

SEPTEMBER 17, 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 G. Strickland.

The Board observed a moment of silent in memory of the victims and the families of the victims killed and injured as a result of an attack by foreign terrorists who hijacked and destroyed four civilian aircraft, crashing two of them into the World Trade Center in New York City and a third into the Pentagon.

The National Association of Counties requested that the Franklin County Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution condemning the cowardly acts and supporting the President of the United States, his National Security Team and Congress to defend additional attacks and find the perpetrators to bring them to justice. Counties throughout the United States were asked to adopt such a resolution. The resolutions will be returned to NACo for distribution to the White House.

Upon motion by Commissioners Foy, seconded by Commissioner Ball, with all present voting "AYE" duly carried adopt "RESOLUTION FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS", supporting the President, the National Security Team and Congress in their efforts during this tragedy; copy of the resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

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 meetings held on August 30, September 4 and September 10.

Proper notice having been given, this is the time and place set for a public hearing to receive comments on special use permit request by Donald Ray Arnold for a mini-storage facility on three (3) acres on NC 39 in Harris Township in the Agricultural-Residential District.

Chairman Swanson declared the public hearing open and recognized Mr. Matthew Winslow, Franklin County Planner, who made comments on the special use permit request and stated that the Franklin County Planning Board had recommended approval of the request.

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Foy, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried upon the recommendation of the Franklin County Planning Board and after findings of conditions approve the Special Use Permit Request by Donald Ray Arnold for a mini-storage facility on three (3) acres on NC 39 in Harris Township in the Agricultural-Residential District.

Proper notice having been given this is the time and place set for a public hearing to receive comments on a Special Use Permit Request by Regional Gas, Inc. for the storage of liquid propane on one (1) acre off US 1 Highway in Youngsville Township in the Agricultural-Residential District.

Chairman Swanson declared the public hearing open and recognized Mr. Matthew Winslow, Franklin County Planner, who made comments on the Special Use Permit request and stated that the Franklin County Planning Board recommended approval of the request.

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Upon motion by Commissioner Foy, seconded by Commissioner Ball with all present voting "AYE" duly carried upon the recommendation of the Franklin County Planning Board and after findings of conditions approve the Special Use Permit by Regional Gas, Inc. for the storage of liquid propane on one (1) acre off US 1 Highway in Youngsville Township in the Agricultural-Residential District.

Mr. Michael Wicker, Division Manager for Water & Wastewater, Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, was in attendance in reference to the County submitting an application to receive Rural Center Supplemental Grant funds in the amount of \$400,000 to be used for the sewer expansion project. Mr. Wicker stated that his firm would prepare the application for the grant funds and that it was necessary for the Board to adopt a resolution of intent to apply for the funds.

Upon motion by Commissioner Foy, seconded by Commissioner Ball with all present voting "AYE" duly carried adopt Resolution of intent to apply for Rural Center Supplemental Grant funds in the amount of \$400,000 to be used for the sewer expansion project; copy of the resolution attached and made a part of these minutes.

Ms. Melanie Parker, Program Coordinator for Family Support Network, was in attendance to request that the Board adopt a resolution declaring the month of October as Disability Awareness Month. Ms. Parker stated that the County provides services to children and adults not only through the school system but also the Vocational Rehabilitation, Public Health, Social Services, Area Mental Health, Development Disabilities and Substance Abuse Program and the Yolanda Jones Child Development Center. She further stated that approximately 10% of the County's population have disabilities.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Ball with all present voting "AYE" duly carried adopt resolution declaring the month of October as Disability Awareness Month in Franklin County.

Mr. Patrick Walther, Franklin County citizen, was in attendance to request that the Board adopt a resolution declaring the official observance of September 17th as U. S. Constitution Day and September 16 through September 22 as U. S. Constitution Week in Franklin County. Mr. Walter stated that the U. S. Constitution was ratified and adopted in a Constitutional Convention on September 17, 1787, thus becoming the supreme law in order to secure and guarantee the rights of all free citizens of the United States.

Upon motion by Commissioner Foy, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried adopt resolution declaring September 17 as U. S. Constitution Day and September 16 through September 22 as U. S. Constitution Week in Franklin County.

Mr. Ronnie Goswick, Economic Development Director, was in attendance to request the Board to consider approval of State Aid to Airports Block Grant Agreement between the NC Department of Transportation and Franklin County in the amount of \$150,000. Mr. Goswick stated that the County applied for and had been awarded AIR 21 Grant funding in the amount of \$150,000 with a local match of \$16,667 for a total of \$166,667 to be used for AWOS Tower Extension, Ground Communication Outlet and Hangar Access Taxiway.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, voting "AYE" Commissioner Ball, Commissioner Swanson, Commissioner Strickland, Commissioner Wynne; voting "NO" Commissioner Foy approve State Aid to Airports

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Block Grant Agreement between the NC Department of Transportation, an Agency of the State of North Carolina and Franklin County in the amount of \$150,000.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Foy with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the following people appointed to serve on the Franklin County Greenway Advisory Board:

Lucy T. Allen
Allen de Hart
Willie F. Bartholomew
Mary Jane Jennings
Dennis Brown
James O. Murphy
Steve Mobley

The Board discussed the need to make appointments that are pending to various boards and commissions. Commissioner Ball stated that he felt it was necessary for the Board to conduct a work session in an effort to evaluate each board/commission to determine the number of people now serving, the qualifications needed to serve, person responsible for the appointment, length of terms and any other pertinent information that the Board needs in order to make appointments to these boards/commissions that would best serve the citizens of the County.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried that the Board of Commissioners set Monday, September 24, 2001, at 7:00 P. M., in the Commissioners Meeting Room, to conduct a work session on the appointments to various boards and commissions.

The Board discussed the possibility of early buyout of the water contract between the County and the Town of Louisburg whereby the County purchases water from the Town. This contract was signed in September, 1993 and is due to expire in September, 2003. An evaluation of this contract is being conducted as a possible savings for the County.

Ms. Lucy T. Allen, Mayor, Town of Louisburg, was in attendance and stated it is very important for the County and the Town to work in partnership. Louisburg has 3,000 residents which constitutes an industry for the County. She stated that this is a very complex and technical situation and the Town and the County need to meet and discuss this matter in order to achieve a win win situation. It was decided that the Town of Louisburg officials would meet with the Board of Commissioners at a Special Meeting to be held on Monday, September 24, 2001, to discuss the water contract.

Commissioner Ball reported to the Board some of the activities of the Area Mental Health Board on which he serves as the County's representative. He stated that the Mental Health program was not funded at the same level and it had been necessary to make up the budget cuts and that twenty-two positions had been cut.

Commissioner Strickland reported on activities of KARTS. He stated that they were trying to increase the ridership; State funding had not been cut.

Commissioner Wynne stated that the terrorist's attack on America had appeared to bring the American people together, more people praying and going to church; hope it will lead to prayer being allowed in the schools.

Commissioner Strickland commented on the report received from Mr. Jim Wrenn, Acting Tax Administrator, regarding tax collections thus far. Mr. Wrenn reported that 592 final notice letters had been mailed and 306 of those accounts had been paid out.

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

ROBERT L. SWANSON, CHAIRMAN JEAN GORDON, CLERK