

January 3, 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, Robert L. Swanson, Jimmie R. Gupton, and Donald C. Lancaster.

1. 2006 Commissioner Committee, Commission, and Board Appointments

Chairman Sidney Dunston appointed each commissioner to the following committees, commissions, and boards for 2006:

Commissioner Stone

- Mental Health Board
- Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments (COG)

Commissioner Foy

- Board of Health
- Aging Advisory Board

Commissioner Swanson

- Kerr-Tar Rural Planning Organization (RPO)
- Social Services Board

Commissioner Gupton

- Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunity
- Firefighter's Association
- Kerr-Tar Area Transit System (K.A.R.T.S.)
- Workforce Development Board

Commissioner Lancaster

- Rescue Squad Association
- Economic Development Commission

Vice-Chairman Buffaloe

- Library Board
- Economic Development Commission
- Chamber of Commerce

Chairman Dunston

- Project Advisory Committee for Scattered Site Housing
- Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments (COG)

2. Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Commissioner Lancaster, seconded by Commissioner Stone, with all present voting "AYE", duly carried approval of the following consent agenda item:

Approval of minutes of meeting held on December 19, 2005.

3. Comments from the Public

No one signed up for comments.

Dr. Bert L'Homme, Superintendent, Franklin County Schools, was in attendance to present the North Carolina Public School Facility Needs Survey for Franklin County Schools Long Range Plan. This survey, which is required every five years, list all improvements and additional facilities needed to accommodate projected enrollments through the 2014-15 school year and improvements to existing facilities to provide safe, comfortable environments that support the educational programs. Also required is certification that the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the survey for submission to the State School Board.

Mr. Thomas Piper, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services, Franklin County Schools, was also in attendance and presented the Franklin County Schools Facility Needs Survey for 2006-2014:

Priority 1: Needed Immediately

New Franklinton High School \$35,915,162.00
Complete new elementary school in bond \$ 5,050,906.00

Priority 2: Projects needed in 3-5 years

Bunn Elementary renovations \$ 407,550.00

- Replace gym floor
- AC gym
- ADA gym toilet renovations
- Asbestos removal – gym

Bunn High School additions/renovations \$ 5,315,406.00

- 8 LA/SS/math classrooms
- 2 Science classrooms
- 1 wrestling room
- Additional paving
- BHS Auditorium

Bunn Middle School \$ 228,000.00

- 6 modular unit classrooms

Cedar Creek Middle School \$ 262,200.00

- 6 new modular classrooms
- Multipurpose PE play field

Edward Best Elementary School \$ 1,960,701.00

- Cafeteria/dining addition
- New water tank/chlorination
- Renovate old/block shop
- New gym floor/remove asbestos

- AC gym
- Gym toilet renovations
- Add correct drainage west of campus

Franklinton Elementary School \$ 869,250.00

- New gym floor/remove asbestos
- AC gym
- Renovate gym toilets
- New bus entrance to school

Laurel Mill Elementary School \$ 299,250.00

- AC gym
- Renovate gym toilets

Louisburg High School \$ 4,432,358.00

- Additions and renovations to planned capacity of 950
- 6 new LA/SS/math classrooms
- 2 Science classrooms
- 1 Agr/Trade and Ind. lab
- 1 restroom
- Correct drainage – football field
- Window replacement Main and Mills
- AC Main and Mills
- Auditorium – public toilets addition
- Vocational Agriculture/trades shop

Riverside Campus renovations \$ 383,325.00

- Parking drives
- B Building roof replacement
- Renovations to multipurpose room/
Convert Board Room

Royal Elementary School \$ 364,800.00

- Add 6 mobile units
- Additional entrance/parking

Terrell Lane Middle School \$ 34,200.00

- Multipurpose PE/play field

Youngsville Elementary School \$ 342,000.00

- Additions
- Site improvements

Priority 3: Projects needed in 5-7 years

New elementary school \$12,630,836.00

New middle school \$18,587,129.00

Total \$87,083,073.00

Upon motion by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Gupton, with all present voting "AYE", duly authorized the Chair and the Clerk to the Board to sign the North Carolina Public School Facility Needs Survey – Franklin County Schools Long Range Plan Certification.

4. Final Public Utility Reimbursement Policy

The final Public Utility Reimbursement Policy was provided to the Board for review.

Mr. Coudriet stated there are no changes to the document as presented at the last Board meeting. The utility construction fee schedule methodology will be presented at a February Board meeting.

Upon motion by Commissioner Lancaster, seconded by Vice-Chairman Buffaloe, with all present voting "AYE", duly carried approval of the Public Utility Reimbursement Policy.

5. Board of Elections Voting Equipment

Mr. Billy Craft, Elections Director, gave a presentation on the proposed voting equipment. Mr. Craft stated one of the primary vendors certified by the State Board of Elections, Diebold, withdrew its bid December 21, 2005. The only other certified vendor is Election Systems and Software (ES&S).

Approximately \$225,000 is available in Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grant funds for Franklin County to obtain certified voting equipment in all precincts.

The proposed equipment consists of three options: Option 1 is an Optical Scan with Touch Screen ADA (total cost is \$269,790 minus the \$225,000 grant funds equals \$44,555 cost to the county); Option 2 is an Optical Scan with Automark (total cost \$307,635 minus the \$225,000 grant funds equals \$82,430 cost to the county); and Option 3 is a Total Touch Screen (total cost is \$672,250 minus the \$225,000 grant funds equals \$447,050 cost to the county). The Franklin County Board of Elections selected Option 1. Option 2 is the best option, but a large cost. A public demonstration of the equipment will be held Monday, January 9th from 4:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room.

The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) has sent letters to commissioners across the state to contact their representatives to see if the General Assembly can modify the January 20th deadline to order certified equipment so it will not apply to the May primary.

This item will be on the Board's January 17th agenda for approval of voting equipment to meet the state's certification requirements.

6. Water and Sewer Extension for Carolina Custom Concrete

Mr. Ronnie Goswick, Economic Development Director, stated Carolina Custom Concrete has requested an extension of a water and sewer line. A total investment of \$1,310,049, as projected by the Franklin County Tax Department, will be made. In addition, 100 jobs will be created at the Northbrook Drive site.

Mr. Mark Siver, President, Carolina Custom Concrete, is willing to sign a reimbursement agreement to ensure payback on Franklin County's investment. In addition, Mr. Siver will pay up front the cost of the project minus the amount that will be repaid over the seven-(7) year payback.

The cost of the water and sewer extension is \$92,359.38 as projected by Hobbs, Upchurch and Associates. The projected seven-(7) year payback is \$72,443.00. Mr. Siver will pay \$19,916.38 based on these numbers.

Upon motion by Commissioner Lancaster, seconded by Commissioner Gupton, with all present voting "AYE", duly carried approval of the water and sewer extension for Carolina Custom Concrete.

7. Budget Ordinance Amendment #4

The purpose of the Budget Ordinance Amendment is to amend the Special Revenue Fire Fund to reflect special drug forfeiture funds received by the Sheriff's Office (\$12,000). Also, amend the General Fund to reflect funds received in the Social Services Department (\$29,696); Cooperative Extension (\$19,662); Aging Department (\$11,765); Health Department (\$2,000); and Sheriff's Office (\$1,000).

Mr. Charles Murray, Finance Director, stated there was an addition to the Budget Ordinance Amendment. The Soil and Water Department received \$545 for travel reimbursement from NC State University. The total amendment is \$76,668.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Buffaloe, with all present voting "AYE", duly carried approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment #4.

8. Board, Manager and Clerk's Comments

Commissioner Swanson reported he attended the Social Services Board meeting. The Medicare for the year is on target for what the Board allocated.

Commissioner Lancaster reported a meeting will be held Wednesday, January 4th at 6:30 P.M. at the Police Training Center in Louisburg. The consultant hired by the county to assess the problems found with the 911 system will give a report on the findings.

Clerk to the Board Kathy Moore reported the 7th Senatorial District will hold a public forum on Tuesday, January 17th at 10:00 A.M. at Vance-Granville Community College Civic Center in Henderson.

Mr. Coudriet reported on Thursday, January 19th at 7:00 P.M., Representative Lucy Allen has arranged for a Highway 401 Community Meeting to be held at the Cooperative Extension office. Ms. Nina Slosberg, At-large member of the Board of Transportation, Mr. John Nance, Division Engineer, and Mr. Ken Spaulding, Division Board member, will be in attendance. The purpose of the meeting is to update everyone on the status of Highway 401, specifically Garvey Bonds, which the General Assembly authorized to allow the state to borrow against transportation funds from the federal government to help expedite projects. The NACo conference that is planned for March 4-6th in Washington will conflict with the Board's March 6th meeting. A Board planning session is scheduled for Friday, January 20th from 12:00 noon

until 6:00 P.M. The location is yet to be determined.

9. Closed Session

Chairman Dunston stated pursuant to General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (6), a Closed Session was needed in order for the Board to discuss a personnel matter.

Upon motion by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Gupton, with Commissioners Swanson, Gupton, Lancaster, Stone, Buffaloe, and Dunston voting "AYE"; Commissioner Foy voting "NO", motion carried to go into closed session.

Upon motion by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Gupton, with all present voting "AYE", duly carried to return to open session. No action was taken.

At 11:07 P.M., upon motion by Commissioner Lancaster, seconded by Commissioner Stone, with all present voting "AYE", the meeting was declared adjourned.

Sidney E. Dunston, Chairman

Kathy Moore, Clerk to the Board