

November 9, 2006

The Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina, met for a Recessed 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. CONSIDERATION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION'S REQUEST TO PURCHASE PROPERTY FOR A REPLACEMENT OF FRANKLINTON HIGH SCHOOL

The Franklin County Board of Education has delivered to the Franklin County Board of Commissioners a contract to purchase property for the replacement of Franklinton High School. The contract is for 75 acres at \$30,000 per acre.

County Manager Chris Coudriet stated a resolution of intent has been prepared and stated the hope to close on the property before the end of this calendar year. He stated the county has money on hand to complete this project and reminded the Board that the County went to the bond market and purchased \$20 million in bonds in August, 2006.

At approximately 7:03 P.M., Commissioner Swanson stated his concern that Commissioner Foy was not yet present to vote on this request and asked the Board delay any action until Commissioner Foy arrived. With no objections, the vote was delayed until later in the evening.

At approximately 7:05 P.M., Commissioner Foy arrived.

2. UTILITY CONSTRUCTION FEE

Franklin County staff has worked with staff from the Town of Louisburg to identify extension of an 8 inch sewer outfall that benefits commercial development opportunities for the town and areas immediately adjacent to the town's jurisdictional boundaries in the amount of \$478,430. The cost includes design, engineering and contingencies in addition to estimated construction costs. This advancement, if accepted, would be a collaborative of the utility construction fee by the county and the town.

County Manager Chris Coudriet stated county staff had been working with the Town of Louisburg for three weeks on this project and said time is of the essence in getting this done so that projects on Highways 56 and 401 can move forward. This is the first opportunity for the county to use its broad policy of participation in the corporate limits for economic development. Should the Board elect to move forward on this project, he said the town has agreed to adopt the county's Utility Construction Fee within its boundaries so the county can capture the reimbursements in the future as development attaches to it. He said there had also been conversations about the likely necessity for good planning to extend limitedly the Louisburg ETJ to cover the general basin this would open up.

Upon motion by Commissioner Buffaloe, seconded by Commissioner Gupton, to approve a 12" sewer line as presented for an estimated cost of \$573,787 to be subject to reimbursement under the Utility Construction Fee ordinance and contingent upon the Town of Louisburg upgrading the lift station as suitable by the state, the motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE".

At approximately 7:30 P.M., the Board returned to their discussion pertaining to the consideration of the Board of Education's request to purchase property for a replacement of Franklinton High School.

Upon motion by Commissioner Gupton to purchase property for a replacement high school for Franklinton, seconded by Commissioner Buffaloe, with all present voting "AYE", the motion duly carried.

3. CLOSED SESSION

At approximately 7:35 P.M., Commissioner Buffaloe made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Swanson to enter into closed session pursuant to General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (6), for a closed session in order for the board to discuss personnel matters, and pursuant to General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (5), to instruct staff regarding negotiating position of the county relative to purchase of property from Michael Leonard (under contract) of approximately 215 acres and from John D. Rock and wife of approximately 10 acres in near proximity to the Franklin County Regional Airport. The motion carried 6 to 1, with Commissioner Foy casting the dissenting vote.

Following the closed session, the Board entered back into open session and announced that no action was taken.

Sidney E. Dunston, Chairman

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board