

JUNE 11, 2001

The Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina, met in Special Session at 6:30 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.

The purpose of this Special Meeting to conduct a work session on the proposed 2001-2002 Franklin County Budget.

Sheriff Robert Redmond, along with the fire chiefs from the volunteer fire departments throughout the County, were in attendance to discuss the needed improvements for Public Safety Communications. Sheriff Redmond reported that there were coverage problems in many areas, unreliable paging for fire and rescue, unreliable and expensive phone lines, lightning damage at tower sites. He further stated that the recommendations included new 300 foot tower at 911 Center, new base/repeater equipment, new receivers at additional tower sites, new receiver voting systems, new microwave system to eliminate phone lines, new site monitoring system, new grounding and lightning protection. The estimated cost for these improvements is approximately \$487,000. The Sheriff stated that there were two bills in the Legislature requesting that certain counties be allowed to expand the allowed uses of money in the Emergency Telephone System Fund for Communications Needs and requested that the Board adopt a resolution requesting that Franklin County be allowed to piggyback on these bills. It was determined that HB 867 and HB 125 were the bills best suited for Franklin County's needs.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Foy with all present voting "AYE" duly carried adopt a resolution entitled "RESOLUTION TO EXPAND THE ALLOWED USES OF MONEY IN EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM FUND FOR COMMUNICATION NEEDS" requesting that Franklin County be allowed to piggyback on HB 867 and HB 125; copy of the resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Adjournment recorded at 9:00 P. M.

Robert L. Swanson, Chairman Jean Gordon, Clerk