

FEBRUARY 19, 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 Ball, Commissioner Edward Strickland. Commissioner Harry L. Foy, Jr. absent for this meeting.

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

A. Minutes of meeting held on February 5, 2001.

Proper notice having been given this is the time and place set for the second of two required public hearings to receive comment on the submission of a grant application for Community Development Block Grant - Economic Development Funds in the amount of \$750,000 to be used in conjunction with local funds for upgrading sewer lines and the wastewater treatment plant to accommodate industrial expansion.

Chairman Swanson declared the public hearing open and recognized Mr. Neil Mallory, Executive Director, Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments, who made comments regarding the grant. Mr. Mallory stated that Flextronics International was planning to expand its operation and had agreed to partner with the County in providing jobs for low and moderate income wage earners to satisfy grant requirements. The County must provide a 25% match. To qualify for the grant funds one hundred jobs must be created with sixty of the jobs going to low and moderate income households. Mr. Mallory stated that to close out the project that all infrastructure must be in the ground and operating.

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried adopt resolution entitled "RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, NORTH CAROLINA APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS"; copy the resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Proper notice having been given this is the time and place set to receive comment on a petition for rezoning three acres on NC 56 in Cedar Rock Township from Agricultural-Residential to Rural Business.

Chairman Swanson declared the public hearing open and recognized County Planner, Mr. Matt Winslow, who made comments regarding the rezoning request and stated that the Planning Board recommended approval of the rezoning request.

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Strickland 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 APPROXIMATELY 3 ACRES ON NC 56 IN CEDAR ROCK TOWNSHIP FROM AGRICULTURAL-RESIDENTIAL TO RURAL BUSINESS"; copy of amending ordinance found in the Unified Development Ordinance Book.

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Mr. Dave Munden, Recreation Director, was in attendance to present the Recreation Advisory Board's recommendation for the approval of additional application for matching grant funds to be used by volunteer organizations in improving recreational facilities. Mr. Munden stated that these funds require a 100% match by the applicant organization and that two organizations had qualified. The Bunn Youth Recreation League submitted a request for \$3,250 for repair of existing baseball and softball field fencing, dugouts, infields and outfields at Bunn Elementary School. The Youngsville Area Kids Soccer submitted a request for \$3,000 for the purchase of soccer goals, soccer nets, line paint, grass seed, horticultural materials and a mower with accessories.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Ball with all present voting "AYE" duly carried upon the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Board award grant funds in the amount of \$3,250 to the Bunn Youth Recreation League and \$3,000 to the Youngsville Area Kids Soccer to be in conjunction with matching funds from the organizations to be used for improving recreational facilities.

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried upon the recommendation of the Finance Director approve Budget Ordinance Amendment Number Nine (9); copy of the amendment found in the Budget Ordinance Book.

County Manager Leary reviewed with the Board a Change Order from Poquoson Construction Company for the Transmission Main Packaged Booster Pump Station in the amount of \$14,000. At the previous meeting the Board was advised that the work had already taken place due to the fact that the contractor was finishing the project and it would cost more if he had to return to complete the work. Mr. Leary stated that two additional quotes for the portion of the change order pertaining to the fencing had been obtained from area companies in the amounts of \$4,595 and \$6,285. Mr. Leary stated that the consulting engineer had agreed to accept any amount which the Board deemed reasonable and that the engineering company would make up the difference.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve the payment of \$5,500 for Change Order Number 1 from Poquoson Construction Company for the Transmission Main Packaged Booster Pump Station for the installation of chain link fence around the Novo Tank site.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve Change Order Number 1 from Poquoson Construction Company to reinstall influent piping to Master Meter Station in order to switch piping headers for the Franklin County and the Town of Louisburg influent mains in the amount of \$5,500.

County Manger Leary reviewed with the Board an application previously approved under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for funds to be used for the acquisition of property damaged by flood waters during Hurricane Floyd. Mr. Leary stated that property located at 2946 Whitehorse Drive, Lake Royale, had been damaged beyond repair and qualified for these funds. Mr. Leary further stated that it was necessary for the Board to approve the acquisition of this property in the amount of \$126,233.68, and after demolition of the structure the property would remain as open space in perpetuity.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve the acquisition of property owned by Mr. David Batchelor at 2946 Whitehorse

Drive, Lake Royale, in the amount of \$126,233.68 with funds from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

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County Manager Leary advised the Board that the Justice Volunteer Fire Department had constructed a substation on Sykes Road and was asking that the Board request that the Department of Transportation use Secondary Road funds allocated to Franklin County to assist in the paving of the driveway and apron of the newly constructed facility. Mr. Leary stated that the fire department had obtained three quotes for the required paving and the low bid was received from B & B Paving Company, Raleigh, NC, in the amount of \$11,815.00.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Ball with all present voting "AYE" duly carried instruct the County Manager to contact the Department of Transportation and request that Secondary Road funds in the amount of \$11,815.00 allocated to Franklin County be used to pave the driveway and apron of the Justice Volunteer Fire Department substation located on Sykes Road.

County Manager Leary reviewed with the Board the improvements for stormwater management erosion control and the need for methane gas vents at the site of the former Franklin County landfill. Mr. Leary stated that Withers & Ravenel Engineering & Surveying had conducted the evaluation of the needs at the site and had presented a Task Order, not to exceed \$63,450.00, between the County and the company for professional services to design and administer the project.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve Task Order between Franklin County and Withers & Ravenel Engineering & Surveying, Inc. for professional engineering services regarding the design and the soliciting of bids for the needed improvements at the former Franklin County landfill not to exceed \$63,450.00.

The Board discussed accounts receivable due to the County for ambulance services provided to County citizens by the Franklin County emergency services providers. It was the consensus of the Board that the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council review this matter and make a recommendation to the Board for improving collections of the ambulance transporting fees in the future.

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

ROBERT L. SWANSON, CHAIRMAN JEAN GORDON, CLERK