

AUGUST 6, 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, Vice Chairman George T. Wynne, Commissioner John R. Ball, Commissioner Harry L. Foy, Jr., Commissioner Edward G. Strickland.

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

- A. Minutes of meeting held on July 2, 2001
- B. Tax Collector's Report for the month of July, 2001
- C. List of tax releases and tax refunds for the month of July, 2001
- D. Forwarding of road petition to the Department of Transportation requesting that Stoneridge Court and Montrose Court in the Colony Ridge Subdivision be added to the State Highway System

Proper notice having been given this is the time and place set for a public hearing to receive comment on a map amendment.

Chairman Swanson declared the public hearing open and recognized Mr. Matt Winslow, County Planner, who made comments on Map Amendment: Freedom and Deliverance Church of God, Harris Township, NC 98, Light Industrial (LI-CU) to Agricultural-Residential, three acres. Mr. Winslow stated that the proposed amendment conforms with the Land Use Plan and was recommended for approval by the Planning Board.

Chairman Swanson then called for public comments and the following people spoke:

Mary Stone, 2984 NC 98 Highway West, Louisburg, NC
has no objection to the rezoning for the church, but requests that the fence between the church and her property remain in place; fence keeps the lights from shining into her home; wants the properties separated for safety reasons for her grandchildren and her husband

Dura Gray, 2986 NC 98 Highway West, Louisburg, NC
thinks it is a good use of the property, has no objections, but want fence kept as a requirement of the rezoning because of the number of vehicles and people

Maurice Johnson, 65 Alston Pruitt Road, Louisburg, NC
speaking on behalf of the minister of the church who could not be in attendance stated that they wanted to be a good neighbor in that area and that the fence would remain in place along with other security measures

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Foy, seconded by Commissioner Ball with all present voting "AYE" duly carried upon the recommendation of the Franklin County Planning Board adopt ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FRANKLIN COUNTY UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (MAP) TO REZONE 3.12 ACRES OF NC 98 IN HARRIS TOWNSHIP FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (CONDITIONAL USE) LI(CU) TO AGRICULTURAL-RESIDENTIAL (AR); copy of

amending ordinance found in the Unified Development Ordinance Book.

Proper notice having been given this is the time advertised for a public hearing to receive comment on a request by S. T. Wooten for a Special Use Permit for an asphalt plant on 11.50 acres on US 1 in Youngsville Township.

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Chairman Swanson declared the public hearing open and recognized Ms. Donna Wood and Mr. Matt Winslow, County Planners, who made comments. A Special Use Permit for the asphalt plant was originally approved by the Board in March, 1998, was reapproved in February, 1999, and June, 1999. The permit was extended until August, 2000. This request for reapproval is due to state permitting delays. The Planners further stated that there had been no changes in the plan or the intended use. The Franklin County Planning Board recommended approval of this request.

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Foy, seconded by Commissioner Ball with all present voting "AYE" duly carried upon the recommendation of the Franklin County Planning Board approve a request from S. T. Wooten for a Special Use Permit to locate an asphalt plant on 11.50 acres on US 1 in Youngsville Township.

Ms. Tracy Taylor, Program Administrator, and Mr. Pat Young, Mitigation Planner, of Holland Consulting Planners, were in attendance to review with the Board the Hurricane Floyd Crisis Housing Assistance Grant in the amount of \$1,958,220 recently awarded to the County. The County had entered into an interlocal agreement with Durham, Person, Warren and Granville Counties to act as the lead agency in preparing and administering the Crisis Housing Application. The funds will be used for the repair of 16 homes with minor or moderate damage and replacement of 19 homes that were severely damaged. Franklin County has a total of 21 homes. The grant funds were awarded by the North Carolina Redevelopment Center and it is necessary for the County to adopt a resolution accepting the grant agreement and funding approval.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Ball with all present voting "AYE" duly carried adopt resolution entitled "FRANKLIN COUNTY RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A CRISIS HOUSING ASSISTANCE FUND (CHAF) FUNDING APPROVAL AND GRANT AGREEMENT DESIGNATING RESPONSIBILITY FOR CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE CHAF PROGRAM", and authorize the Chairman to execute the grant agreement and funding award, as modified, and other documents related to implementation of the grant agreement.

Mr. Young reviewed with the Board Work Authorization #1 - Crisis Housing Assistance - Repair & Relocation Contract for Consulting Services - Hurricane Floyd Recovery. This document will authorize Holland Consulting Planners to administer the Crisis Housing Assistance Grant Funds. The terms and conditions will be those as outlined in the Contract for Consultant Services for the administration of the Franklin County Community Development Block Grant project dated April 19, 1999.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve Work Authorization #1 - Crisis Housing Assistance - Repair & Relocation - Hurricane Floyd Recovery and authorize the Chairman to execute on behalf of the County.

Mr. Charles McGougan, Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, Inc., consulting engineers, was in attendance to update the Board on the water and sewer projects. He stated that the only on-going project at this time

is the Hunter Place Gravity Sewer, Pump Station and Force Main. The estimated completion date for this project is August 28. He will have a report at the first meeting in September as to the final cost for this project. Mr. McGougan reported that the sewer design for the South Central Elementary School is on-going and should be soliciting bids in October.

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Mr. Ronald W. Goswick, Economic Development Director, was in attendance to review with the Board a grant award under the Federal Aviation Investment Reform Act (AIR 21) in the amount of \$150,000-to be used for airfield improvements. The grant requires a local matching share of \$16,667 that was included in the 2001-2002 Franklin County Budget. The funds are needed to purchase a Ground Communication Outlet to allow pilots to talk directly to the RDU tower. There is also a need to raise the height of the automatic weather observation system tower to ensure that it has adequate clearance above the proposed new hangars that are to be built. The balance of the funds would be used to purchase land for the Mediumintensity Approach Lighting System due to be installed in 2002. The total cost is \$166,667 with \$45,000 used for airfield improvements and \$121,667 used to purchase property.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Wynne, voting "AYE" Commissioner Ball, Commissioner Wynne, Commissioner Strickland, Commissioner Swanson, voting "NO" Commissioner Foy accept grant funds in the amount of \$150,000 under the Federal Aviation Investment Reform Act (AIR 21) to be used for airfield improvements and authorize the proper County officials to execute on behalf of the County.

Mr. Stephen Merritt, Agent for Mr. Tony Cipolat, reviewed with the Board a Non-Disturbance and Attornment Agreement. This document will allow the purchase of the long-term leases for hangar space at the airport to continue their use of the hangar until the end of the lease period if Carlina, the Fixed Base Operator, is no longer operating at the airport. The leaseholder would work directly with the County and any ground lease payment going to Carlina would then come to the County. At the end of the lease, the property and any improvements would revert to Franklin County. The Fixed Base Operator is requesting this action in order to sublease the existing hangars and invest the proceeds in additional t-hangars.

In addition, the Fixed Base Operator wants to lease an additional hangar site known as T-Hangar 5 located just south of T-Hangar 4. The lease he has for the corporate hangar on the north end will expire April 30, 2002 and is requesting that it be extended one year.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Ball with all present voting "AYE" duly carried that action on these matters be tabled until the next meeting in order to allow the Fixed Base Operator to become current in funds owed to Franklin County and to allow the County Attorney to prepare the necessary documents for these actions.

Mr. Gilbert Silva, Franklin County Citizen, was in attendance to make comments regarding County Government. Mr. Silva made references to the selection of the county manager, the Donnie Rudd/Tax Department issue/manager, commissioners involvement; the 6.5% tax increase in the 2001-2002 Budget, former County Manager Rick Leary, the Board's decision on the construction reclamation site; Franklin County being the second highest taxed county in the state; the lack of a plan as to where the county is going; requested that Commissioner Swanson and Commissioner Wynne resign from office; that the Board vote in an effort to remove both from office as allowed by the North Carolina Constitution.

Mr. Ralph Knott, Chairman of the Franklin County Recreation Advisory Board, was in attendance to update the Board on recreation activities. Mr. Knott stated that he felt he must comment on the statements made by Mr. Silva regarding the Tax Department/manager/commissioners. He stated that he

had contact with District Attorney Waters almost on a daily basis and that Mr. Waters had never indicated that the manager/commissioners were involved in that issue. Mr. Knott further stated that Raymond Boutwell would more than recover his salary as county manager because of his experience and abilities in county government.

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Mr. Knott then reported on recreation activities. He stated that Phase I was moving forward at the Franklinton Park; that 75 acres had already been donated for the County's first greenway; discussions under way for donation of land for a second park; appreciation to the school system for the use of their facilities and especially recognize Mr. Tommy Piper, Assistant Superintendent, Auxiliary Services, for his assistance; accident insurance now available for all participants in county-wide programs; department will soon produce own fliers/brochures to inform the public; support the Joyner Park planned for Louisburg and will assist with grant preparation; working with other organizations; moving in positive direction

Mr. Knott stated that he had worked with a lot of people but none more dedicated or more loyal to her county than Angela Harris had been while serving as the Acting County Manager; accepts a challenge; will get you an answer in a timely manner; she has kept the County moving in the right direction; communication is better between departments and the county citizens; Commissioners made the right decision when she was appointed Acting County Manager; Raymond Boutwell and Angela Harris will make a great team managing the County.

The North Carolina Division of Archives and History recently completed the revision of the County Management Records Retention and Disposition Schedule. It is necessary for the Board to approve the use of the new schedule to allow the proper maintenance and disposal of records as outlined.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve the County Management Records Retention and Disposition Schedule and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

The Bunn Rural Fire Association, Inc. applied for a loan in the amount of \$200,000 for the purchase of a fire truck and the financial institution making the loan has requested the County to acknowledge this financial transaction. The County is in no way obligated to repay any portion of this debt.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Ball with all present voting "AYE" duly carried acknowledge that the Bunn Rural Fire Association, Inc. has applied for a loan in the amount of \$200,000 for the purchase of a fire truck.

The Board discussed scheduling work sessions in order to review the draft copy of the revised Franklin County Unified Development Ordinance just completed by Holland Consulting Planners. It was the decision of the Board to set the dates for work session at the next meeting.

Commissioner Strickland stated that he would like to have an activity report on foreclosures from the Tax Department on a monthly basis. This item would be listed on the Consent Agenda for the Board's review.

There being no further business to come before the Board, adjournment recorded at 9:00 P. M.

Robert L. Swanson, Chairman Jean Gordon, Clerk

