

## **DECEMBER 4, 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 James T. Moss, Jr., Commissioner Edward Strickland.

Upon motion by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the minutes of the meeting held on November 20, 2000, approved.

Commissioner Moss reflected on some of the accomplishments during the eight years he had served as a Commissioner. He thanked the citizens of the County, the news media, his fellow Commissioners and staff for their assistance.

Chairman Wynne presented Commissioner Moss with a plaque in appreciation for his service to Franklin County citizens while serving as a commissioner from 1992 until 2000.

The meeting was then recessed for the swearing in of re-elected Commissioner Robert L. Swanson and first term Commissioner John R. Ball.

The meeting was called back into session and County Manager Leary acted as the presiding officer for the purpose of conducting the election of the Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

County Manager Leary called for nominations for Chairman of the Board.

Commissioner Wynne nominated Commissioner Swanson to serve as Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Ball with all present voting "AYE" duly carried that the nominations be closed and elect Commissioner Swanson by acclamation to serve as Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

Chairman Swanson then assumed chairmanship of the meeting.

Chairman Swanson called for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Board.

Chairman Swanson nominated Commissioner Wynne to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, with all present voting "AYE" duly carried that the nominations be closed and elect Commissioner Wynne by acclamation to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

Chairman Swanson then presented a plaque to Commissioner Wynne in appreciation for his service to the citizens while serving as Chairman during 2000.

County Manager Leary advised the Board that the General Statutes require the Board of Commissioners to approve public officials' bonds which are in effect for some County employees. Mr. Leary stated that a blanket bond is in effect for all employees.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve the following amounts of bonds for County officials and employees:

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Finance Director \$250,000  
Tax Collector \$ 50,000  
Deputy Tax Collector \$25,000  
Register of Deeds \$10,000  
Sheriff \$25,000

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

- A. Acceptance of Tax Collector's Report for month of November, 2000
- B. Approval of releases and refunds for month of November, 2000

Ms. Shelby Street, Executive Director Curriculum & Instruction, was in attendance on behalf of the Board of Education to discuss the Board's planned use of the current Louisburg Elementary School at 52 West River Road as a magnet school. Ms. Street explained that a magnet school is a school that offers a special curriculum capable of attracting diverse student populations and increasing student achievement. In a survey of parents and teachers the most support was for a special curriculum that focuses on science, math and technology. Ms. Street stated that during the first year one class of each grade level K-5 would be opened. All students in Franklin County elementary schools will have the opportunity to apply to attend the magnet school. The Board of Education is preparing an application for grant funds in the amount of \$300,000 and requesting the County's support for the magnet school concept in an effort to enhance the grant application.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried request that the County Manager prepare a letter stating the Board of Commissioners' support for the magnet school with its special curriculum offerings to be included as part of the Board of Education's application for grant funds in the amount of \$300,000.

Proper notice having been given this is the time and place set for a public hearing to receive comment on petition by Elmo E. & Betty Lue Cash to rezone approximately 1 acre on US 401 in Harris Township from Agricultural Residential to Neighborhood Business.

Chairman Swanson declared the public hearing open and recognized Mr. Matt Livingston, Planning Director, who made comments on the rezoning petition by Elmo E. & Betty Lue Cash. Mr. Livingston stated that the Planning Board recommended approval of this petition.

Chairman Swanson then called for public comments and hearing none declared the public hearing closed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Foy, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried upon the recommendation of the Franklin County Planning Board approve an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FRANKLIN COUNTY UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (MAP) TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 1 ACRE ON US 401 IN HARRIS TOWNSHIP FROM AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL (AR) TO NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS (NB); copy of the ordinance found in the Unified Development Ordinance Book.

Proper notice having been given this is the time and place set for a public hearing to receive comment on petition by Wallace Hagwood, Anna Hagwood and Eloise Hagwood Estate to rezone approximately 44 acres on State Road 1737 (Tant Road) from Light Industrial to Agricultural Residential.

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Chairman Swanson declared the public hearing open and recognized Mr. Matt Livingston, Planning Director, who made comments on the rezoning petition by Wallace Hagwood, Anna Hagwood and Eloise Hagwood Estate. Mr. Livingston stated that the Planning Board recommended approval of this rezoning petition.

Chairman Swanson then called for public comments and hearing none declared the public hearing closed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Foy, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried upon the recommendation of the Planning Board approve ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FRANKLIN COUNTY UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (MAP) TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 44 ACRES ON STATE ROAD 1737 IN DUNN TOWNSHIP FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (LI) TO AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL (AR); copy of the ordinance found in the Unified Development Ordinance Book.

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Ball with all present voting "AYE" duly carried upon the recommendation of the Finance Director approve Budget Ordinance Amendment Number Five.

Upon motion by Commissioner Foy, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the following appointment made to the Franklin County Health Board:

Dr. C. J. Perry  
three-year term expiring December, 2003

County Manager Leary discussed the joint meeting with representatives of municipalities and other interested parties held on November 14 at which time the Board agreed to participate in the presentation of a request to the Department of Transportation officials at the upcoming Transportation Improvement Program designating the multi-laning of US 401 from northern Wake County to Louisburg as the priority highway project for the entire County. Mr. Leary stated that a resolution requesting this designation had been prepared for the Board's consideration.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Foy with all present voting "AYE" duly carried adopt resolution for presentation at the Transportation Improvement Program hearing scheduled for December 6, 2000, requesting that the multi-laning of US 401 from northern Wake County to Louisburg be designated as the County's priority highway project and included in the Transportation Improvement Program for the years 2002-2008; copy of resolution attached and made a part of these minutes.

County Manager Leary advised the Board that the County had received grant agreements from the Department of Transportation, Aviation Division, for Land Acquisition and Obstruction Removal for runway approaches at the Franklin County Airport. Mr. Leary stated that the grant funds total \$500,000 and the County will be required to provide a match of \$55,555 and these funds are in the current year's budget.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Ball; voting "AYE" Commissioner Wynne, Commissioner Ball, Commissioner Strickland, Commissioner Swanson; voting "NO" Commissioner Foy accept the grant funds in the amount of \$500,000 for Land Acquisition and Obstruction Removal for runway approaches at the Franklin County Airport and authorize the Chairman to execute.

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County Manager Leary advised the Board that for several years the County had leased 1,734 square feet of office space to the Department of Corrections for Intensive Probation/Parole offices at 307 East Nash Street. The State is requesting renewal of the lease agreement for a three-year period and has agreed to an annual lease amount of \$20,114.00.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve the lease agreement between the County and the Department of Corrections and authorize the County Manager to execute on behalf of the County.

County Manager Leary advised the Board that the Centerville Volunteer Fire Department needed to secure a loan in the amount of \$110,000 to allow the Department to purchase a fire truck. The bank is requesting that the County acknowledge the transaction without obligation to repay the loan.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Foy with all present voting "AYE" duly carried acknowledge that the Centerville Volunteer Fire Department is negotiating for a tax-exempt loan in the amount of \$110,000.

County Manager Leary stated that the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners' Legislative Goals Conference had been scheduled for January 11-12, 2001, and that it was necessary to designate a voting delegate to represent the County at the Conference.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Ball with all present voting "AYE" duly carried that Chairman Swanson be designated as the voting delegate to represent the County at the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners' Legislative Goals Conference scheduled for January 11-12, 2001.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried that the Board of Commissioners' second regular meeting in December be canceled due to the upcoming holiday season.

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

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ROBERT L. SWANSON, CHAIRMAN JEAN GORDON, CLERK