

APRIL 3, 2000

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 George T. Wynne, Vice Chairman Robert L. Swanson, Commissioner Harry L. Foy, Jr., Commissioner Edward Strickland. Commissioner James T. Moss, Jr. was absent for this meeting.

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

- A. Minutes of meeting held on March 20, 2000
 - B. Acceptance of Tax Collector's Report for month of March, 2000
 - C. Approval of releases and refunds for month of March, 2000
 - D. Adoption of proclamation designating the week of April 9-15, 2000, at County Government Week
 - E. Adoption of proclamation designating April 7-20, 2000 as Litter Sweep
- Sergeant Timothy Strickland, employed in the Sheriff's Department since January 26, 1993, was in attendance and recognized by the Board as the Employee of the Quarter for the quarter ending March 31.

Mr. Charles McGougan, Consulting Engineer with Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, was in attendance and presented the monthly progress report on the water system expansion project.

Mr. Tommy Piper, Associate Superintendent of Schools, appeared before the Board to request concurrence with the Board of Education's desire to purchase land which is adjacent to the property currently owned by the Board of Education at the site of the Bunn High School. The Board of Education wishes to purchase 8.737 acres for an out-of-pocket cost of \$10,000 per acre. The Board of Education intends to use money which it has on hand for this acquisition.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried concur with the price of \$10,000 per acre to be paid by the Board of Education for land adjacent to Bunn High School.

Proper notice having been given this is the time and place set for a public hearing to receive comment on the proposed use of \$20,700 of Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funds.

Chairman Wynne declared the public hearing open and recognized County Manager Leary who stated that the County is required to hold a public hearing and to consider the recommendation of the Program Advisory Board which met on March 28th. Mr. Leary further stated that the Program Advisory Board was recommending that the block grant funds be used for various items of equipment as requested by the Sheriff's Department.

Chairman Wynne then called for public comments and the following person spoke:

Mr. Darrel Johnson, 107 Pine Court, Louisburg, NC, member of Program Advisory Board:

Stated that Detective Pat Green of the Sheriff's Department had met with the Advisory Board and recommended approval of the list of equipment for the Sheriff's Department and he encouraged the Board to use the block grant funds for the purchase of this equipment

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Foy with all present voting "AYE" duly carried accept the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program Advisory Board's recommendation that funds be used to acquire items of equipment for the Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Chuck Murray, Finance Director, was in attendance to request approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment Number Thirteen.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Foy with all present voting "AYE" duly carried upon the recommendation of the Finance Director approve "BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NUMBER THIRTEEN (13); copy found in Budget Ordinance Book.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve the following appointments:

EMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Helen Gilliam
Ann Barnhart
Randy Pearce
Reappointed Three-Year Term expiring April, 2003

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Sarah Wester
Reappointed Three-Year Term expiring April, 2003

Mr. Darrel Johnson was in attendance to request the Board to adopt a resolution asking the Department of Transportation to consider the construction of turn lanes at the intersection of US 401 and Fox Ridge Road. Mr. Johnson stated that there had been numerous accidents, including a school bus accident, at that intersection and that the construction of turn lanes may enhance motorists' safety.

Upon motion by Commissioner Foy, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all present voting "AYE" duly carried that the Board adopt a resolution requesting that the Department of Transportation construct turn lanes at the intersection of US 401 and Fox Ridge Road; copy of resolution attached and made a part of these minutes.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Strickland, voting "AYE" Commissioner Swanson, Commissioner Strickland, Commissioner Wynne, 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 real property acquisition.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the Board reconvened into regular session and Chairman Wynne stated that no action was necessary as a result of the Closed Session.

County Manager Leary advised the Board that at the work session of the Land Use Update Committee held recently that a special committee had been appointed to meet in a work session with the Board of Commissioners to discuss growth and development. The Board set Monday, April 10, 2000, at 7:00 P. M., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, as the time for the work session.

There being no further business to come before the Board, adjournment recorded at 8:30 P. M.

GEORGE T. WYNNE, CHAIRMAN JEAN GORDON, CLERK