

March 3, 2003

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 Harry L. Foy, Jr., Commissioner Robert L. Swanson, Commissioner Jimmie R. Gupton, and Commissioner Raymond A. Stone.

1. Consent Agenda

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

- A. Approval of minutes of Regular meeting held on February 18, 2003.
- B. Acceptance of Tax Collectors Report for the period January 15th through February 15th.
- C. Approval of Tax Releases and Refunds for the period January 15th through February 15th.
- D. Addition of Roads to the State Maintained System
 - 1. Franklin Farms Subdivision – Triple Crown Run
 - 1. Traylee Subdivision – Traylee Drive and Scotts Pine Circle

2. Resolution Designating Official to Make Recommendations on ABC Permit Applications

The NC Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission considers recommendations of local governing bodies concerning the suitability of a person or place to receive an ABC permit. The county official selected to complete the Local Government Opinion Form (001) may be required to testify in a contested ABC case.

Upon motion by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Vice-Chairman Foy, with all present voting "AYE", duly approved designating the Sheriff of Franklin County as the County's designee.

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF FRANKLIN REGARDING DESIGNATION OF AN OFFICIAL TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMISSION ON ABC PERMIT APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, General Statute 18B-904(f) authorizes a governing body to designate an official, by name or by position, to make recommendations concerning the suitability of persons or locations for ABC permits; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Franklin, wishes to notify the NC ABC Commission of its designation as required by General Statutes 18B-904 (f);

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Jerry Jones, Sheriff, is hereby designated to notify the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission of the recommendations of the County of Franklin regarding the suitability of persons and

locations for ABC permits within its jurisdiction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notices to the County of Franklin should be mailed or delivered to the official designated above at the following address:

Mailing Address:	Sheriff of Franklin County
Office Location:	285 T Kemp Road
City:	Louisburg, North Carolina
Zip:	27549 Phone #: 919-496-2186

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This the 3rd day of March, 2003. (Signed copy of Resolution on file in the County Clerk's office.)

2. Resolution on the Continuation of the Vance Warren Granville Franklin Resource Center

The VWGF Resource Center, formerly referred to as the VWGF Day Reporting Center, is funded under the Criminal Justice Program in the amount of \$218,045 and requires the Board's approval to continue in the multi-governmental operation.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Gupton, with all present voting "AYE", duly carried approval of the Resolution for Continuation of the VWGF Resource Center with Vance County administering the Grant. (Signed copy of Resolution on file in the County Clerk's office.)

3. Resolution Designating "Happy Whistlers Week" in Franklin County

The Franklin County Arts Council has requested the Board declare the week of April 21-27, 2003 as "Happy Whistlers Week" in Franklin County. Chairman Ball read the Resolution and then recognized Byron Marshall from the Arts Council. Mr. Mitchell stated that this year is the 30th anniversary of the convention.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Foy, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, with all present voting "AYE", duly carried approval of the Resolution designating April 21-27, 2003 as "Happy Whistlers Week" in Franklin County.

**RESOLUTION
HAPPY WHISTLERS WEEK**

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Arts Council has formed the International Whistlers Convention and the International Whistlers Museum with headquarters in Louisburg in the County of Franklin, North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, these projects of the Arts Council have brought favorable national and international recognition to the county's government, community and people; and,

WHEREAS, this recognition has produced pride and honor to the county's citizens with an opportunity to participate and to observe others participating in these worthwhile projects; and,

WHEREAS, the ancient art of whistling is being preserved with public displays of talent and artifacts in the nation's only museum of its kind; and,

WHEREAS, the art of whistling is both a performing art and a healthy expression of happiness for the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, in appreciation for the Arts Council's efforts to provide an educational and artistic service to the county's citizens, declare the week of April 21-27, 2003 as

"HAPPY WHISTLERS WEEK"

and commend its observance to all of the citizens of Franklin County.

ADOPTED this the 3rd day of March, 2003. (Signed copy of Resolution on file in the County Clerk's office.)

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4. Bunn Volunteer Fire Department Insurance District

The Board was requested to approve the Bunn Volunteer Fire Department map and description for insurance rating purposes.

Upon motion by Commissioner Gupton, seconded by Vice-Chairman Foy, with all present voting "AYE", duly carried approval of the map and description for the fire insurance district for Bunn Volunteer Fire Department.

5. Board of Equalization and Review

The Board of Equalization and Review is required to meet annually to hear taxpayers' appeals of property values (NCGS 105-322). The time set by the General Statutes (NCGS 105-322(e) & (f)) required that the first meeting be held no earlier than the first Monday in April and no later than the first Monday in May. The Board is to complete its duties on or before the third Monday following the first meeting. The meeting notice is to be published ten (10) days prior to the first meeting and if the Board adjourns early, the notice must be published five (5) days before adjournment.

Mr. Jim Wrenn, Franklin County Tax Administrator, suggested April 15th and 29th as possible meeting dates to comply with the Statutes.

The Board concurred that the Board of Equalization and Review meeting would be held on April 15, 2003 and April 29, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commissioner's

Meeting Room located in the County Administration Building.

6. Departmental Presentation – Economic Development

Mr. Michael Leonard, Chairman of the Economic Development Board, Mr. Don Lancaster, Chair, Committee of 100, and Mr. Ronnie Goswick, Economic Development Director, were present to update the Commissioners and the public on activities taking place in the Economic Development Department.

7. Amendment to Board of Commissioner's Rules and Procedures to Extend Time for Public Comments

At the Regular Board of Commissioner's meeting held February 18th, the Board considered amending the Board's Rules and Procedures to extend Public Comments from three (3) minutes to five (5) minutes for each individual to address the Board effective April, 2003.

Upon motion by Chairman Ball, seconded by Vice-Chairman Foy, with all present voting "AYE", duly carried to amend the Board's Rules and Procedures to extend Public Comments time from three (3) minutes to five (5) minutes effective April, 2003.

8. Comments from the Public

Mr. James McCormick, 15 Riders Court, Franklinton, NC and Mr. Henry Swarey, 51 Swarey Way, Franklinton, NC, signed up to address the Board but chose not to comment.

9. Board Committee Reports and Comments

Commissioner Stone:

- attended a meeting regarding the transition of Mental Health from public to private service
- the Mental Health Board met February 24th to discuss the transition and the release of employees to make way for private contractors
- attended the Library Board meeting

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- attended a meeting on Regional planning for the RTP area for the year 2020

Vice-Chairman Foy:

- attended the Franklin County Rescue Squads Association meeting – update given on E-911 upgrade by Sheriff Jerry Jones
- not everyone in County has their home address posted for emergency 911 response

County Manager Self responded that an Ordinance was established requiring all property owners display address numbers that could clearly be seen from the road.

The departments will coordinate a public awareness effort.

Commissioner Swanson:

- attended Franklin County Social Services Board meeting

Commissioner Gupton:

- no committee reports

Chairman Ball:

- no committee reports

1. Manager's Report

County Manager Self reported the following to the Board:

- Board presentations from Cooperative Extension and Tax will be featured at the next Board meeting (March 17, 2003) - Cooperative Extension will begin at 5:15 with dinner at the Cooperative Extension Building
- is coordinating with Carl Harris to schedule the meeting between the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education
- Human Resources position – interviews have been scheduled for this week – eight member team will be conducting the interviews
- Water and Sewer Engineer position – has two good candidates – Bill Ayscue has done a good job covering the vacant position
- United Way of Franklin County held their annual recognition banquet February 27th and recognized the campaign volunteers – Franklin County Government Employees were presented a plaque in recognition of their campaign commitment and was declared a member of the Community Pillar Society National Leadership Giving Level
- Novozymes donated \$25,000 to Franklin Park for a running track

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Commissioner Stone to adjourn, seconded by Chairman Ball. Adjournment recorded at 8:45 P.M.

JOHN R. BALL, CHAIRMAN

RICHARD B. SELF, CLERK