

April 21, 2008

The Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina, met for a recessed meeting at 2:30 P.M. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room located in the County Administration Building with the following Commissioners present: Chairman Robert L. Swanson, Vice-Chairman Penny McGhee-Young, Commissioners Lynwood D. Buffaloe, Bob Winters and Sidney E. Dunston. Commissioners Harry L. Foy, Jr. and Donald C. Lancaster were absent.

At approximately 2:40 P.M., Commissioner Winters made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Dunston to open the recessed meeting. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

Commissioner Winters then made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dunston, to enter into closed session pursuant to General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (6), in order for the board to discuss a personnel matter.

At 5:05 P.M., Commissioner Dunston made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Buffaloe, to enter back into open session. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

Commissioner Winters made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Dunston, to recess until 7:00 P.M. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

The Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina, met for the annual report of the Department of Social Services at 5:30 P.M. in the Board Room located of the Department of Social Services Building with the following Commissioners present: Chairman Robert L. Swanson, Vice-Chairman Penny McGhee-Young, Commissioners Lynwood D. Buffaloe, Bob Winters and Sidney E. Dunston. Commissioners Harry L. Foy, Jr. and Donald C. Lancaster were absent.

The purpose of the meeting was to hear an annual report of activity given by Department of Social Services staff.

The Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina, met for its Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room located in the County Administration Building with the following Commissioners present: Chairman Robert L. Swanson, Vice-Chairman Penny McGhee-Young, Commissioners Lynwood D. Buffaloe,

Bob Winters, Sidney E. Dunston, and Harry L. Foy, Jr. Commissioner Donald C. Lancaster was absent.

Commissioner Buffaloe made the motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunston and duly carried with all present voting "AYE." The items approved are as follows:

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. April 7, 2008 minutes
- B. 2008 Administrative Professionals Week Proclamation
- C. Releases, Refunds and Tax Collection Report
- D. Consider approval of Certificates of Completion for additions and renovations at Bunn High School and Louisburg High School
- E. Consider TDA (Tourism Development Authority) request to fund a \$5,000 grant for the 2008 Super Retriever Series
- F. Consider authorization to reimburse rezoning fee – Jane Roberts
- G. Consider approval of Clean Water Management Trust Fund Project Budget Ordinance
- H. Consider approval of Franklin County Volunteers in Medicine lease
- I. Consider approval of an amended Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperative, Comprehensive and Continuing Transportation Planning and the Establishment of a Rural Planning Organization

2. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

This is the time set aside by the Board of Commissioners to allow individuals five minutes to address the Board on issues concerning the county. No comments were made.

3. RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Christy Shearin, Emergency Communications Director, Franklin County Communications, was recognized by the Board on her selection as the Employee of the Quarter ending March, 2008. Mrs. Shearin has been employed with the county since June, 1999 and selected for this recognition by a committee of her peers. Mrs. Shearin received a vacation day and a savings bond.

4. RECOGNITION: FUTURE FRANKLIN COUNTY LEADERSHIP

Members of Future Franklin County Leadership were in attendance for recognition by the Board. The group consists of 11th and 12th grade students from Bunn, Louisburg and Franklinton High Schools. The program offers students exposure to citizenship

opportunities and is sponsored by Franklin County Cooperative Extension, Chamber of Commerce and Franklin County Schools.

5. PRESENTATION: FRANKLIN GRANVILLE VANCE PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN

Gary Daeke, Development Coordinator, FGV Partnership for Children provided an update on services offered by the Partnership to Franklin County children and their families. The Partnership is seeking funding in the amount of \$5,000 in the upcoming budget.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Request for Rezoning – Susan Danfora

The board was asked to consider the adoption of a zoning map amendment to rezone approximately .89 acres of land located at 4965 US Hwy 1 in Franklinton Township from R-1 Residential to Office Institutional (O/I). Following the public hearing, the board was asked to utilize a rezoning checklist provided to assist in their decision.

Pat Young, Planning Director, gave an overview of the request and stated the Planning Board unanimously recommended approval of the rezoning request.

Commissioner Swanson opened and closed the public hearing at approximately 7:18 P.M. with no public comment.

Commissioner Foy made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Winters, to approve the request. The motion duly carried with all present voting “AYE.”

B. Text Amendment to the Franklin County Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter Two – Zoning Ordinance, Article 17, Signs, Section 17-4, (K) Political

The board was asked to consider the adoption of a text amendment to the Franklin County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to amend Article 17, Section 17-4: Signs That Do Not Require A Permit, (K) Political Signs to remove the requirement that stipulated political signs could not be erected earlier than 45 days prior to an election.

Pat Young, Planning Director, gave an overview of the proposed text amendment and stated that after review of neighboring county sign requirements and consultation with the Institute of Government, it was determined by staff and legal counsel that the existing requirement may not be defensible since there is not a rational nexus for the 45 day requirement. According to Mr. Young, the Planning Board (by unanimous vote) proposed that the Unified Development Ordinance be amended to allow for the display

of political signs following the filing date for candidacy as established by the Franklin County Board of Elections.

At approximately 7:24 P.M., Commissioner Swanson opened and closed the public hearing with no public comments.

Commissioner Foy made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Winters, to approve the text amendment to the UDO. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE.

7. UPDATE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC)

Ronnie Goswick, Director of the EDC and Richie Duncan, Existing Industry Coordinator, provided an update on the activities of the EDC. The presentation focused on the goals and objectives defined by the board.

(SEE ATTACHMENT A – 042108)

8. CYPRESS CREEK WATERSHED PLAN

Pat Young, Planning Director, and David Harper, project manager for The Conservation Consultant gave a presentation on the Cypress Creek Watershed Plan and asked the board to consider appointing a Cypress Creek Watershed Plan Steering Committee.

Staff recommended the following persons be considered for appointment:

- Angela Harris, Interim County Manager
- Maxwell Rogers, Comprehensive Planning Supervisor
- A Board of Commissioner member selected by the board
- Tom Gulley, Chairman of the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District
- Charles Bass, staff member of Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Robert Van Graafeiland, representing the Lake Royale POA (Patricia Arms and Richard Wainwright as alternates)
- Bill Garrett, owner of United Turf (business located in the watershed)
- Spencer Dean, a rancher and farmer in the watershed

Commissioner Young asked how the Lake Royale area was chosen for this project and how other areas in the county could have an opportunity to be involved. Mr. Young stated the area was selected based on a heavy level of interest by a citizen's advocacy group at Lake Royale. He felt the level of interest provided the greatest opportunity for grant funding and feels that a successful process would be a model for the rest of the

county. He said staff needs to look at how the next area is selected and commented there are 13 other sub-basins like Cypress Creek and stated they should all be given the same treatment.

Commissioner Winters stated a concern with the structure of the proposed steering committee and said he would like to see interested members submit citizen application forms for the board's review. Mr. Young stated that because the group was ad hoc in nature, staff made suggestions as to who should serve, but stated the ultimate decision was at the board's discretion.

Commissioner Dunston then made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Buffaloe, to accept the recommendation of the Planning Board along with any recommendations to add other interested citizens to the committee. Commissioner Swanson then appointed Commissioner Dunston to represent the board on the committee as well. The board approved with all present voting "AYE."

(SEE ATTACHMENT B – 042108)

9. APPOINTMENTS

A. Airport Commission

One appointment was needed to the Airport Commission, however no appointment was made.

B. Upper Neuse River Basin Association

An appointment was needed to the Upper Neuse River Basin Association. Commissioner Swanson nominated Pat Young, Planning Director, to serve. The nomination carried with all present voting "AYE."

C. Board of Health

The Board of Health requested the appointment of Stephanie Dorner to serve as a member at large. Commissioner Dunston made the motion to appoint Ms. Dorner, seconded by Commissioner Buffaloe. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

10. BOARD, MANAGER AND CLERK'S COMMENTS

This was the time set aside for the Board of County Commissioners, the County Manager, and the Clerk to the Board to report on various activities. The Board may also discuss other items of interest.

Commissioner Lancaster: No report.

Commissioner Buffaloe: Commissioner Buffaloe mentioned his attendance at a recent groundbreaking for First Citizens Bank on US Highway 1 in Youngsville. He also attended the *NC Go* transportation forum held recently in Cary.

Commissioner Dunston: No report.

Commissioner Swanson: No report.

Commissioner Foy: No report.

Commissioner Winters: No report.

Commissioner Young: Commissioner Young reported that Franklin County is one of the counties in the state with the high alcohol related crash rates. At the same time, she said Franklin and Vance counties also have the reputation of having the lowest conviction rate of those who have been charged with DWI offenses. She stated there are monies available from the state to study this problem and now key players must come together in an effort to “fix” the problem. She said the success of the initiative must involve support from County Commissioners, staff and the community including lawyers, representatives from the District Attorney’s office, judges, local law enforcement agencies and the health department. She will obtain a description of what commitment would be required of those involved.

Commissioner Buffaloe made the motion to support this activity, seconded by Commissioner Swanson. Commissioner Winters then stated he was in favor, but felt the no one could be forced to attend the meetings. Commissioners Winters amended the motion to include a resolution be created showing the board’s endorsement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Swanson and duly carried with all present voting “AYE.”

Commissioner Young then reminded those in attendance that “one stop, no excuse” voting is underway and stated that citizens who are not registered voters may register and vote on the same day by using the “one stop, no excuse” process.

Lastly, she mentioned the Mental Health Forum scheduled for April 28, 2008 and said that new management concepts are being practiced and said it is important that the board stay on top of mental health issues.

Clerk to the Board Kristen King: Mrs. King asked the Board to make certain that a quorum would be present at the upcoming Board of Equalization and Review meeting on April 29, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. She mentioned that the Franklin County Southeast High Speed Rail update meeting was planned for the same evening at the Youngsville Community House at 7:30 P.M.

County Manager Angela Harris: Mrs. Harris mentioned the following topics:

- The success of County Government Week
- Additional training was recently completed at Duke University by Human Resource Manager Kelly Faulkner
- Mrs. Harris commented on a recent meeting pertaining the county's future space and facility needs. At the board's discretion, she said staff will pursue obtaining feedback from the needs of each county department. Commissioner Young asked what legal options exist in order for the county to develop a "green" building in order for the county to pursue water and electric conservation, should the board elect to build a new county complex.
- Mrs. Harris stated budget work is underway and said meetings are currently being held with department heads. She stated that there are some challenges and issues facing the budget process this year and feels the board is looking for a lean and conservative budget. She would soon like to schedule budget work sessions.
- Mrs. Harris stated she will issue an internal memo asking department heads to eliminate non-essential travel and take advantage of opportunities for carpooling in order to cut costs as it pertains to high fuel costs.

Commissioner Swanson adjourned the meeting at 9:00 P.M.

Robert L. Swanson, Chairman

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board