

February 17, 2003

Due to inclement weather on Monday, February 17, 2003, Chairman Ball cancelled the scheduled Regular Session of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners.

February 18, 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 Vice-Chairman Foy, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, with all present voting "AYE", duly carried the following Consent Agenda Item approved:

Approval of minutes of Regular and Special meetings held on February 3, 2003.

2. Public Hearings

Due to inclement weather, the public hearings previously advertised to be held on Monday, February 17, 2003 were cancelled. Pursuant to NC General Statute 153A-344, the public will receive notification of the rescheduled public hearings.

3. Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion

County Manager Richard Self reported to the Board that the wastewater treatment plant expansion project, which began in 1999, is presented for bid award. One of the most difficult aspects has been obtaining the NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems) permit.

The bids include the wastewater treatment plant expansion, the outfall lines from the vicinity of Hicks Road to the plant, and various lines near Youngsville. The only segment not in the bid package is the outfall line from the vicinity of Hicks Road to US 1 North along Cedar Creek and Joe's Creek to a point near US 1 and US 1A near Franklinton, across US 1 to the West side of the highway and then to the Ballymore outfall line. The original plans for this line were to follow Bert Winston Road from US 1 to the plant allowing for a large section of residential development.

Before the County can make final arrangements before the Local Government Commission, the Board's direction on which path the sewer outfall line will follow is needed. Mr. Michael Wicker, P.E., of Hobbs, Upchurch and Associates, was present and spoke to the Board outlining the proposed sewer line routes. In discussion with Planning, Adequate Public Facilities Task Force, and the Economic Development Board, they all recommend the US 1 route to the Board. The primary reason given is that water and sewer are two of the main items that prospective industrial and commercial enterprises look for to be in place. Other items, such as quality of life, workforce, natural gas, education, etc. are also very important; however water and sewer are essential. If the Board elects to parallel the sewer line on US 1, this corridor will have water, sewer, gas, major power transmission lines and four-lane highway

access. There is additional cost in laying the line along US 1, however, interest rates are in an all time low, we have excellent bids on the existing project and feel that we would be equally successful in obtaining very favorable bids on this segment of the outfall line.

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Mr. Wicker also outlined the bid award summary for the sewer system expansion as follows:

Contractor Name	Contract Number	Contract Amount	Project Description
State Utility Contractors	I	4,182,900.00	WWTP, General
Barnes & Powell Electrical Company	II	541,576.00	WWTP, Electrical
Bunn Olive Grading & Construction	III	1,010,204.00	Cedar Creek Outfall
Mecklenburg Utilities	IV	178,645.00	Hunters Place FM & Gravity
Bunn Olive Grading & Construction	V	122,735.00	Industrial Park FM
Total		\$ 6,036,060.00	

Upon motion by Commissioner Gupton, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, with all present voting "AYE", awarded the bids as recommended by Hobbs and Upchurch. In addition, the Board approved design, advertisement and bidding of the US 1 outfall line route.

4. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – Grant-In-Aid

Chairman Ball reported that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met and reviewed the applications for Grant-in-aid and has made the recommendations based on available funding of \$10,000. Nine (9) applications totaling \$40,296 were received and reviewed by the Advisory Board.

Mr. Munden reported that this is the first time requested funding has exceeded available funds. He stated that after a thorough review of the project applications, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommends the following allocation of matching funds for this fiscal year:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Recommended Amount</u>
BYRL	Concession Stand	\$3,135
Youngsville Optimist	Luddy Park Lights	\$3,135
Bunn High School	Soccer Lighting	\$2,545
BROAD	Portable Goals	\$ 500
Perry's Alumni	Gym Scoreboard	\$ 315
Town of Louisburg	Batting Cage	\$ 370

Mr. Munden recognized Advisory Board members who were present at the meeting.

Upon motion by Chairman Ball, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, with all present voting "AYE", duly approved the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommendations in the amount of \$10,000.

5. Engineering Contract

Chairman Ball reported that previously the County has contracted with o2Wireless, Inc. to provide radio frequency engineering, testing and benchmarking services. Mr. Jim Davey, P.E. has been the Project

Manager to date. It is requested that this contractual arrangement be transferred to Mr. Davey, P.E. as an independent engineer. o2Wireless, Inc. has agreed to this arrangement. Included in the agenda folder is the Scope of Work – radio system testing phase (\$9,000) and Scope of Work – radio system installation and construction phase (\$3,000).

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Chairman Ball, with all present voting “AYE”, duly carried to approve contracting with Mr. Jim Davey, P.E. for radio

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system testing and radio system installation and construction phase, for a total expenditure of \$12,000 with the same requirements as the contract with o2Wireless.

6. Budget Ordinance Amendment #7

Chairman Ball reported receipt of additional funds have been requested as follows:

- Insurance proceeds - \$3,005 to be expended in Health Vehicle Maintenance
- DSS Reimbursement - \$42,286 to be expended in Crisis Intervention Program
- Aging Boost Reimbursement - \$15,000 to be expended in Aging Boost Program
- EMS Safety Grant - \$4,800 to be expended in EMS Safe Kids Grant Program
- Aging Contributions - \$1,379 to be expended in the Aging Fuel Program

None of these additional revenues obligates the County to future programs or expenditures.

Upon motion by Chairman Ball, seconded by Commissioner Stone, with all present voting “AYE”, duly carried the approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment # 7.

1. Board Meeting Schedule

Chairman Ball reported that the Board has discussed the scheduled meeting times of the Board of Commissioners at their Annual Retreat. The first meeting each month has been predominantly business items and the second meeting each month has been for public hearings. A review of the past six months shows a pattern of short meetings at the first meeting and more lengthy meetings at the second. Quarterly work sessions were also discussed to allow for in-depth discussion of various county policies without the need to vote on issues. The Board requested this issue be placed on the Agenda for final consideration at this meeting.

Upon motion by Commissioner Gupton, seconded by Commissioner Stone, with all present voting “AYE”, duly carried amending the Procedures for Meetings of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to combine both meetings to be held on the 3rd Monday of each month beginning at 7:00 P.M. in April, 2003, supplemented with quarterly work sessions. Chairman Ball requested that the Board consider extending the Public Comments portion of the Board of Commissioner’s meeting to five minutes for each individual to address the Board with the same thirty (30) minute time limit. The Board concurred to place it on the agenda for action at the next regular meeting.

2. Departmental Presentation – Aging

Chairman Ball reported that Ms. Roxanne Bragg-Cash, Franklin County Department of Aging Director, was present to update the Commissioners and the public on activities taking place in the Aging Department.

Ms. Bragg-Cash stated the goal for Franklin County Department of Aging is to provide

services and activities and access to services and activities, which allow older adults in Franklin County to live in their own homes for as long as safely possible. She stated that older adults represent 11% of the county's population.

Ms. Bragg-Cash highlighted some of the services and activities provided by the Department of Aging: Senior Center Operations, Congregate Meals, In-Home Meals, In-Home Aide, Adult Day Program, Boost Hasten, and Transportation Volunteers.

Ms. Bragg-Cash stated a multipurpose Senior Citizens center is a community facility where older adults come together for services and activities that reflect their skills and interest and respond to their diverse needs. Centers serve as a resource for the entire county, providing services and information on aging and assisting family and friends who care for older persons.

3. Comments from the Public

No one from the public signed up to address the Board.

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4. Board Committee Reports and Comments

Chairman Ball, Vice-Chairman Foy and Commissioner Swanson:

- no committee reports

Commissioner Gupton:

- attended the K.A.R.T.S. meeting – discussion on the budget for next year

Commissioner Stone:

- attended the Leading and Governing conference in New Bern, sponsored by the NCACC and the UNC School of Government

Chairman Ball inquired as to when the work sessions will start and suggested the Board consider the first Monday of the quarter. The time of the work session is still under discussion by the Board.

Vice-Chairman Foy asked if the date had been scheduled for the joint meeting with the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education. The Board suggested Monday, March 24th or March 31st at 6:00 P.M. County Manager Self stated he would coordinate with the Board of Education.

1. Manager's Report

County Manager Self reported the following to the Board:

- The County has survived another ice storm. The non-critical County facilities were closed on Monday, February 17th and delayed opening one hour on Tuesday, February 18th due to the ice. Power outages were minimal throughout the County. The Board stated that the time period the County facilities were closed were to be treated as administrative leave this time and that a policy be presented to the Board in conjunction with the new personnel policy.
- P&R Environmental, Inc. – Tax appeal – he and Jim Wrenn have investigated the appeal for penalty relief. As requested by the Commissioners for a recommendation, they recommend denying the appeal based on illegitimate issues.

Upon motion by Commission Stone, seconded by Chairman Ball, with all present voting "AYE", duly carried to deny P&R Environmental, Inc. appeal of the Late Listing Penalties in the amount of \$8,616.86.

- Voluntary Annexation is proceeding with Franklinton on the park
- Legislative goals – any suggestions from the Board can be researched and provided to Franklin County representatives.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Commissioner Swanson to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Gupton. Adjournment recorded at 9:45 P.M.

JOHN R. BALL, CHAIRMAN

RICHARD B. SELF, CLERK