

APRIL 15, 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.

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

Minutes of meeting held on April 1, 2002

Project Ordinance WASTE WATER EXPANSION PROJECT

Resolution to Exempt the Water & Sewer Study from the Provisions of NCGS 143-64.31

Mrs. Vivian Cowan was in attendance in order that the Board may recognize and congratulate her on her selection as the Employee of the Quarter for the quarter ending March 31, 2002. Mrs. Cowan has been an employee with the County since 1990 and was selected for this recognition by a committee of her peers, which was appointed at random. Mrs. Cowan is an Accounting Technician in the Health Department. She is a true team player and gets along with everyone. Commissioner Foy, who is Chairman of the Health Department Board, and Sandra Wood, Acting Director of the Health Department, presented the award to Mrs. Cowan.

The following individuals made public comments:

Joseph D. Alley, 1654 Sid Mitchell Rd., Youngsville, NC

Has noticed over the past six months an avalanche of requests for residential developments in Franklin County, most under \$200,000, has spoken to members of Planning Board, as well as Board of Adjustment, they say there is nothing they can do as long as these developments meet the conditions of the County, recommends six-month to a one-year moratorium in order for the Board to take a look at ordinance and regulations to review price range and where development is taking place. He stated that he had full confidence in the elected Board of Commissioners and would feel more at ease if they were making the decisions as opposed to the appointed Planning Board.

Mary Jane Jennings, 566 Jones Chapel Rd., Louisburg, NC

Member of Solid Waste Task Force, wanted to thank the Board for their support of the "Keep America Beautiful" campaign

Deputy Sheriffs Dallas Conrad McGhee and Phil May have retired from the Sheriff's Department. It is the practice of many governmental entities to allow retiring officers to purchase their service revolvers. The Board may wish to consider allowing Mr. McGhee and Mr. May to do the same. Most commonly, these side arms are made available to retiring officers for \$1.00 or for an amount equal to the original purchase price. The properties will have to be declared surplus in order to allow sale to Mr. McGhee and Mr. May.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wynne, with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the .45 Colt automatic pistol, serial #FR01691 surplus (Mr. McGhee) and the .45 Colt automatic pistol, serial #FRO-5934 surplus (Mr. May), and that Mr. McGhee and Mr. May may purchase the revolvers for \$1.00.

Commissioner Strickland reported that he met with KARTS, and that they were looking into getting new dispatching software for the vans. The contract had been signed and approved by the NCDOT, and one payment of \$10,000 had been made, when they were notified that the company had gone out of business. Commissioner Strickland stated that they investigated the possibility of getting this money back, but that it would cost almost as much in legal fees just to try and get the \$10,000 payment back.

Commissioner Swanson reported that he attended a Franklin County Chamber of Commerce meeting last week. The main topic of discussion was that funds are low and member participation is down.

Commissioner Ball reported on his meeting last week in Raleigh with other members of surrounding counties. Counties are very pressed for funds, with no real good news out there, and budget committees are in session right now. Commissioner Ball also wanted to remind everyone of the “Whistlers Convention” this week and urged everyone to attend and to let others know about this event.

County Manager Self gave the Board the Manager’s update. He reminded the Board of the reception for Lucy Allen on April 28th at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Self said that Orange and Chatham counties are sponsoring an emergency planning as it relates to terrorism meeting. It will be on May 2nd at 7:30 p.m. at the William Friday Center in Chapel Hill. A meeting was held with the E911 Committee to discuss o2Wireless Solutions. The schedule is as follows: Needs Assessment – May 3rd; RFP completed – May 30th; RFP Bidder Meeting – June 12th; RFP Responses – June 28th; RFP Recommendation – July 12th; and Board Action – August 5th. Mr. Self reported that Cleo Nowell turned in his notice this afternoon. He will be meeting with the staff tomorrow and will bring in a temporary person while we are interviewing. The Town of Louisburg is assisting with back up and support. Mr. Self reported that Holland Consultants has five houses underway for the Single Rehabilitation Program and as for the Hurricane Floyd Crisis Housing, five houses are completed, two are underway and nine of the eighteen are completed as of this date. The In-Home Aide Program began phasing out four years ago when the additional providers entered the private sector in Franklin County. Mr. Self emphasized that the client will continue to receive the same level of care. We will be working with the clients to make sure they understand the process and that they are not having services reduced in any manner. For the employees, we will be working with the private sector in home aid providers to find them employment; a job fair for the employees with the private providers has been schedule for Tuesday, April 16, 2002. Cost savings to the county is between \$120,000 and \$125,000 in local funds. Mr. Self met with a group of concerned citizens from the Moulton Road area near Louisburg over their concerns of the approval of a 100-unit subdivision in their area. They will be attending the Adequate Public Facilities Task Force Meeting on April 18th. Mr. Self informed the Board that they are invited to attend the reception prior to commencement exercises on Saturday, May 11th at 10:00 a.m. at Vance-Granville Community College, in the conference room of Building 8.

There being no further business to come before the Board, adjournment recorded at 8:05 P. M.

JOHN R. BALL, CHAIRMAN RICHARD B. SELF, CLERK