

February 28, 2008

The Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina, met for a Work 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, Sidney E. Dunston, Harry L. Foy, Jr., Bob Winters and Donald C. Lancaster.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the jail study prepared by Brennan Associates, Inc. The study was approved in the fall to look at demands facing the Franklin County Detention Facility through 2030. Findings from the study are attached.

See Attachment A – 022808

It was noted in the presentation that all numbers presented in the study represented Franklin County inmates only and did not include the federal inmate population.

Commissioners inquired about the original design for the jail which was created to allow the county to add additional "pods" to house inmates as the population increased. Brennan Associates advised against adding new pods to the existing facility as originally planned, due to newer regulations now in place, extensive re-work would have to take place on the remainder of the current facility to meet code. He also said adding a pod would only provide an additional 96 beds. The proposed addition to the detention facility would allow for the addition of 384 new inmate beds.

According to Brennan Associates, the total proposed project cost is \$36,609,797. Projected Federal Marshal Revenue would be \$1,609,650 for the existing 70 beds at \$63 per day. The addition of 230 new beds is expected to create \$5,288,850 in revenue at \$63 per day. The Board accepted the presentation and asked Brennan Associates, Inc. to schedule a second presentation concerning anticipated operational expenses.

The Board and Jail staff also discussed mental health issues and problems with housing mental health patients inappropriately at the Jail.

No action was taken and the meeting was adjourned.

Robert L. Swanson, Chairman

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board