

## OCTOBER 16, 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 following Consent Agenda Item approved:

A. The minutes of meeting held on October 2, 2000.

Mr. Dave Munden, Franklin County Recreation Director, was in attendance to request the Board to award matching grants for recreation projects for various organizations as recommended by the Recreation Advisory Board. Mr. Munden stated that there were five applicants and that funds were available for each one. He further stated that each applicant had committed matching funds for its project. Total funds to be awarded during this cycle equal \$18,750.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Moss with all present voting "AYE" duly carried upon the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Board the following organizations be awarded matching grants totaling \$18,750:

### Matching Funds Description

\$2,500 Perry School Alumni Association - Gymnasium Heating  
\$2,000 Bunn Youth Recreation League  
\$6,750 Bunn Residents Organized Against Drugs  
\$3,200 Louisburg Elementary School PTA  
\$4,300 Youngsville Optimist Club

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Moss with all present voting "AYE" duly carried upon the recommendation of the Finance Director approve "BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE"; copy of the budget amendment found the Budget Ordinance Book.

County Manager Leary reviewed with the Board a proposed ordinance which would authorize the Sheriff to establish policies and procedures for providing blue light escort services on two lane roads for oversized structures which are being transported through the County. Mr. Leary stated that the ordinance would provide for the County to establish a fee for this service which is being required by regulatory changes enacted by the Department of Transportation. Mr. Leary further stated that the recommended fee is \$28.38 per hour plus 38 cents per mile and is equal to the fee charged by the Highway Patrol for the same service.

Upon motion by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, voting "AYE" Commissioner Moss, Commissioner Swanson, Commissioner Strickland, Commissioner Wynne; voting "NO" Commissioner Foy, adopt ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE SHERIFF OF FRANKLIN COUNTY IN PROVIDING BLUE LIGHT ESCORT FOR 16 FOOT MOBILE HOMES AND OTHER OVERSIZED, OVERWIDTH OR OVERWEIGHT HOMES OR STRUCTURES TRANSPORTED WITHIN FRANKLIN COUNTY" and amend the fees and charges schedule to include the charge for this service at \$28.38 per hour and 38 cents per mile; copy of this ordinance found in the Franklin County Ordinance Book.

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County Manager Leary advised the Board that the parking lot at the rear of the Courthouse Annex would soon be ready of use by employees and the public. Mr. Leary inquired if the Board desired to provide specific instructions regarding the manner in which parking would be controlled. Mr. Leary provided optional uses for consideration by the Board.

Upon motion by Commissioner Foy, seconded by Commissioner Moss with all present voting "AYE" duly carried that the thirty-one (31) spaces closest to the building be designated as visitor spaces.

Upon motion by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, voting "AYE" Commissioner Moss, Commissioner Swanson, Commissioner Strickland, Commissioner Wynne; voting "NO" Commissioner Foy, the Board convened in Closed Session pursuant to General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (6) in order that the Board may evaluate the performance of a public employee and pursuant to General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (3) to consult with the County Attorney.

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

Chairman Wynne stated that the following actions to be taken as a result of the Closed Session.

The Board directed County Manager Leary to write a letter to the Town of Youngsville instructing them that all delinquent water bills owed to Franklin County must be paid by October 31, 2000, or the matter would be turned over to the County Attorney for further action.

The Board directed County Manager Leary to write a letter to the Franklin County Arts Council and to Vance-Granville Community College, sponsor of the Art Classes conducted at the Arts Council Building on Justice Street, and request that the lease agreement for use of that building be signed and returned to the County and that members of the Arts Council and members of the Art Classes settle their differences or the County will consider declaring the building surplus and offering it for sale.

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

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GEORGE T. WYNNE, CHAIRMAN JEAN GORDON, CLERK

**CLOSED SESSION**

**OCTOBER 16, 2000**

**PURSUANT TO GENERAL STATUTE 143-318.11 (a) (6) TO EVALUATE  
THE PERFORMANCE OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE AND GENERAL  
STATUTE 143-318.11 (a) (3) TO CONSULT WITH  
THE COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Present: Chairman George T. Wynne, Vice Chairman Robert L. Swanson, Commissioner Harry L. Foy, Jr., Commissioner James T. Moss, Jr., Commissioner Edward Strickland, County Manager Rick Leary, County Attorney Darnell Batton, Clerk to the Board Jean Gordon.

County Manager Leary discussed with the Board the action taken by the Youngsville Board of Commissioners regarding payment for water purchased by the Town from the County. The Town voted to pay a water rate based on purchases from Franklinton and Louisburg as reflected in the contract between the County and the Town in January, 1982, at which time the water was purchased only from the Towns of Louisburg and Franklinton. Mr. Leary stated that the water now purchased by the Town from the County is water that originates from Henderson and therefore these rates should not apply. Mr. Leary recommended that a letter be written to the Youngsville Board of Commissioners advising them that the water bills are delinquent and that the County expects full payment by October 31, 2000 or they will be turned over to the County Attorney for further action. The Board concurred.

The Board conducted the annual evaluation of County Manager Leary. It was the consensus of the Board that Mr. Leary was providing excellent leadership for the County and always conducted himself in a very professional manner. Was very knowledgeable in handling each issue; knew who at the State and Federal level to contact regarding issues in the County; was very prompt in obtaining information for the Commissioners when requested to do so; takes the complaints rather than the Commissioners; always considers the Commissioners' best interest; best manager in the State.

County Manager Leary discussed with the Board the on-going dispute between the Franklin County Arts Council and the Art Classes, sponsored by Vance-Granville Community College, over the Arts Building located on Justice Street. The Board had authorized a lease agreement to be signed by both parties giving each party use of one-half of the building. The lease had not been signed and returned by either party. It was the consensus of the Board that the two parties should sign the lease agreement and agree to jointly use the building or the County would declare the building surplus and offer it for sale.

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Jean Gordon, Clerk