to the Recreation Master Plan as a result of comments at the public hearing held on September 7, 1999, and a meeting between Recreation Department representatives and Town of Louisburg officials.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried adopt the Recreation Master Plan as amended effective immediately.

Chairman Moss reviewed with the Board a petition that had been filed by Woodlief Grading, Inc. to rezone 43.9 acres on SR 1100 in Youngsville Township from R-40 to CuHI. Chairman Moss stated that action had been deferred on two occasions and that in an effort to resolve this matter the Board would hear presentations from Mr. Woodlief and from the citizens opposed to the rezoning.

Mr. Charles Davis, attorney with the firm of Davis, Sturges & Tomlinson, stated that his firm had recently been engaged to represent Mr. Charles Woodlief in this matter and that Mr. Woodlief wished to withdraw his petition for rezoning 43.9 acres on SR 1100 in Youngsville Township from R-40 to CuHI.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve the resolution acknowledging that the Bunn Rural Fire

Association, Inc. is pursuing a loan in the amount of \$170,000 for the purchase of a fire truck with no obligation for Franklin County to repay the debt.

Mr. Keith Patton, Health Director, was in attendance to review with the Board bids that were received for dental equipment to be used in the Health Department's dental program. Mr. Patton stated that two bids were received but the bid received from Henry Schein, Inc. in the amount of \$123,051.00 did not meet the specifications as recommended by the Dental Health Section of the North Carolina Department of Health. Mr. Patton recommended that the Board award the bid to Thompson Dental in the amount of \$141,061.50. Funds for this equipment to be provided through the Kate B. Reynolds Trust.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all present voting "AYE" duly carried upon the recommendation of the Health Director award bid for dental equipment to be used in the Health Department's dental program to Thompson Dental in the amount of \$141,061.50.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried upon a request received from Sheriff Robert Redmond approve the reallocation of an existing position in the Jail from Sergeant to Warrant Officer.

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Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wynne; voting "AYE" Commissioner Swanson, Commissioner Wynne, Commissioner Strickland, Commissioner Moss; voting "NO" Commissioner Foy the Board went into Closed Session pursuant to General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (5) to consider matters relating to real property acquisition.

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

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Foy, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried that all building permit fees for construction due to damage from Hurricane Floyd in Franklin County be waived.

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

JAMES T. MOSS, JR., CHAIRMAN JEAN GORDON, CLERK