

March 10, 2008

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 Commissioner Buffaloe recommended the 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 18, 2008 minutes
- B. Consider approval for school construction change orders for Bunn and Louisburg High Schools in the amount of \$34,944
- C. Consider approval of grant funds for East Youngsville Sewer Expansion
- D. Consider approval of Resolutions and Certification for Completion of Application for Rural Center Infrastructure Grant in conjunction with Novozymes North America, Inc. expansion
- E. Budget Ordinance Amendment #5 (Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 159-15, the County Finance Officer is requesting a budget ordinance amendment in the amount of \$589,110 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 to reflect grants received by the Social Services Department, closing out of some old projects, carrying over EMS and Recreation projects from prior year, providing additional funding for the Jail, and adopting budget amendment for the Medicaid Relief package adopted by the General Assembly this year.)

The Chairman then recognized the Chamber of Commerce Leadership Group that was in attendance and asked the Board to consider adding an item to the agenda, allowing the Boys and Girls Club to make a presentation to the Board. The motion was made by Commissioner Winters, seconded by Commissioner Dunston and duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

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.

Tommy Wester, 210 Forest Lakes Road, Louisburg, NC

- Mr. Wester stated he is a taxpayer and a local garage owner. He expressed his concern with the recent RFQ for vehicle maintenance. He said he was somewhat

confused by criteria included in the request. He said he would like to see the county get the best service for its dollar and didn't believe that any one shop in the county should receive all of the county's business. He said he would like to see a target vehicle sent out for a quote.

Gary Murray, 105 Arrowhead Court, Louisburg, NC

- Mr. Murray stated he had also read the guidelines set forth to bid for serving county vehicles and called the RFQ “ludicrous.” He stated some of the criteria was unreasonable and wanted to know who set the standards. He said there are many reputable and capable businesses in Franklin County and suggested there is more than one business skilled in doing the work.

Raymond Stone, 325 Stone Lane, Kittrell, NC

- Dr. Stone commented on a recent banquet meeting of the Boys and Girls Club he attended. At the meeting, he accepted a plaque on behalf of the Board for a donation given to the Club by the Board of Commissioners. He gave the plaque to Keith Smith and Judy Johnson for a formal presentation to the Board.

2-A. BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB PRESENTATION

On behalf of the Boys and Girls Club, Keith Smith and Judy Johnson presented a plaque to the Board in honor of its financial contribution. Mr. Smith said the Board was instrumental in getting the club started and thanked the Board for its efforts. Ms. Johnson said between 60 and 80 kids are served each day in the Franklin County unit and said 850 lives in both Franklin and Vance counties benefited from the Boys and Girls Club last year.

3. DISCUSSION: PROCEDURES FOR MEETINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners were asked to continue discussions relative to a document that provides an outline for procedures of the Board's meetings. They were also asked to consider final approval of the document.

Commissioner Winters made the motion to accept the rules as written with the following exceptions:

- Allowing each appointee to serve on more than one Board
- Removing limits to appointee terms (Previously, terms were limited to initial appointment and one reappointment.)
- Removing the last sentence in Section VII, 8 to exclude “After completing the term that person will be eligible for appointment to one regular term.”

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lancaster and duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

4. WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATIVE WORK PLAN (WQMAWP)

The recent and rapid increase of impacts of urbanization and land development for residential and commercial uses on water quality has resulted in overlapping and extensive State and Federal regulation of urban stormwater discharges and sedimentation/erosion control. The regulatory role has been delegated to Counties and Towns in many cases, however some lack the technical expertise the Soil and Water conservation districts have in regards to managing water quality. Staff proposes the development of a WQMAWP and the creation of a Steering Committee that will be charged with the development of the WQMAWP and with obtaining extensive public input from all affected stakeholder groups. Christy Perrin of Watershed Education for Communities and Officials, presented an overview.

The board was asked to consider the approval of a steering committee comprised of the following people:

- Angela L. Harris (Interim County Manager)
- Patrick Young (Planning and Inspections Director)
- Maxwell Rogers (Comprehensive Planning Supervisor)
- Bob Winters (Commissioner)
- Tom Gulley (Chairman, Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District)
- Don Riley (Natural Resources Conservation Services)
- Charles Bass (Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District)
- Cindy Phelps (Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District)

Commissioner Dunston made the motion to approve the steering committee, seconded by Commissioner Buffaloe. With all present voting "AYE," the motion duly carried.

5. DISCUSSION: FOSTER CARE POSITION

The Franklin County Department of Social Services requested approval for the addition of a Social Worker III position in the Foster Care and Adoptions Unit. The request is for immediate approval to establish a full time position based on the significant increase in the number of children in agency custody.

County Manager Angela Harris stated the reason for the increase in the number of children in agency custody is attributed primarily to domestic violence and substance abuse. In addition, there has been an increase in sex abuse cases in the past 12 months.

Adequate staffing is needed to avoid compromising the safety of children along with compromising the ability to establish permanent homes for them. Meeting adequate

caseload requirements is also part of a biennial review of the Department of Social Services to make certain state standards are being met.

Mrs. Harris stated the request for the position was previously made in the fall and recommended by the Department of Social Services Board.

Commissioner Buffaloe made the motion to approve the position, seconded by Commissioner Young, with all present voting "AYE," duly carried.

6. APPOINTMENTS

A. Airport Commission

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

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, however no appointment was made.

D. Animal Advisory Board

An appointment was needed to the Animal Advisory Board.

Commissioner Winters nominated Paulette Woods and the nomination was approved with all present voting "AYE."

7. 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.

Commissioner Swanson: Commissioner Swanson commented on his attendance at the NACo Legislative Conference in Washington, DC. He mentioned a \$3.5 million dollar request for infrastructure funding and said elected officials gave favorable remarks concerning the county's request.

Commissioner Foy: No report.

Commissioner Winters: Commissioner Winters mentioned a phone call he received from a reporter in Raleigh who asked why the Board voted to take away Raleigh's water. He informed her that part of Franklin County was in the Neuse River Basin and stated we are just as entitled to the water as Wake County. He then stated his surprise that the Mayor of Raleigh had agreed to (possibly) lift water restrictions.

Commissioner Young: Commissioner Young reported on a meeting she attended that dealt with gangs in Franklin County and what can be done towards intervention, prevention and suppression. She also commented on meetings she attended as part of the NACo Legislative Conference including topics such as saving money in the jail and saving money on jail health services.

Commissioner Dunston: Commissioner Dunston commented on discussions he participated in during the NACo Legislative Conference including crime prevention measures and said one of the concepts being touted now is rerouting some money in community programs to assist with prevention.

Commissioner Buffaloe: Commissioner Buffaloe also commented on his attendance at the NACo conference and stated meetings with elected officials (Senators Elizabeth Dole and Richard Burr and Representative Bob Etheridge) went well. He said information was shared with them about the work that's currently being done at the Franklin County Airport and the Hub site.

Commissioner Lancaster: No report.

County Clerk Kristen King: Mrs. King reported on upcoming events scheduled by the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce.

County Manager Angela Harris: Mrs. Harris mentioned that Franklin County's Special Olympics games would kickoff on Friday at 10:30am at the Franklinton Park. She also mentioned the prescription discount card now available to county citizens. She stated that five applications had been received for County Attorney and stated the closing date was March 14, 2008. She also encouraged the Board to review the applications that had been received for the position of County Attorney.

Commissioner Young then made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Buffaloe. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."