

February 6, 2006

The Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina, met in Regular Session at 7:00 P.M. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room located in the County Administration Building with the following Commissioners present: Chairman Sidney E. Dunston, Vice-Chairman Lynwood D. Buffaloe, Commissioners Harry L. Foy, Jr., Raymond A. Stone, Jimmie R. Gupton, Donald C. Lancaster, and Robert L. Swanson

1. Consent Agenda

Dr. Stone requested that airport by-laws be removed from the consent agenda to the business agenda.

Upon the motion by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Foy, with all present voting "AYE" to move the approval of updated by-laws for the Franklin County Airport Commission to Business Agenda.

Upon the motion by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Buffaloe with all present voting "AYE" to approved the consent agenda as amended.

2. Comments From the Public

Bob Winters, 195 Black Cloud Drive, Louisburg

Mr. Winters asked the question, What is the urgency of getting the school bond referendum included on the primary ballot instead of the general election ballot? Has the county obtained all the research to support this bond? Has the county looked at utilizing the building it has?

3. Employee of the Quarter and Year

The Chairman presented Mr. Barry Wayne Hunt, Administrative Assistant for the Franklin County Library as the Employee of the Quarter as well as the Employee of the Year.

4. Iron Eyes Cody Award Recognition

The Chairman presented Colonel Wyatt McGhee the "Iron Eyes Cody" Award for 2005. Colonel McGhee is the chairman of the county's Solid Waste Task Force.

5. General Obligation Bonds: School Facilities

Chairman Dunston formally introduced and conducted the first reading of the general obligation bond order for school facilities in the amount of \$45 million.

The County Manager stated this is the first reading and asked that a public hearing be held on February 20. There will be a second reading after the public hearing, where the board can vote to formally authorize up to \$45 million for the May primary.

Commissioner Stone asked the Finance officer Chuck Murray, "If the \$45 million is approved by the voters in the May primary, based on our present tax base, what will be the cost of these bonds to the county over the next 2 to 3 years?"

The finance officer stated during the last bond for the \$30 million that the county may have to raise its tax rate 8.5 cents; with issue of \$45 million the county may have to raise an additional 5 cents. To repay the debt the total could be 13 ½ cents; the tax rate will depend on the county growth in tax base, the sales tax, Medicaid, lottery and it is safe to say without any other unknown variables it will be no more the 5 cents.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Buffaloe, with all present voting "AYE" to move that this reading be adopted and to call for a public hearing for citizen's comments on this bond referendum on February 20, 2006.

6. Cooperative Agreement of the County of Franklin and Franklin County Humane Society

Ida Estep 1420 NC Hwy 98, Spring Hope, NC

Ms. Estep made remarks on the contract & background of this agreement.

County Manager made a presentation as follows:

- Agreement Intent
 - Define goals and recommendations
 - New animal shelter
 - Transition to lethal injection
 - Volunteer resources at shelter
 - Expand adoption opportunities
 - Promote low cost spay/neuter
 - Increase rabies awareness
 - 3 year agreement
- Establish shelter committee
 - County manager
 - Health director
 - Humane society president
 - One additional member nominated by FCHS, approved by commissioners
- Recommend
 - New facility
 - Retrofit existing facility
- Funding
 - FCHS account for grants and donations
 - Existing 501 (c) status
 - Quarterly reporting to county finance
 - Expenditures approved by county
- Volunteer Resources
 - Schedule of volunteer resources
 - Adoption
 - Animal care services
 - Adoption and surrender protocols
 - Clerical support
- FCHS recruits volunteers
 - Volunteers approved by county
- Lethal Injection
 - County commits to full transition
 - Beyond statutory requirements
 - Solicit bids for lethal injections services
 - Current facility
 - New facility
- Adoption Opportunities
 - Expanded hours of adoption service
 - Support by volunteer resources
 - 501 © 3 qualified rescues organizations pull animals without adoption fees

- County may implement fees when rescue need declines
- Rabies & Low Cost Spay
 - County enforces animal control ordinance
 - Require rabies vaccination for all adopted animals
 - Volunteer support in enforcing ordinance
- County and FCHS initiative to schedule SNAP and PALS services
 - Investigate other low cost alternatives

Upon the motion of Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Gupton, with all present voting "AYE" for approval of the cooperative agreement.

7. Tarboro Road/NC Hwy 98 Corridor Hydraulic Analysis

The public utilities director Bryce Mendenhall presented a corrective action plan for the NC 98 corridor based on substantial residential growth along the NC 98 corridor.

- Utility Director asked Hobbs/Upchurch to analyze the hydraulic capacity of the portion of water system that lies along the Tarboro Road/NC Hwy 98 Corridor.
- Earlier flow test performed by FCPU staff had indicated that flows were diminishing close to the required design criteria of 500 GPM @ 20 PSI.
- This area has experienced substantial residential growth over the past several years.
- Strong indicators to show that this trend will continue and could possibly increase.
- The lines providing water to both Bunn and Lake Royale were initially seen as transmission lines.
- Because of residential development, the ability to maintain the required flows in the higher elevations in the subject area is marginal during a combined flow period to Bunn and Lake Royale.
- As indicated in the report, development will have a substantial impact on the water system along this corridor.
- As demand from new homes increases, the 500 GPM threshold for fire protection cannot be maintained.
- New elevated water tank and booster pump station.
- Tank capacity would be sized in the 200,000-300,000 gallon range.
- Booster pump station to effectively fill tank would be located on Tarboro Road between Cedar Creek Rd and Mays Crossroads.
- Elevated tank would be located in the vicinity of Tarboro Road/NC Hwy 401.
- Elevated tank would give us the ability to provide adequate fire flows
- Preliminary estimated construction cost for a new 300,000 gallon tank is \$475,000
- Preliminary estimated construction cost for the new booster pump station is \$250,000.
- A preliminary cost estimate including all fees is included in your packet.
- We have received a 'Letter of Intent' from a developer offering a lot for placement of the tank.
- Acquisition of land for the booster pump station will be necessary.
- It is important to remember that because of the development that is taking place, additional elevated storage tanks will be required to maintain system integrity.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Gupton, with all present voting "AYE" to initiate engineering/design of an elevated storage tank and booster

pump station in the affected area.

8. Perry School Property

Tommy Perry, 100 William Perry Rd., Louisburg

Perry Alumni Association expressed its gratitude to the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for its support in leasing this property to the association for the past twelve years.

The lease expires in 2008, therefore, the alumni association asked the board for the opportunity to purchase this property because of historic significance.

Commissioner Gupton recommended that the county sell the property to the Perry School Alumni Association.

County Attorney Darnell Batton stated that the county can sell the property to the alumni. But, the county should not be liable after the sale of property.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Gupton, with all present voting "AYE" directing staff to prepare a resolution authorizing conveyance of the property to Perry's Alumni Association in accordance with GS. 160A-279.

9. Appointments

A. Nominations to the TDA by the commissioners as follows:

Commissioner Gupton, nominated Mr. Ralph Knott

Commissioner Buffaloe, nominated Ms. Patricia Glatt

Commissioner Lancaster, nominated Mr. Rajni Patel

Commissioner Stone: nominated Mr. Philip Bues

Commissioner Swanson: nominated Mr. Cedric Jones

Commissioners Dunston & Foy will have their nominees a future meeting.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Gupton, with all present voting "AYE" that the nominees will be accepted as members.

B Mr. Phillip Tarte of Franklin County Health Department requested the Board to reappoint Mr. James Speed and Mr. John Edward to the Health Board. The terms are for three-years, retroactive from December 2005 through December, 2008.

Questions were raised by Commissioner Stone to the procedure of how nominations are made to the board. Commissioner Dunston stated that the county should take this procedural issue up at another meeting

Upon the motion of Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Foy, with all present voting "AYE" that the nominees will be accepted as members.

C. The school board asked that the board of commissioner appoint one of its own to the school facility planning team and authorize the county manager to serve in a staff capacity.

Commissioner Dunston nominated himself to this board and authorized the county manager to

join the board.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Dunston, with all present voting "AYE" for the chairman and county manager to serve on the school facility planning team.

D. Commissioners Stone questioned airport commission bylaws.

Commissioner Dunston recommended the airport commission review the by-laws and come back with recommendations to the board.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Buffaloe, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, with all present voting "AYE" to approval the amended by-laws, with a stipulation the airport commission review it's by bylaws again.

10. Board, Manager and Clerk's Comments

Commissioner Stone stated he has been working on a local and state finance study to help enhance the public school system. They are looking to put together a menu for tax considerations that might be available to all counties. The biggest effort of this study is to try to define the role of the state and the role of the county for public education.

Commissioner Buffaloe announced that their will be an Airport Commission meeting on Thursday, February 9.

Commissioner Dunston announced that he attended US 401 meeting on January 25th with Secretary Tippet. In reference to widening of Hwy. 401, they left the meeting with a positive attitude and felt very good about the effort that was made.

County Manager announced the NCACC medicaid proposal for the state to take over Medicaid in 2007 will be presented to NCACC board of directors Feb. 16, 2006.

11. CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Dunston stated pursuant to General Statue 143-318.11 (a) (6), a closed session was needed in order for the Board to discuss personnel matters.

Chairman Dunston stated pursuant to General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (5), a Closed Session will be held in order for the Board to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition or real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease.

Upon motion by Commisisoner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Gupton, with all present voting "AYE: duly carried to return to open session.

At 10:25 P.M. upon motion by Commissioners Lancaster, seconded by Commissioner Buffaloe, will all present voting "AYE", the meeting was declared adjourned.

Sidney E. Dunston, Chairman

Chris Coudriet, Clerk to Board