

FEBRUARY 18, 2002

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 John R. Ball, Vice Chairman Robert L. Swanson, Commissioner Harry L. Foy, Jr., Commissioner Edward G. Strickland, Commissioner George T. Wynne.

Chairman Ball reported that Franklin County Clerk to the Board, Jean Gordon, had announced her retirement. He stated that while he understood, her presence would be greatly missed by the Board, staff and citizens of the County. The Board concurred.

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

- A. Minutes of meeting held on February 4, 2002
- B. Road petition for Longwood Drive located in Woodcroft Subdivision
- C. Resolution appointing review officers for the purpose of reviewing each plat before it is recorded and certify that it meets the statutory requirements for recording

Proper notice having been given this is the time and place set for a public hearing to receive comment on the elements of the application process relative to the County's intention to apply for Fiscal Year 2002 Community Development Block Grant Scattered Site funding under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act.

Chairman Ball declared the public hearing open and recognized Ms. Tracy Tayloe, Program Administrator, Holland Consulting Planners, Inc., who made comments regarding the grant.

Ms. Tayloe reviewed the applicant selection and rating process, loan terms & conditions, criteria for treatment of homeowners, repair vs. replacement, construction guidelines. As part of the application process it is necessary to conduct two public hearing and the first was held on January 22, 2002. The application deadline is February 28, 2002.

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

Proper notice having been given this is the time and place set for a public hearing to receive comment on the appointment of a representative of the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the Town of Louisburg to the Town's Planning Board.

Chairman Ball declared the public hearing open and called for public comments.

Chairman Ball stated that Mr. Tony King, Assistant Administrator for the Town of Louisburg, had requested that Mr. Craig Eller, currently serving as the representative, be reappointed.

Chairman Ball called for further comment and hearing none declared the public hearing closed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Foy with all present voting "AYE" duly carried that Mr. Craig Eller be reappointed to serve a three-year term, expiring

February, 2005, on the Louisburg Planning Board representing the extraterritorial jurisdiction.

The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Franklin 2002 class was in attendance to update the Board on the Leadership Franklin program. Mr. Ben Brooks, Co-Chair, stated that the program offered the opportunity for anyone to participate and learn more about the County and what it has to offer. Also in attendance were members of the Youth Leadership of Franklinton High School who were interested in learning more about local governments. Mr. Shawn Shifflett made comments on behalf of the students.

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County Manager Self reviewed with the Board the proposed contract and engagement letter from the County's independent auditors, Holden, Moss, Knott, Clark and Taylor, for the audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002. The cost for this audit is \$37,500. Mr. Self stated that this was the last year on the current bid and next year will be bid for another three to five years.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve the audit contract and engagement letter from the CPA Firm of Holden, Moss, Knott, Clark and Taylor, for the audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002, at an estimated cost of \$37,500.

The Board discussed a request from the Franklin County Planning Staff that Mr. Scott Lerew, serving as a alternate on the Franklin County Board of Adjustment, be appointed to fill an unexpired term on the Board as a standing member.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all present voting "AYE" duly carried that Mr. Scott Lerew be appointed to fill an unexpired term on the Franklin County Board of Adjustment as a standing member, term to expire July, 2004.

County Manager Self advised the Board that with the planned retirement of Jean Gordon that the Board is required by law to have a County Clerk to the Board. He stated that many counties designate the County Manager to serve as Clerk and it seemed advisable for the Board to take similar action.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Foy with all present voting "AYE" duly carried that County Manager Self be appointed to serve as Clerk to Board effective April 1, 2002.

County Manager Self advised the Board that he was in the process of purchasing a tract of land near Franklinton on which to build a house. He stated that taking into account that it cannot be built within the ninety days specified in Section 1. Employment and Duties of the Employment Agreement for moving to the County the Agreement needs to be amended.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all present voting "AYE" duly carried that Section 1. Employment and Duties of the Employment Agreement between Franklin County and Richard B. Self be amended deleting "agrees to relocate to the County within ninety days" and replace with "agrees to relocate to the County upon the completion of the construction of his home".

Commissioner Strickland reported that KARTS had purchased new radio systems for the vans and were pleased with the service; one tower reaches from Henderson to the Rocky Mount & Durham

areas.

Commissioner Ball reported that groups continue to discuss the Mental Health issues.

Commissioner Swanson reported that the Medicaid costs continue to increase; ten percent more citizens are requesting assistance than last year.

County Manager Self reported to the Board on the following issues:

1. Information regarding the water capacity replacement fee of \$125 per bedroom had been forwarded to the citizen who made public comments at the last Board meeting regarding this matter.
2. Letter of appreciation written to the Inspection Department from Modular Technologies, Inc. for the courteous and professional services rendered while working with the Church of God.

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3. Letter received from Henderson Mayor Robert Young, Jr. denying adjustment in the rates based upon the financing terms.
4. Nine of seventeen replacement units are complete and five of the ten units for repair/rehabilitation are underway in the Hurricane Floyd Crisis Housing Assistance program.
5. Holland Consulting Planners have installed a direct telephone line to better serve the public.
6. The County is proceeding to foreclose on the property of Resort Land Corporation.
7. Governor Easley's announcement to with hold funds leave the County with a \$622,000 shortfall; has frozen all overtime and travel is being monitored very closely.

There being no further business to come before the Board adjournment recorded at 8:30 P. M.

JOHN R. BALL, CHAIRMAN JEAN GORDON, CLERK