

MARCH 4, 2002

The Board of Commissioners 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 Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the following Consent Agenda Items approved:

- A. Minutes of meeting held on February 18, 2002
- B. Tax Collector's Report for month of February, 2002
- C. Tax releases and refunds for month of February, 2002
- D. Resolution designating week of April 15-20, 2002 as Happy Whistlers Week
- E. Road petition for Kingfisher Way; Whistler's Cove; Nuthatch Court; Huntsburg Drive located in Huntsburg Subdivision

The following individuals made public comments:

Joe Alley, 1654 Sid Mitchell Road, Youngsville, NC

Requested a revision be made to county zoning ordinance expanding the time that adjacent landowners are notified regarding a rezoning request; also requested that citizens living within a one-half mile area of the rezoning be notified, not just adjacent landowners

Grady Macon, 1825 Tarboro Road, Youngsville, NC

Stated that he tried numerous times to call the Youngsville Convenience Center to see if they were accepting cardboard and no one answered, he drove over to the site and was told they could not hear the telephone ring because the outside buzzer had been broken for approximately one year, requested that the County spend \$25 to have repaired

County Manager Self made comments regarding the emergency legislation recently signed by Governor Easley that committed to the State, Inventory Tax Reimbursements and other reimbursements designated for distribution to counties and cities. Mr. Self stated that if the County had to replace this funding it could cause a four cents tax increase. He further requested that the Board adopt a resolution requesting that the Governor restore full funding.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner with all present voting "AYE" duly carried adopt resolution entitled "RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA TO RESTORE FULL FUNDING OF STATE REIMBURSEMENTS OF REPEALED TAXES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS"; copy of resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Charles McGougan, Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, was in attendance regarding the bids received for the US Highway 1 Elevated Tank Chlorine Booster Station. The following bids received:

J. F. Wilkerson Contracting	\$126,750.00
H. G. Reynolds	\$141,776.00

Water & Waste Systems Construction	\$142,400.00
Ralph Hodge Construction	\$142,521.00
Billings & Garrett	\$162,000.00

Mr. McGougan stated that J. F. Wilkerson Contracting was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the project. He further stated that Hobbs, Upchurch had worked with this company in the past and they did quality work and recommend award of the bid in the amount of \$126,750.00 for the project to J. F. Wilkerson Contracting.

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Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried award contract for the construction of the US Highway 1 Chlorine Booster Station to J. F. Wilkerson Contracting in the amount of \$126,750.

Ms. Angela L. Harris, Assistant County Manager, reported to the Board on the Vance-Warren-Granville-Franklin Regional Day Reporting Center Programs. Ms. Harris stated that the mission of the center is to reduce crime victimization by reducing recidivism through a highly structured intermediate punishment program where offenders modify behavioral patterns that lead to criminal activity. She stated that the Center is an intermediate punishment sanction under Structure Sentencing. The Center operates on two basic programmatic tracts – intensive outpatient substance abuse counseling and educational/vocational training. She further stated that the County receives an allocation of funds under the Criminal Justice Partnership Program and had previously agreed to pool these funds with funds received by Vance, Warren and Granville Counties for the establishment of a Regional Day Reporting Center. It is necessary for the County to vote to continue the program as well as to approve of the Vance County Manager continuing to serve in Fiscal year 2002-2003 as the financial administrator of this regional project.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all present voting "AYE" duly carried approve resolution affirming the County's commitment to continuing this partnership with Vance, Warren and Granville Counties for a Regional Day Reporting Center; copy of resolution attached and made a part of these minutes.

The Board discussed the rezoning request by Mr. Gerald C. Wrenn to rezone approximately 18 acres on NC 39 in Harris Township. A public hearing was conducted on February 4, 2002, and the matter was tabled in order to give Mr. Wrenn an opportunity to move the farm equipment/cars and to allow the Board time to obtain additional information. The Planning Department Staff recommended that Mr. Wrenn be given an additional thirty days to auction off his salvage.

Upon motion by Commissioner Foy, seconded by Commissioner Strickland with all present voting "AYE" duly carried that upon the recommendation of the Planning Department Staff that Mr. Gerald Wrenn be given an additional thirty days to auction off his salvage.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all present voting "AYE" duly carried the following appointments made to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council:

Dale Byrns
Swain Stallings

Ned Smith
Jason Spruill
Ellis Day
Reappointed three-year term expiring March, 2005

Dr. Stephanie Brown
Dr. Donald Woodburn
Sandy Sphar
Fill unexpired terms – March, 2003

J. R. Senter
Fill unexpired term – March, 2004

County Manager Self reviewed with the Board a request from the Adequate Public Facilities Task Force that the Board authorize the expenditure of funds to prepare a twenty (20) year water and waste water study which would encompass the entire county

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and include size of lines, time frame and other pertinent issues. Mr. Self stated that by utilizing existing studies and reports, staff would do everything possible to keep the total expenditure as low as possible. The estimated cost of this study is \$95,000 and the appropriation would be taken from the wastewater treatment expansion project. Mr. Ralph Edwards stated that the County had a Land Use Plan and just recently adopted a Thoroughfare Plan and he felt a water and waste water study was needed for more and better placement of water and sewer lines. Mr. Bill Wallace, member of the Planning Board stated he felt this was the direction to go and it was much needed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Foy with all present voting “AYE” duly carried that staff compile all water and waste water studies previously done and bring back to the Board at the regular meeting on March 18, 2002.

County Manager Self reviewed with the Board the bid received on December 28, 2001 from Southern Software for law enforcement law enforcement related software. The bid was for Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) software in the amount of \$89,500 along with the Sheriff Pak in the amount of \$26,470 and Jail Pak in the amount of \$16,320. Mr. Self stated that the CAD software was written in a different platform than the Sheriff Pak and Jail Pak would have to be converted so that they were all written in the same language. The bid was reviewed by an outside consultant who recommended several enhancements that would not add to the cost, but increase the protection and suitability for the County. Mr. Self further stated that funds were available and had been budgeted in the E-911 Fund to pay for the software.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Swanson with all present voting “AYE” duly carried award bid for the purchase of Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) software in the amount of \$89,500 from Southern Software and authorize the County Manager to prepare and sign the contract with the enhancements.

Commissioner Foy stated he had attended his first Rescue Squads Association meeting and was informed that there would be capital needs in their budgets this year due to the fact that eight to ten defibrillators needed to be replaced.

Commissioner Swanson reported that one of the main topics discussed at his recent Social Services Board meeting was the renovation of the Human Services Building needed because of the overcrowding at that agency. Commissioner Swanson stated that it appeared that the funds would not be available in this fiscal year's budget and that the State could withhold funds because the renovations had not been done.

Commissioner Ball reported that discussions were continuing regarding Mental Health issues. Commissioner Ball stated that there would probably not be a resolution until the General Assembly reconvened. He reported that comments made at the Regional Council of Governments meeting by North Carolina County Commissioners Association Director Ron Aycock and League of Municipalities Director Ellis Hankins indicated that the State budget situation was getting worse.

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

JOHN R. BALL, CHAIRMAN JEAN GORDON, CLERK