

OCTOBER 2, 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, Commissioner Harry L. Foy, Jr., Commissioner James T. Moss, Jr., Commissioner Edward Strickland. Commissioner Robert L. Swanson absent for this meeting.

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

- A. Approval of minutes of meetings held on September 12 & 18, 2000
- B. Acceptance of Tax Collector's Report for month of September, 2000
- C. Approval of releases and refunds for month of September, 2000

Ms. Barbara Girton, Adult Health Coordinator with the Health Department and employed since 1994, was in attendance and recognized by the Board as the Employee of the Quarter for the quarter ended September 30, 2000.

County Manager Leary advised that the County had been awarded a certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting by the United States Government Finance Officers' Association for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1999. Mr. Chuck Murray, Finance Director, and Finance Office Staff members Ms. Kelly Champion, Ms. Mattie May, Ms. Lisa Medlin and Ms. Debbie Vaughan, were in attendance to receive the plaque presented in recognition of the achievement.

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried upon the recommendation of the Finance Director approved "BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NUMBER TWO (2); copy of amendment found in Budget Ordinance Book.

Upon motion by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Foy with all present voting "AYE" duly carried amend the municipal water rate for the Towns of Bunn and Youngsville from \$4 per 1,000 gallons plus the \$8 per service connection to a flat rate of \$6 per 1,000 gallons effective October 1, 2000; this rate to be reviewed after November 30 to determine if any adjustments should be made; that the County Manager contact the Towns of Bunn and Youngsville and request that the delinquent accounts, resulting from partial payments of amounts billed by the Franklin County Water & Sewer Department for the months of July and August, be paid in full.

Upon motion by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried that the County provide direct service and billing to Hampton Village since the development is located in the County's service area; that the County offer to purchase

the water line along Wheaton Drive Extension on the County's side of the master meter that was constructed by the Town of Youngsville with the value determined by the amount of local funds expended less depreciation.

County Manager Leary discussed a resolution expressing the Board's support for the passage of the higher education bonds during the referendum in November. Mr. Leary stated that approximately \$2.3 million of the total bond package had been designated for use at the Franklin County campus of Vance-Granville Community College.

Upon motion by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried adopt the resolution entitled "RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HIGHER EDUCATION BONDS TO ASSIST VANCE-GRANVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND NORTH CAROLINA'S OTHER COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN MEETING THEIR FACILITY NEEDS AND MINUTES OF MEETING OF OCTOBER 2, 2000---continued

ACCOMMODATING THEIR STUDENTS" copy of resolution attached and made a part of these minutes.

County Manager Leary advised the Board that the Justice Fire Department is securing a loan from First Citizens Bank in the amount of \$55,000 for the construction of a fire house and the financing institution requires approval of a certificate which reflects an acknowledgment that the County is aware of the loan. The County is not obligated to repay this debt.

Upon motion by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Foy with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve the acknowledgment of the loan being sought by the Justice Fire Department from First Citizens Bank.

County Manager Leary advised the Board that the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments was preparing an application for funding through the Golden Leaf Foundation to provide economic impact assistance to economically affected, tobacco-dependent counties in the regional area. Mr. Leary stated that as a part of this process it was necessary for the Board to adopt a resolution which endorses the application and states the County's willingness to be a member of the regional consortium. Granville County is to be the lead agency. Franklin County's direct share of the funding for the first year is to be \$75,250. Mr. Cedric Jones, Cooperative Extension Director, is assisting in the preparation of the application.

Upon motion by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Foy with all present voting "AYE" duly carried adopt resolution entitled "RESOLUTION FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE APPROVAL FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY TO JOIN IN A CONSORTIUM OF GRANVILLE, VANCE, FRANKLIN, WARREN AND PERSON COUNTIES"; a copy of the resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

County Manager Leary advised the Board that Sheriff Redmond had requested that the Board reallocate an investigator position to that of investigator sergeant within the Drug Enforcement

Section of the Detective Division. Mr. Leary stated that funds were in the current year's appropriation to allow for this reallocation.

Upon motion by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve the reallocation of an investigator position to that of investigator sergeant in the Sheriff's Department.

County Manager Leary advised the Board that as required by the Cable Television Franchise Ordinance it is necessary for the Board to adopt a resolution approving the transfer of a cable television franchise from Time Warner Fanch-one Company to Time Warner Entertainment-Advance/Newhouse Partnership. Mr. Leary stated that the transfer would have no impact on the level of service being provided to the unincorporated areas of the County.

Upon motion by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried adopt resolution entitled "RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF THE CABLE COMMUNICATIONS FRANCHISE"; copy of resolution found in the Franklin County Ordinance Book.

County Manager Leary advised the Board that Sheriff Redmond had contacted him regarding recent changes approved by the North Carolina Board of Transportation and the 2000 General Assembly allowing 16 foot mobile homes to be transported on NC roads. On two lane roads there must be a blue light law enforcement escort. The North Carolina Highway Patrol and the Division of Motor Vehicles have stated that they will not provide this escort service and the responsibility for escort service through the County will rest with the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Leary stated that he and

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County Attorney Batton were of the opinion that an ordinance should be adopted that would provide the procedures and a possible fee schedule to be used by the Sheriff in providing a blue light escort service for 16 foot mobile homes.

Chairman Wynne requested that County Manager Leary, County Attorney Batton and Sheriff Redmond research this matter and develop an ordinance for consideration of adoption by the Board at the next meeting.

County Manager Leary advised the Board that after discussions with various parties regarding a lease agreement for use of the building located on Justice Street in Louisburg by the Arts Council and art classes, he was of the opinion that the lease agreement should be between the County and Vance-Granville Community College since the college sponsored the classes. Mr. Leary also stated that the lease agreement should provide for the Arts Council's use of one-half of the building and Vance-Granville Community College to have use of one-half of the building. The Board concurred.

Chairman Wynne requested that the County Attorney develop a lease agreement between the County and Vance-Granville Community College for consideration of approval by the Board at the next meeting.

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

GEORGE T. WYNNE, CHAIRMAN JEAN GORDON, CLERK