

April 7, 2008

The Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina, met for a closed session at 3:00 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, and Bob Winters. Commissioners Sidney E. Dunston, Harry L. Foy, Jr., and Donald C. Lancaster were absent.

Chairman Swanson called the meeting to order and asked the Board to consider adding a second closed session topic. Commissioner Winters made the motion to add the item to the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Buffaloe and with all present voting "AYE," the motion duly carried.

The topics for closed session were as follows:

- The Board will consider entering into a closed session pursuant to General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (6), in order for the board to discuss a personnel matter.
- The Board will consider going into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.

Commissioners Foy and Dunston arrived during the closed session discussions.

Following the closed session, Commissioner Winters made the motion to enter back into open session, seconded by Commissioner Buffaloe. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

With no action taken, Commissioner Winters made a motion to recess the meeting until 7:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buffaloe and duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

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

Chairman Swanson called the meeting to order and announced that a brief presentation would be made by Department of Social Services (DSS) Director Nicki Griffin. Mrs. Griffin recognized DSS staff in attendance and unveiled a quilt she said was made with the assistance of children from local daycares and DSS staff. She said the quilt will be

displayed in the Franklin County Courthouse this week in honor of County Government Week. The theme of County Government Week this year is "Protecting our Children." The quilt will also be displayed in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month during the month of April. The quilt will then be permanently displayed at DSS.

Commissioner Buffaloe then recommended approval of 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. February 26, 2008 minutes
- B. February 28, 2008 minutes
- C. March 10, 2008 minutes
- D. March 17, 2008 minutes
- E. Budget Ordinance Amendment #6 (Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 159-15, the County Finance Officer is requesting a budget ordinance amendment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 to reflect additional Federal DEA Funds received by the Sheriff's Office and to provide \$30,000 to the Boys and Girls Club for their youth crime prevention programs.)
- F. 2008 County Government Week Proclamation
- G. 2008 Spring Litter Sweep Proclamation
- H. 2008 Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week Proclamation
- I. Consider TDA (Tourism Development Authority) request to fund a \$1,500 grant for the annual Lake Donna Party and \$10,000 for the Tar River BBQ Festival

2. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

3. PROGRESS UPDATE: FEDERALLY FUNDED HEALTH CLINIC

In May, 2007, the Board unanimously endorsed the establishment of a federally qualified health clinic in Franklin County. Subsequently, the federal government awarded grant funds to Wake Health Services to establish a clinic that would assist with meeting the health care needs of uninsured and underinsured county residents. Wake Health Services CEO Penny Washington updated the Board on the progress of the clinic and introduced other Wake Health Services representatives present including William Massengill, COO, Millicent Williams and Elaine Brown.

When Wake Health Services previously appeared before the board, Ms. Washington stated the group spoke about their intent to open a clinic. She said when funding was originally awarded in September, 2007, a deadline of 120 days was given by the federal government to have the site up and running. Mrs. Washington stated there was difficulty identifying property in the community on which to construct a site and in November, 2007, she stated Wake Health Services went back to the federal government, explained the delay and asked for an extension on the grant. She stated a six-month extension was awarded, giving the group until July, 2008 to get the site up and running.

In the interim, she said the group was trying to determine a short term solution for space in order for the practice to be open as soon as possible. She said they are currently in discussions with Franklin County Volunteers in Medicine (FCVIM) about using their facility during the day since FCVIM operates in the evenings. Ms. Washington stated the search for a permanent site continues so that a two-provider practice can be offered. She said Wake Health Services continues to have the same level of commitment and looks forward to opening the clinic as soon as possible.

In the future, the Board encouraged Wake Health Services to make it aware of any future difficulties it may be facing and to keep them informed of progress.

4. PROGRESS REPORT: FRANKLIN COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER

Walter Vick, Architect, LSV Partnership, gave an update and progress report on construction of the new Animal Control Facility located at 351 T. Kemp Road in Louisburg. Mr. Vick stated that construction is on schedule and stated no change orders were needed. He commented on excellent coordination with contractors and pointed out that only a few minor adjustments had to be made along the way. Mr. Vick stated that completion is slated for July, 2008 with hopes of finishing early.

Bill Lord, Area Specialized Agent, Water Resources and member of the Franklin County Green Initiative Committee, has been assisting with coordination of the construction of cistern system at the animal shelter that would allow non-potable water to be captured and reused. He stated approximately 225,000 gallons of water could be used with the system and stated that some of its benefits included educating other entities about recycling water and that the system would pay for itself within four to five years. He also stated that an additional \$10,000 is needed to match giving from the state. At that time, Mr. Vick suggested that contingency monies may be available for use. Mr. Lord estimated the full cost of the cistern project at approximately \$40,000.

Animal Control Director Graham Stallings recommended moving forward with putting pipe in the ground now and finishing the project at a later time and stated there are funds available for use.

Commissioner Winters made the motion to move forward with the beginning stages of the cistern project, seconded by Commissioner Dunston. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

5. AUDIT CONTRACT FOR FYE 2008

Chuck Murray, Finance Director, and Angela Harris, Interim Manager, recommended the Board consider contracting with Winston, Williams, Creech, Evans and Company, LLP for the county's auditing services contract for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. According to Mr. Murray the services would be provided at a cost of \$50,825.

Upon motion by Commissioner Buffaloe to award the audit contract for FYE 2008 to Winston, Williams, Creech, Evans and Company, LLP, seconded by Commissioner Young, with all present voting "AYE," the motion duly carried.

6. PRESENTATION: EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Christy Shearin, Communications Director, made a presentation about services provided by Franklin County Emergency Communications and thanked the Board for recognizing Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week with the approval of a proclamation earlier in the evening.

Mrs. Shearin closed the presentation identifying challenges currently faced by Emergency Communications. Those challenges are as follows:

- Latest Technology
- Adequate equipment in the main center and backup
- Adequate space
- Adequate staffing to handle increasing volume
- Continuous training

The Board thanked Mrs. Shearin and her department for the valuable service they provide to Franklin County citizens.

7. APPOINTMENTS

A. Airport Commission

An appointment was needed to the Airport Commission, (Commissioner Foy) however no appointment was made.

B. Upper Neuse River Basin Association

An appointment was needed to the Upper Neuse River Basin Association, however no appointment was made.

C. Industrial Facilities Pollution Control Financing Authority

An appointment was needed to the Industrial Facilities Pollution Control Financing Authority.

Commissioner Foy nominated John Hamlon. The nomination was duly approved with all present voting "AYE." The term will expire September, 2009.

8. BOARD, MANAGER AND CLERK'S COMMENTS

This is 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.

County Clerk Kristen King: No report.

Commissioner Winters: Commissioner Winters stated he attended the first meeting of the Animal Advisory Board.

Commissioner Young: Commissioner Young reported on a recent meeting she attending of the Board of Health and stated she is pleased with the leadership of the Health Department's director Eric Ireland.

Commissioner Foy: No report.

Commissioner Lancaster: No report.

Commissioner Dunston: No report.

Commissioner Buffaloe: No report.

Commissioner Swanson: Commissioner Swanson stated he would like for the Board to determine a time for a workshop to discuss facility needs for Franklin County. He also asked that staff bring information to the meeting pertaining to rent already being paid by the county and any needs that have already been identified.

Commissioner Young made the motion to hold the workshop on April 17, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. in the conference room of the Department of Social Services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buffaloe and duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

County Manager Angela Harris: Mrs. Harris stated that one stop, no excuse voting will be held in the Commissioners Meeting Room April 17, 2008 – May 3, 2008. She said

voting would be open from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday and from 8:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. on Saturdays. She also identified several opportunities for training for staff and said as funding becomes available she would like for those opportunities to be examined.

Commissioner Dunston then made the motion to recess the meeting until April 17, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. at the Department of Social Services conference room. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Winters and duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

Robert L. Swanson, Chairman

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board

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