

August 19, 2002

The Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina, met in Regular Session at 7:30 P.M. in the Commissioner's 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, and Commissioner George T. Wynne.

1. Consent Agenda

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

Approval of minutes of meeting held on August 5, 2002.

2. Public Hearing – Local Law Enforcement Block Grant

Proper notice having been given this is the time and place set for a public hearing to receive comment on the use of \$16,592 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funds. The County has received this funding for several years from the Department of Justice, and the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program Advisory Board has met to consider the proposed use of the grant funds. The amount of the grant is \$16,592 Federal and \$1,844 matching local funds for a total of \$18,436. A copy of the minutes of the Advisory Board's meeting of August 12, 2002, along with a listing of the proposed use of these funds is on file in the County Clerk's office. The Advisory Board unanimously recommends approval of the funds for the purchase of items requested by the Sheriff.

Chairman Ball declared the public hearing open.

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

Upon motion by Chairman Ball, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with all present voting "AYE", duly concur with the recommendation of the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program Advisory Board and authorize the grant funds to be used as requested.

3. Division of Community Corrections Report

Royster Washington, Judicial District Manager, was present and updated the Board on activities of the Division of Community Corrections Activities in Franklin County. He reported that the division is comprised of a staff of twelve officers. Officers make both day and evening contracts and some weekend contacts are required for intermediate and intensive offenders. At the end of Fiscal Year 2001-2002, the Franklin County Division of Community Corrections office had 526 defendants on supervised probation or parole. 350 of these were placed on supervision this year.

Mr. Washington reported that on January 2, 2002, the Community Service Work Program was transferred from the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety to the Department of corrections. This past fiscal year Franklin County Community Service had 349 admissions of which 209 were compliant. Community Service hours performed totaled 9,381, of which 523 hours were dedicated to litter collection.

Mr. Washington also reported that the top three felony crimes for which defendants were

placed on probation in Franklin County were drugs-non traffic, larceny, and breaking and entering, which all are usually drug related.

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4. 20-Year Water and Wastewater Study

In response to the County's Request for Proposals for engineering services, six bids were received and analyzed. All of the firms were capable and had excellent references. The recommendation was based on time frame, experience and cost. The study's purpose is to detail future water lines, pump stations, elevated tanks, sewer lines, and stations, size of lines, general location of elevated tanks, general location of pump and lift stations, and estimated cost in current dollars. The Land Use Plan, population projections, patterns of population growth, and other useful data will be used to assist in developing the plan. Consultation with the Board, staff, the Adequate Public Facilities Task Force, schools, and third party participants will be included in the information gathering process.

The Engineering Firm of Olver, Incorporated of Charlotte was recommended to the Board. The time frame for completion is six months at a cost of \$45,000. Other firms submitting bids were:

Davis, Martin, Powell and Associates, Inc.
Hobbs, Upchurch and Associates
McKim and Creed
TRC Triangle, Inc.
Wooten, Inc.

Commissioner Swanson asked if this was the same study that was previously estimated to cost the County \$95,000. County Manager Richard Self responded yes. The \$45,000 bid from Olver, Inc. is an all-inclusive fixed price. Commissioner Foy asked could the County afford water lines no matter what the study says. Chairman Ball asked would it be feasible. County Manager Self replied that we are not just looking at the County's benefit, but also each municipality, including Vance and Warren counties, for potential availability of growth in the northern part of the County. We need to know the size of future lines needed and not just look at existing lines. Commissioner Foy asked how can you project what or where future growth will be. County Manager Self responded that similar studies conducted in other counties have worked. Chairman Ball stated that the Economic Development committee is looking at the need for an elevated tank, which is included in this study. Commissioner Foy stated that he feels the County should consider the situation of the water contract with Henderson and does not see the point in hiring someone to conduct a study.

Upon motion by Chairman Ball, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with Chairman Ball, Commissioner Strickland, Commissioner Swanson and Commissioner Wynne voting "AYE", Commissioner Foy voting "NO" duly carried the approval of the award of bid to Olver, Inc. and the associated budget amendment from within the water project fund in the amount of \$45,000.

5. Town of Franklinton – Sewer Lift Station Property

The Town of Franklinton has requested the County convey a .11 acre easement located inside the Town to them. A Town maintained lift station is located on the property and the Town

needs title in conjunction with a grant, which will provide a generator to support the lift station in times of power outage.

Chairman Ball called for discussion from the Board.

County Manager Self presented a map to the Board showing the easement, which is maintained by the Town of Franklinton. He stated that the Town cannot get the grant without the easement.

Upon motion by Chairman Ball, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the approval of the easement conveyance to the Town of Franklinton.

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6. Litter Sweep Week

September 16th to 29th has been proclaimed Litter Sweep Week in North Carolina. During this period, roadside cleanup is planned in conjunction with the North Carolina Department of Transportation and governments, civic groups, professional organizations, churches, schools, etc. The local NCDOT maintenance yard will issue cleanup supplies to all cleanup participants and arrange for pickup of the orange bags from the roadside. Cleanup supplies include orange safety vests, orange trash bags, blue recycling bags and gloves.

Mr. John Faulkner, Director of the Franklin County Landfill, stated that Litter Sweep Week occurred twice a year, April and September. He has placed advertisements in the local newspapers and radio and appreciates all the people who have helped in the past. He stated that prison inmates have helped a lot. Last year's contest for the most unusual item found went to a County citizen who found a jar full of pennies. Mr. Faulkner has visited the local schools to promote education on litter and recycling.

Mr. Faulkner also reported that the changes in hours of operation of the County Convenience Centers have gone well. A lot of information went out to the public prior to the change. He stated that the new hours have given staff more time to make necessary repairs on days the centers are closed. Chairman Ball asked if people are forgetting about the new hours and Mr. Faulkner replied that it has not been too bad. Commissioner Foy commented that he has had people complain to him that the containers at the Convenience Centers have been full. Mr. Faulkner responded that more containers may be necessary. He stays in contact with the centers each day and has found that Youngsville and the Five Points area are the busiest sites.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all present voting "AYE" duly endorsed and promoted September 16-29, 2002 as Litter Sweep Week in Franklin County.

7. Public Comments

No one from the public signed up to make a comment.

8. Commissioner Comments and Committee Reports

Commissioner Strickland reported that he attended the K.A.R.T.S. meeting August 13th and things are going well. They have a new computer to assist with billing. He stated that if any Department Heads have any concerns to relay them to Ms. Diane Cox at K.A.R.T.S.

Chairman Ball reported that the Economic Development Board met and has two more meetings planned. A joint meeting with the Economic Development Board and the Board of Commissioners is being planned.

Commissioner Swanson reported that he will be attending the 22nd Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. The main topic will be the Legislature.

Commissioner Foy and Commissioner Wynne reported that they did not attend any committee meetings. Commissioner Foy reported that the Health Board and Rescue Squads Association will be meeting.

9. Manager's Comments and Report

County Manager Self announced that the next Board of Commissioner's meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 2nd which is Labor Day. According to the Board's rules (number 6) the meeting date is shifted to Tuesday, September 3rd.

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Mr. Self reported that Moody's Investors Service has downgraded the State's bond rating from AAA to Aa1. There has been no word from Standard and Poor yet. Loss of the State bond rating has negative implications for local governments throughout the state. This rating is a result of the state's continued budget problems. This state downgrade will have a costly impact on the county.

Mr. Self reported that when the cap was placed at the landfill, he and John Faulkner removed the sediment basin improvements from the contract since they felt that it was too high. The bid price for this item was \$135,000. It has been rebid and the bid award is going to Wester Construction at a cost of \$35,700 plus \$3.00/foot for silt fence. This produced cost savings of \$99,300. Mr. Self commended Mr. Faulkner for his efforts at saving the county money.

Mr. Self presented the following status report for Holland consulting Planners:

- a. Rehabilitation of all five houses is completed. Lead-base paint inspections is all that remains and that should be completed this month.
- b. Hurricane Floyd Crisis Housing Assistance Program – work is complete on nine of the ten repair/rehabilitation houses. The final house cannot be completed until mid-October since the homeowner is in bankruptcy. Thirteen of the fourteen remaining eligible replacement houses are complete. Four of the remaining replacement units have been determined to be ineligible and dropped from the program.
- c. 2001 CDBG Scattered Site Housing – Environmental review conditions have been cleared and administration policies are being developed.
- d. 2002 CDBG Concentrated Needs – The final public hearing is scheduled for September 3rd. Fieldwork is almost complete in the Pilot community.

Mr. Self reported that his office has finished updating Board information on all Boards and Commissions. This information will be kept updated and posted on the web site as soon as

possible. Each Board or Commission is being contacted and attendance information is being requested prior to time for appointments. It will take at least another week to put all the information together. Mr. Self suggested the Board hold off on appointment replacements until they get the updated lists. He stated that this would have the effect of maintaining the status quo on all existing boards.

Mr. Self reported that Drought and Growth in Franklin County will be the topic of a forum to be held on Wednesday, August 21st at the Louisburg Training Center beginning at 5:00 P.M. He will be on the panel. Commissioner Foy questioned the name of the sponsor of this forum, Citizens for Change.

Mr. Self reported that a meeting was held on Friday, August 16th with Louisburg and Franklinton to discuss coordination of efforts in case of an emergency water shortage. He stated that a Stage 1 category is not the same in each municipality and each stage needs to be categorized the same to prevent confusion. Mr. Self also reported that the County had their lowest monthly water rate in August. Commission Swanson stated that the water rate from Henderson is now at \$2.89 per 1000 gallons, which is less than the \$3.00 rate from Louisburg and Franklinton. County Manager Self stated that the contract with Louisburg and Franklinton is well coordinated and needs to be kept viable.

1. Closed Session

The purpose of the Closed Session is to discuss personnel (NCGS 143-318.11(6)).

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wynne with Chairman Ball and Commissioner Strickland voting "AYE", Commissioner Foy voting "NO" duly carried the approval for the Board to go into Closed Session.

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The Board resumed Regular Session and made the following statement:

The Board has conducted an overall evaluation of the County Manager for the past year's performance and has found his performance to be superior. He has worked well for the citizens of the County and this Board appreciates his past, present and future efforts on the County's behalf.

Upon motion by Commissioner Tommy Wynne and seconded by Commissioner Ed Strickland the Board adjourned.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Regular Session was adjourned and recorded at 8:20 P.M.

JOHN R. BALL, CHAIRMAN

RICHARD B. SELF, CLERK