

**JUNE 18, 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, Commissioner Edward G. Strickland.

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

the minutes of meetings held on June 4 and June 11, 2001

The following valedictorians from the area high schools were in attendance in order for the Board to present them with a resolution of commendation on their scholastic achievements: Lindsay Lewis and Stephanie Stracqualursi, Bunn High School; Cindy Currin, Louisburg High School. Jennifer Heredeen, Franklinton High School was unable to be in attendance.

Ms. Angie Callihan, Emergency Services Director, was in attendance to review with the Board the proposed fire insurance district for Justice Fire Department. Ms. Callihan stated that she, a representative from the State Fire Marshal's Office, Department of Insurance, the Chief and Board of Directors of the Justice Fire Department and the Chief and Board of Directors of the Bunn Fire Department were in agreement on the insurance district lines. Ms. Callihan further stated that approval of the map and description was for insurance grading purposes only and would have nothing to do with response or service districts.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Ball with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve the map and description for the fire insurance district for Justice Fire Department.

Proper notice having been given this is the time and place set for a public hearing to receive comment on the proposed 2001-2002 Franklin County Budget.

Chairman Swanson declared the public hearing open and called for public comment and the following people spoke:

Ralph Knott, Chairman, Franklin County Recreation Advisory Board, Louisburg, NC  
thanks for all Commissioners have done; recreation is so important and the people in the county do support county-wide recreation; people in Franklinton are excited about the new park; there will be a park in Louisburg and the Recreation Advisory Board is looking at property in the Pilot/Bunn area for another park; must not cut funds to be used for grant; if grant money not used State will assume the County does not want it; cutting \$75,000 from Capital Reserve Fund is sending wrong message to citizens who want recreation; young people need activities; that \$75,000 stands for progress and behind what we told the people in the County; there are some budgets that are not taking cuts, look at them; people don't know large amount of money in budget is mandated by State and Federal Governments

Grady Macon, 1825 Tarboro Road, Youngsville, NC  
stated that the debt payment for the county had increased \$500,00 per year since 1994; when budgets are adopted somebody will be happy and somebody will be mad; last year when contractors went over budget and requested additional money it was paid and work done without getting bids - hope each Commissioner will make a commitment not do same in the next

fiscal year; questioned where solid waste fund money was spent; the debt is getting too great - people can not pay

Gilbert Silva, 78 Walter Grissom Road, Kittrell, NC 27544

the ten cents tax increase is not paying off county debt; the amount of growth is what impacts the budget; tax collections are not up and a plan must be implemented to collect the delinquent taxes; there needs to be a plan to pay down the long-term debt; when county approves a contract for a certain amount

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and for a specific time frame and the contractor comes back and states that he needs more money to complete wants to see the Board refuse to pay; county needs to develop a long-range plan

Betty Conklin, 302 West Noble Street, Louisburg, NC

when a contractor agrees to do a job for a certain amount of money that is all the money they should be paid

Danny Pearce, Associate Vice President, Home Builders Association

where is money being spent using the tax increase; what is difference in taxes for farm land use versus new subdivisions; questioned if county was getting the correct numbers from the Tax Department; got notice from mortgage company stating that his taxes had not been paid and they had been paid; thinks there is big over spending someplace

Ken Gregoruis, 157 Granpla Way, Spring Hope, NC

more concerned about having more police protection than more recreation; can put a swing set in the back yard; has five kids - can't pay more taxes

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

Acting County Manager Harris reviewed with the Board a contract for engineering services to be provided by Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates for the Transmission Main Chlorine Booster Station. The amount for the design services is \$17,550 and the construction administration services is \$11,700. The engineering firm had been authorized at an earlier meeting to proceed with the design and solicitation of bids for the project. This is an eligible item of cost under the Economic Development Administration Grant.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Ball with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve the contract between Franklin County and Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates for engineering services for the Transmission Main Chlorine Booster Station in the amount of \$17,550 for the design services and \$11,700 for the construction administration services and authorize the Chairman to execute on behalf of the County.

Mr. Ronnie Goswick, Economic Development Director, was in attendance to request the Board to award the bid for the installation of water lines to serve Atlantic Coast Cabinets, Neuse Tile & Capital Ceramics. The Board had approved at a previous meeting the allocation of \$20,000 to be used for this project. This allocation was pursuant to the Franklin County Water & Sewer Extension Policy. The bids exceeded the amount approved by \$10,506 due to an increase in the size of service line needed to serve the fire protection needs of the companies. Mr. Goswick stated the increased amount was within the allowable amount pursuant to the Water & Sewer Extension Policy. Bids were received for 670 feet of

8" SDR 21 PVC Water Main and 150 feet of 6" Pressure CL.350 Ductile Iron Water Main. Bids were received from Mecklenburg Utilities in the amount \$30,506.00 and Woodlief Grading, Inc. in the amount of \$32,527.70.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all present voting "AYE" duly carried award bid for the installation of 670 feet of 8" SDR 21 PVC Water Main and 150 feet of 6" Pressure CL.350 Ductile Iron Water Main to Mecklenburg Utilities in the amount of \$30,506.00 to serve Atlantic Coast Cabinets, Neuse Tile & Capital Ceramics.

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

**RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Mike Loyd

reappointed three-year term, expiring June, 2004

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**RESEARCH TRIANGLE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP**

Donald Lancaster

reappointed two-year term, expiring June, 2003

**JURY COMMISSION**

Odell Arnold

reappointed two-year term, expiring June, 2003

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Ball, voting "AYE" Commissioner Wynne, Commissioner Ball, Commissioner Strickland, Commissioner Swanson, voting "NO" Commissioner Foy the Board went into Closed Session pursuant to General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (6) in order that the Board may consider the qualifications of prospective public employee.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Ball with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the Board reconvened into regular session.

Chairman Swanson stated that no action necessary as a result of the Closed Session.

Chairman Swanson recessed the meeting until Monday, June 25, 2001, at 7:00 P. M.

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Robert L. Swanson, Chairman Jean Gordon, Clerk to the Board