

**February 26, 2008**

The Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina, met for a Work Session 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.

The purpose of the Work Session was to discuss future water supply options. A PowerPoint presentation was presented by Public Utilities Director Bryce Mendenhall and input was given from Fred Hobbs with Hobbs, Upchurch and Associates.

<b>See Attachment A – 022608</b>
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Within the presentation, Mr. Mendenhall identified five options that have been identified to help manage growth over the next 20 years and advantages/disadvantages with each were mentioned.

- Franklin County Impoundment
- Work with Warren County to purchase a percentage of their unused allotment through the Kerr Lake Regional Water System
- Increased allocation from the City of Henderson via Kerr Lake
- Franklin County builds a WTP on the Neuse River
- Franklin County enters into public/private partnership to construct a WTP on the Neuse River

Mr. Mendenhall recommended the development of a Franklin County Public Utilities advisory committee that would address all aspects of water and wastewater issues. He suggested the committee be comprised of three commissioners, the county manager, public utilities director, economic development director and the planning director.

Mr. Mendenhall suggested that discussions begin with River Place regarding a private/public partnership concerning Burlington Mills. He also recommended that discussions begin with the City of Henderson and Kerr Lake Regional Water System on the availability of current allocations. Additional recommendations included directing the County Attorney to research legal issues surrounding public/private partnerships and drafting a letter to the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission detailing the intentions of Franklin County to begin negotiations with the private entity.

Following the presentation, the Chairman asked the Board how it would like to proceed with Mr. Mendenhall's recommendation. Mr. Mendenhall was asked to include information and figures from Warren County in future recommendations and to bring back information on what maximum cost would be on the project from the Neuse.

Mr. Mendenhall is expected to come back before the Board on March 17, 2008.

County Attorney Darnell Batton then mentioned the need to schedule a joint meeting with Wake County concerning the Wake/Franklin boundary line. Staff will attempt to schedule a meeting on March 17, 2008, prior to the Board's regular meeting.

Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Dunston. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

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