

OCTOBER 1, 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: Vice Chairman George T. Wynne, Commissioner John R. Ball, Commissioner Harry L. Foy, Jr., Commissioner Edward G. Strickland. Commissioner Robert L. Swanson absent for this meeting.

Vice Chairman Wynne presided at this meeting in the absence of Chairman Swanson.

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

- A. Minutes of meeting held on September 17, 2001
- B. Tax Collector's Report for the month of September, 2001
- C. Tax releases and refunds for month of September, 2001

Proper notice having been given this is the time and place set for a public hearing to receive comment on the proposed Franklin County Unified Development Ordinance.

Vice Chairman Wynne declared the public hearing open and called for public comments and the following individuals spoke:

Ralph Edwards, Chairman, Franklin County Planning Board
stated that the Unified Development is a good & needed document, but will not control nor pay for the rapid growth that is taking place in the county and feels there must be a way to control the growth; feels that an Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance would be a complete plan to control growth; agencies to be involved in assisting the Board with the development of such an ordinance should be public schools, finance officer, economic development director, water & sewer director, Home Builders Association, citizens at large; there must be a plan for the financing of the growth in the county

Mary Jane Jennings, 566 Jones Chapel Road, Louisburg, NC
stated that she served as member of the Land Use Plan Update Committee and was relieved that things were being done that would benefit the county for years to come; all elements of development is covered in the document and will be used to protect the county and the developers themselves; urged the Board to adopt the Unified Development Ordinance

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

Commissioner Ball commended the individuals involved in the revision of the Unified Development Ordinance and stated that the Board needed to move forward for adoption as soon as possible. He further stated that the Board needed to be prepared to appoint a committee to begin work on a proposed Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance.

Mr. Ronnie Goswick, Economic Development Director, was in attendance to request the Board to approve a request from Enertia Building Systems, Inc. to use the County's Water & Sewer Extension

Policy for water extension to their property line located on the west side of US 1-A. The water line is located on the east side of US 1-A and a road bore will be required accounting for a large portion of the cost. The County's Water & Sewer Extension Policy would \$87,591 to be made available, but based on estimates received the cost will be \$17,130. Based on Enertia's projections and the Tax Assessor the annual tax bill would be \$12,513. The company estimates employment of 20 people within two years.

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Upon motion by Commissioner Foy, seconded by Commissioner Ball with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve the request from Enertia Building Systems, Inc. to use the County's Water & Sewer Extension Policy for water extension to property located on the west side of US 1-A.

Mr. Ronnie Goswick, Economic Development Director, was in attendance to request approval of contract between Franklin County and The LPA Group, Consulting Engineers, for the design, survey, construction administration and inspection of the t-hangar project and automatic weather observation system (AWOS). This contract would allow Knightdale Airport, Inc. and Carlina to provide equipment and labor to prepare the construction site for both the t-hangar and taxi land with fill dirt that will be borrowed from a site owned by the County. The County will contract, through a bid process to pave the taxi lane and the two t-hangars. Acting County Manager Harris recommended to the Board that The LPA Group draft a construction agreement outlining the scope of work to be performed by Knightdale Airport, Inc. and Carlina and that proof of insurance be provided.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve the contract between Franklin County and The LPA Group for the design, survey, construction administration and inspection of the t-hangar project and automatic weather observation system (AWOS) at the Franklin County Airport and request The LPA Group to prepare a construction agreement outlining the scope of work to be performed by Knightdale Airport, Inc. and Carlina and that proof of insurance be provided.

In an effort to assist citizens in the improvement of roads within the Inglewood Subdivision the County made special assessments against property for the costs of paving Inglewood Drive and Inglewood Way. The project was completed and the Board requested that the Department of Transportation review and take over the road for maintenance. The Department of Transportation is requesting approval of a Right Of Way Agreement for the roads that would release the Department of Transportation of all claims for damages by reason of said right of way and the past and future use thereof by the Department.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve the Right of Agreement between the North Carolina Department of Transportation and Franklin County for Inglewood Drive and Inglewood Way located in the Inglewood Subdivision.

The Board discussed the need to update the County's public safety communications system in an effort to improve services to the citizens of the County. The Board discussed ways to upgrade without placing a burden on the citizens. The Board adopted a resolution in June, 2001, requesting that the North Carolina Legislature expand the allowed uses of the money in the Emergency Telephone System Fund for this purpose, but were not successful. When the Enhanced 911 Program was first started in the County a committee was formed to assist the County in these efforts and it appears that there is a need to reactivate that committee.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried that the following individuals be appointed to serve on a committee to assist the Board in their efforts to obtain funding for the upgrading of the County's public safety communications

system: County Commissioner; County Manager; Sheriff; Emergency Medical Services Director or designee; County Planner or designee; Communications Supervisor or designee; Rescue Squads Association President or designee; Firemen's Association President or designee.

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Commissioner Ball reported to the Board on activities of the Area Mental Health Board on which he serves. He stated that the North Carolina General Assembly established a fund that helped avoid the closing of Dorothy Dix and a facility for juveniles. He reported that the staff was responding well to the increased work load due to the loss of positions because of funding cuts.

Commissioner Foy reported on a recent meeting of the Health Board in which Ms. Sandra Wood was appointed to serve as the Interim Health Director replacing Health Director Keith Patton who resigned effective October 12. He stated that the position had been advertised.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Strickland, voting "AYE" Commissioner Ball, Commissioner Strickland, Commissioner Wynne; voting "NO" Commissioner Foy the Board went into Closed Session pursuant to General Statute 143-318.11 (3) in order that the Board may consult with the County Attorney.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the Board reconvened into Regular Session.

Vice Chairman Wynne stated that no action was necessary as a result of the Closed Session.

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

George T. Wynne, Vice Chairman Jean Gordon, Clerk