

**DECEMBER 3, 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 Strickland.

Upon motion by Commissioner Strickland, seconded by Commissioner Foy with all present voting "AYE" duly carried Acting County Manager Angela L. Harris to act as the presiding officer for the purpose of conducting the election of the Chairman of the Board of the next year.

Commissioner Swanson nominated Commissioner Wynne to serve as Chairman for the next year.

Commissioner Strickland nominated Commissioner Ball to serve as Chairman for the next year.

Acting County Manager Harris stated that nominations closed and called for vote on the nominations made.

Voting "AYE" for nomination of Commissioner Wynne to serve as Chairman for the next year: Commissioner Swanson, Commissioner Wynne; Voting "NO" Commissioner Ball, Commissioner Foy, Commissioner Strickland.

Voting "AYE" for nomination of Commissioner Ball to serve as Chairman for the next year; Commissioner Ball, Commissioner Foy, Commissioner Strickland; Voting "NO" Commissioner Swanson, Commissioner Wynne.

Chairman Ball then assumed Chairmanship of the meeting.

Chairman Ball called for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Board.

Commissioner Strickland nominated Commissioner Foy to serve as Vice Chairman for the next year.

Commissioner Wynne nominated Commissioner Swanson to serve as Vice Chairman for the next year.

Acting County Manager Harris stated nominations for Vice Chairman for the next year closed and called for vote on the nominations made.

Voting "AYE" for nomination of Commissioner Foy to serve as Vice Chairman for the next year; Commissioner Strickland, Commissioner Foy; voting "NO" Commissioner Swanson, Commissioner Wynne, Commissioner Ball.

Voting "AYE" for nomination of Commissioner Swanson to serve as Vice Chairman for the next year; Commissioner Wynne, Commissioner Swanson, Commissioner Ball; voting "NO" Commissioner Foy, Commissioner Strickland.

Chairman Ball stated that the General Statutes require that the Board approve amounts of public officials' bonds for some County employees and a blanket policy for all employees.

Upon motion by Commissioner Foy, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve the following amounts of bonds for County officials and employees:

Finance Director	\$250,000.00
Tax Collector	50,000.00

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Deputy Tax Collector	25,000.00
Register of Deeds	10,000.00
Sheriff	25,000.00

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

- A. Minutes of meetings held November 13, 14 & 19, 2001
- B. Tax Collector's Report for month of December, 2001
- C. Tax Releases & Refunds for month of December, 2001
- D. Resolution Mental Health Reform

Proper notice having been given this is the time and place set for a public hearing to review the activities accomplished through the County's FY 99 Community Development Block Grant Community Revitalization Program.

Chairman Ball declared the public hearing open and recognized Ms. Tracy Tayloe, Program Administrator, Holland Consulting Planners. Ms. Tayloe stated that all program activities were complete or in the final stages of completion. The total cost of the project was \$432,500 of which \$400,000 was financed with block grant funds. Ms. Tayloe further stated that four dilapidated owner-occupied dwellings were cleared and on-site relocation was provided; comparable replacement housing was provided for four homeowners; three deteriorated units treated through rehabilitation.

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

Proper notice having been given this is the time and place set for a public hearing to receive comments on rezoning petition for Hugh Thames, two acres on State Road 1139 & State Road 1140 in Youngsville Township from R-40 to Neighborhood Business.

Chairman Ball announced that Mr. Hugh Thames had withdrawn his request for this rezoning.

Proper notice having been given this is the time and place set for a public hearing to receive comments on rezoning petition for Mr. Tim McKibben, two acres on US 401 in Harris Township from Agricultural-Residential to Highway Business.

Chairman Ball declared the public hearing open and recognized Mr. Matt Livingston, Planning Director, who made comments. He stated that the Planning Board recommended approval of this request.

Chairman Ball then called for public comments and the following person spoke:

Ms. Elizabeth Toney, 3524 US 401 South, Louisburg, NC  
already too much traffic on US 401; there is already a store within sight of the proposed rezoning; open of new school in that area will also add traffic; son recently built \$600,000 house and feels the rezoning will devalue their property; opposed to the rezoning

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Foy, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried upon the recommendation of the Planning Board adopt ordinance entitled "AN

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FRANKLIN COUNTY UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (MAP) TO REZONE 2.58 ACRES ON US 401 IN HARRIS TOWNSHIP FROM AGRICULTURAL

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RESIDENTIAL TO HIGHWAY BUSINESS"; copy of ordinance found in the Unified Development Ordinance Book.

The following people made informal public comments:

Ms. Tammy Faulkner, 3473 NC Highway 39 N., Louisburg, NC  
operates Faulkner Animal Rescue; in previous appearance before Board had requested Animal Control be changed to Rabies Control; wants more pets adopted; group is working to obtain a grant in order to run a no-kill animal shelter;

Ms. Viv Graves, 1163 John Sandling Road, Youngsville, NC  
a volunteer goes to shelter two times a week to take pictures; 3 days not long enough to hold dogs for owners to have time to locate; should hold for ten days; no facilities for cats, usually killed same day; no signs indicating location of shelter; working on grant for funds to spayed and neuter animals; citizens must take responsibility for their animals; there are no Saturday hours to allow citizens to come adopt animals; need a real shelter to take care of the over population need additional animal control officers; took eleven dogs to PA for adoption

Ms. Tara Hun, 1579 Highway 96 East, Youngsville, NC  
need better priority for animals; wants to work with County officials; need better facilities and need to include cats; no weekend hours; volunteers could be at shelter on weekends; want grant to try to make it a no-kill shelter in five years; important for owners to spayed and neuter animals;

Ms. Irene Ayscue, 2714 Schloss Road, Louisburg, NC  
reason so many animals are killed is because owners can not get there within three days to pick up - needs to be at least seven days; people love animals and want them protected

Ms. Sandra Wood, Interim Health Director, stated that grants funds are needed to spay and neuter animals and this process would held control rabies in the County.

Commissioner Foy, who serves as Chairman of the Health Board, invited the Faulkner Animal Rescue group to be in attendance at a Board of Health meeting to state their case in order that the Health Board could investigate the matter.

Mr. Stuart Nottingham, 88 Lake Royale, Lake Royale Board of Directors  
thank Board of Commissioners and Sheriff Redmond for service provided to Lake Royale until a police force could be back in service - looking for a chief; probably couple more months; stated not approached by Property Owners Association regarding reimbursement to County for cost of patrol by the Sheriff's Department; wants the Board of Commissioners and the Lake Royale Board of Director to conduct a joint meeting to review this matter

Ralph S. Knott, Clerk of Court, Louisburg, NC

although he was retiring as Clerk of Court effective December 31, 2001, not mean he was going home and not work for the county; will continue to work with Parks & Recreation to get funds to continue to development recreation areas in the county; will continue his efforts with Vance-Granville Community College; will work with citizens who are turned down for Social Security disability benefits - will take to Raleigh at no charge; work with State to take over old county jail to be restored as museum; will be there if someone needs someone to talk to - will stay in touch with the citizens

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Mr. Charles McGougan, Consulting Engineer, Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, was in attendance to request approval of Change Order Number One from Mecklenburg Utilities, Inc. for the Hunters Place Gravity Sewer, Force Main and Pump Station project. The additional work would abandon two (2) existing pump stations, Apogee

Medical Pump Station and Hunters Place Pump Station and provide a new sewer service to Apogee Medical. This work will increase the project by \$17,100.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve Change Order Number One for Mecklenburg Utilities, Inc. for the Hunters Place Gravity Sewer, Force Main and Pump and authorize the Chairman to execute on behalf of the County.

Mr. McGougan also requested that the Board adopt a Resolution Approving a 20-Year Capital Improvement Plan. This Capital Improvement Plan is required as a part of the Supplemental Grant Application filed with the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center for \$400,000 to be used for the expansion of the County's wastewater treatment facility. Mr. McGougan stated that this Plan would be reviewed on a yearly basis.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried adopt resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING A 20-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN"; copy of the resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all present voting "AYE" duly carried adopt BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NUMBER FOUR; copy of the amendment found in the Budget Ordinance Book.

Commissioner Strickland reported on activities of the Kerr Area Rural Transportation Transit System. The audit completed and everything in order. Project now underway for the implementation of radios in the KARTS vans.

Commissioner Ball reported on activities of the Area Mental Health. Actions by the General Assembly has impacted hard on the Mental Health Program reducing to about half the number of programs. Feels the four-county program will stay the same - might take on a fifth county. Feels a move is on to close certain mental health facilities by reducing the revenues.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried that due to the upcoming holiday season that the second regular meeting of the Board scheduled for December 17, 2001, be canceled.

The Board set Monday, December 10, 2001, as date for a special meeting of the Board to conduct second interview with candidates for the position of county manager; an alternate date of Thursday, December 13, 2001, was also set.

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

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John R. Ball, Chairman Jean Gordon, Clerk