

**APRIL 2, 2001**

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 Robert L. Swanson, Commissioner John R. Ball, Commissioner Harry L. Foy, Jr., Commissioner Edward G. Strickland. Vice Chairman George T. Wynne was absent for this meeting.

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

- A. Minutes of meeting held on March 19, 2001
- B. Acceptance of Tax Collector's Report for the month of March, 2001
- C. Approval of tax releases and refunds for the month of March, 2001
- D. Approval of forwarding of road petition to Department of Transportation requesting that Fox Run, Trotter Court, Fox Hunt Court be added to State Highway System
- E. Adoption of proclamation designating the week of April 9-15, 2001, as County Government Week

Ms. Kay Hunt was in attendance in order that the Board could recognize her on the occasion of her retirement from Franklin County Government. Ms. Hunt served in the Finance Department, Sheriff's Department, Tax Department and as Register of Deeds. She served from July 1, 1963 until November 30, 2000.

Ms. Mattie May, Accounts Payable Specialist, was in attendance in order that the Board could recognize and congratulate her on her selection as the Employee of the Quarter for the quarter ending March 31, 2001. Ms. May has served in the Finance Department since 1997.

Mr. Charles McGougan, Consulting Engineer, Hobbs, Uchurch & Associates, was in attendance to present and discuss bids that were received and opened on March 15, 2001, for the Hunters Place Gravity Sewer, Pump Station and Force Main. The following bids were received:

Billings & Garrett	\$838,871.20
CSSI	\$770,899.00
Roger Haddock Construction	\$807,125.00
H. G. Reynolds Company	\$715,991.57
Ralph Hodge Construction Co.	\$682,459.50
T. A. Loving Company	\$710,010.00
Mecklenburg Utilities	\$630,495.00
E. C. Pace Company	\$816,605.00
J. F. Wilkerson Contracting	\$654,901.15
Park Construction	\$644,014.80

Mr. McGougan stated that Mecklenburg Utilities were the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the project. Mr. McGougan further stated that his company had worked with this firm in the past and recommended that the Board proceed with the award of the project to Mecklenburg Utilities, Inc. in the amount of \$630,495.

Upon motion by Commissioner Strickland, seconded by Commissioner Ball with all present voting "AYE" duly carried upon the recommendation of the consulting engineers award the Hunters Place Gravity Sewer, Pump Station and Force Main project to Mecklenburg Utilities, Inc. in the amount of

\$630,495.

Mr. Neil Mallory, Director, Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments, was in attendance in reference to grant awards received by the County. Mr. Mallory first discussed the award of an Economic Development Block Grant in the amount of \$750,000. These grant funds will be used for the Franklin County Sewer Expansion Project. Mr. Mallory advised the Board that it was necessary for the Board to adopt a

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resolution of acceptance and execution of grant agreement and funding approval and a resolution designating individuals to sign requisition forms for the grant funds.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried adopt resolution entitled "**RESOLUTION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENT AND FUNDING APPROVAL FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**"; copy resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried adopt resolution entitled "**RESOLUTION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT REQUISITION FORMS**"; copy of resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Mallory then advised the Board that the County had been awarded an Industrial Development Fund Grant in the amount of \$500,000 to be used for the Franklin County Sewer Expansion Project. Mr. Mallory stated that it was necessary for the Board to adopt a resolution of acceptance and execution of grant agreement and funding approval and a resolution of authorization to sign Industrial Development Fund Grant requisition forms.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all present voting "AYE" duly carried adopt resolution entitled "**RESOLUTION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENT AND FUNDING APPROVAL FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANT PROGRAM**"; copy of resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all present voting "AYE" duly carried adopt resolution entitled "**RESOLUTION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANT REQUISITION FORMS**"; copy of resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Mallory then requested the Board to approve a contract between the County of Franklin and the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments whereby the Council of Governments will provide program administrative services in administering the Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Funds.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve "**CONTRACT FOR CDBG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF FRANKLIN AND THE KERR-TAR REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**"; the maximum amount to be paid to the COG shall not

exceed \$25,000, without approval by the County.

Mr. Mallory advised the Board that Franklin County had been invited to submit a full application for \$1,500,000 to the Economic Development Administration. Mr. Mallory stated that the EDA does not offer that invitation unless there is a very good chance of it being awarded and he felt there was a very good chance for the County to receive these funds.

Mr. Ed Shearin, Keep America Beautiful Coordinator, was in attendance to update the Board on his activities associated with the Keep America Beautiful program. Mr. Shearin reported he was using the radio station and the area newspapers to inform the public on litter and recycling issues; visiting the convenience centers; in the process of

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making presentations to the various schools; coordinate county citizens meetings; meetings with various organizations regarding Earth Day activities; making plans to produce two videos on litter and recycling; meeting with the Solid Waste Education Task Force; writing grant proposals; an incentive to encourage "no dumping" and clean up dump sites called eye sore of the week.

Mr. Shearin requested the Board to adopt a proclamation designating Litter Sweep in Franklin County.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner with all present voting "AYE" duly carried adopt proclamation entitled "LITTER SWEEP 2001".

Commissioner Ball complimented Mr. Shearin for his efforts through the radio in getting the word out regarding litter. He further requested that Mr. Shearin and Mr. John Faulkner, Solid Waste Manager, to consult with the County Attorney to review present ordinances or draft new ordinance that would enhance the opportunity for better control litter in the County.

The Board discussed approval of certain documents by the Franklin County Board of Education and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners necessary to address the installment financing for the construction of the South Central Elementary School at an estimated cost of \$4,000,000. The Board of Education had approved and executed said documents on March 29, 2001.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve and authorize the execution of MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; copy is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve and authorize the execution of AGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA AND FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; copy is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Upon motion by Commissioner Strickland, seconded by Commissioner Ball with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve and authorize the execution of LEASE BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA AND FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; copy is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Upon motion by Commissioner Foy, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried declare a 1997 Ford, Vehicle Number 2FALP71W2VX125133, owned by Franklin County and used by the Sheriff's Department, surplus and donate same to the Youngsville Rescue Squad.

Upon motion by Commissioner Foy, seconded by Commissioner Ball with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the following appointments made:

ADULT CARE HOME COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dottie Wrenn  
fill unexpired term - July, 2001

Jean Bumgardner  
one-year term expiring March, 2002

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Upon motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a Deed of Easement whereby a permanent/construction easement for sanitary sewer and/or water purposes over, under and across the lands of the Area Mental Health Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Program of Vance, Warren, Granville and Franklin County is granted to the Town of Louisburg.

Ms. Harris reviewed with the Board the selection of a contractor for the demolition and clearance of property located at 2946 White Horse Lane, Lake Royale, that are in accordance with North Carolina Emergency Management Buyout Grant guidelines. There is no requirement that clearance and demolition projects be advertised in a local paper nor do they specify any of the formal bidding requirements listed under G. S. 143-129. The Planning Department sent out bid specifications and the following bids were received:

Kidd Loader & Tractor Service	\$7,500
*Dale Jones Construction	\$5,900
Tharrington Loader & Hauling Service	\$14,510
Layton Construction	\$14,375

\*Did not include references - could not verify insurance

Kidd Loader & Tractor Service was authorized for this demolition and clearance project. The Board is requested to authorize the Finance Director to pay invoice for this work and request reimbursement from North Carolina Emergency Management.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried authorize the County Finance Director to pay invoice in the amount of \$7,500 to Kidd Loader & Tractor Service and submit a requisition to North Carolina Emergency Management for reimbursement.

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

