

OCTOBER 24, 2000

The Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina, met in Special Session at 7:00 P. M. in the Conference 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.

County Manager Rick Leary, Economic Developer Ronnie Goswick and Mr. Fred Hobbs of Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, briefly reviewed the proposed improvements to the County's wastewater treatment system which had been presented at previous meetings. The purpose of the meeting was to more closely review the proposed relocation of the Hunter Place pump station, the availability of grant funds and the environmental work which would be necessary to obtain State permits and approval of grant applications. A letter from Southern Lithoplate was disseminated which outlined that company's desire to discharge greater volumes of wastewater which would be accompanied by the purchase of additional water from the County. The Hunter Place pump station relocation is necessary to accommodate the company's desire to increase its wastewater discharge.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried authorize Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, Consulting Engineer, to proceed with the design and bidding of the relocation of the Hunter Place pump station.

The Board was advised that the County would like to pursue state funds under the Community Development Block Grant-Economic Development Program and federal funding from the Economic Development Administration to assist in the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant and/or construction of the Brandy Creek interceptor. These funds may be available as a result of additional jobs being created by companies which will benefit from the wastewater system expansion if the companies will partner with the County in attesting to the job creation.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Moss with all present voting "AYE" duly carried authorize the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments to begin the process of assisting the County in seeking grant funds.

The Board was advised that an environmental assessment would be necessary before permits for construction can be obtained from the State. Final funding approval of an EDA application will not occur until permits have been obtained. An update of the County's 201 Facilities Plan will be required in order for the County to be eligible for State Revolving Loan funding. Mr. Hobbs stated that his company would undertake the development of the environmental assessment and update of the 201 Facilities Plan for an hourly rate not to exceed \$180,000.

Upon motion by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all present voting "AYE" duly carried authorize Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, Consulting Engineers, to initiate the environmental assessment and 201 Facilities Plan update at an hourly rate not to exceed \$180,000.

Mr. Hobbs was instructed to report back to the Board following the initial scoping meeting with State officials.

The Board discussed a request from an industry which desires to locate in the County for infrastructure development under the County's policy of recovering the cost of said development through the collection of property taxes over a seven year period. This industry proposes to locate on Weathers Drive in the Youngsville Commerce Center and could be served by a gravity line which would connect to the relocated Hunter Place pump station.

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Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried authorize the design for extending the gravity line on Weathers Drive to serve industries which will be locating in that area.

The Board agreed by consensus with the County Manager's developing specifications and soliciting quotations from local financial institutions for a short-term loan after the beginning of the calendar year to finance the construction of the gravity line and the relocation of the Hunter Place pump station.

There being no further business to come before the Board, adjournment recorded at 8:00 P. M.

GEORGE T. WYNNE, CHAIRMAN JEAN GORDON, CLERK