

May 19, 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, Bob Winters, Sidney E. Dunston, Harry L. Foy, Jr. and Commissioner Donald C. Lancaster. Commissioner Lynwood D. Buffaloe was absent.

Chairman Swanson called the meeting to order. Commissioner Dunston then made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the consent agenda. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE." The items approved are as follows:

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. April 17, 2008 minutes
- B. May 5, 2008 minutes
- C. Release, Refunds, and Tax Collection Report
- D. Criminal History and Motor Vehicle Record Check Ordinance
- E. Electric Line Right of Way Easement for Triangle North Franklin Shell Building
- F. Professional service contracts for the County's FY06-CDBG project
- G. Budget Ordinance Amendment #7 (Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 159-15, the County Finance Officer is requesting a budget ordinance amendment in the amount of \$1,708,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 to reflect grants received by various departments and to add additional dollars to departments who need additional funds before year end.)
- H. Vehicle Maintenance Contract to Pete Smith's Garage

2. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

This was the time set aside by the Board of Commissioners to allow individuals five minutes to address the Board on issues concerning the county.

Jameson White, 1163 Lake Royale Road, Louisburg, NC

- Mr. Jameson read a letter to the Board stating his concerns with issues that affect citizens of the county, state and nation and the importance of joining together to address issues on a non-partisan level.

Phyllis Culbreth, 1184 Highway 401, Louisburg, NC

- Ms. Culbreth spoke in reference to the vehicle maintenance contract awarded earlier in the evening to Pete Smith's Garage. She asked for an appeal on the decision.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

A. FY08 CDBG SCATTERED SITE HOUSING – 1ST PUBLIC HEARING

In 2007, the County was notified of its eligibility to receive \$400,000 in State funds through the NC Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance's (DCA) CDBG-SSH program. No local matching funds are required for this program. The program is intended to provide housing rehabilitation and/or replacement for approximately 6 to 8 homes owned and occupied by Franklin County families whose median income is at or below 50% of the County median income. In order to receive these funds, the County must submit a final, formal application and hold 2 public hearings regarding the CDBG program prior to July 31, 2008. Patrick Young, Planning and Inspections Director, and Pat Crissman (Wooten Company) presented a general overview.

At approximately 7:19 P.M., Chairman Swanson opened and closed the public hearing with no comments from the public. Ms. Crissman stated no formal action was needed tonight, but that action must be taken at the second public hearing scheduled for June 16, 2008. Mr. Young stated a CDBG meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at the Administration Building. A recommendation from the associated advisory committee would be made at that time and presented to the Board of Commissioners.

4. RESOLUTION DECLARING THE RESULT OF THE BOND REFERENDUM HELD IN THE COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, NC ON MAY 6, 2008, UPON THE QUESTION OF APPROVING \$53,000,000 SCHOOL BONDS

The Board was asked to approve the resolution declaring the result of the bond referendum held May 6, 2008 approving \$53,000,000 school bonds.

Commissioner Dunston made the motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Young. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

Commissioner Young then asked Franklin County School Board Chair Paige Sayles about the opening date of the new high school and how or if the approval of the bond referendum on May 6, 2008 had an effect on the opening date. Chair Sayles replied that plans for the high school were roughly six months ahead of schedule at this time. She expects the school will open in 2011.

5. FRANKLIN COUNTY MUSEUM OF HISTORY

The Franklin County Arts Council proposed to the Board to purchase the former BB&T building for the purpose of creating a museum to preserve rare and historic items such as documents, photos, distinctive maps, legendary files, art works, and allied priceless items in a safe place for future generations. The Arts Council wishes to assist in raising funds for this purpose, and at present has an agreement hold of 30 days (until May 30, 2008) with Brassfield Commercial of Franklinton. The Arts Council has recommended a purchase price of \$400,000 instead of the \$479,000 recorded sales price by Brassfield Commercial. The Arts Council proposed to assist in raising 20% of the cost through grant and foundation funding and asked the county to invest in the museum.

Alan DeHart (Franklin County Arts Council) briefed the Board with an overview of the project along with a description of the proposed site. Mr. DeHart said he doesn't expect the Board to be able to fund a project of this magnitude given the current budget shortfall, but he did ask the Board to support the Arts Council in the idea and mission of the project. He stated the Arts Council would examine a variety of options for funding.

Commissioner Young made a motion in support of creating a resolution in support of the project to assist the council as it seeks funding. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunston and duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

6. 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.

County Clerk Kristen King: No comment.

Commissioner Lancaster: No comment.

Commissioner Buffaloe: Absent.

Commissioner Dunston: Commissioner Dunston reported on a recent meeting of the RPO RTAC he attended on Monday, May 12, 2008. He commented on concerns expressed at a recent Board meeting that pertained to the high speed rail system. He stated one of the concerns involved a crossing in Youngsville and the blocking of vehicle traffic. He said at the RPO RTAC meeting, it was said there would be a separation of road traffic and rail traffic in the heart of Youngsville. He also commented that CVS had elected not to alter the design of the curb at the intersection of Highway 56 East and Bickett Boulevard in front of its store. Historically, the intersection has been a difficult area for tractor trailers who were attempting to turn onto Bickett.

Commissioner Foy: No comment.

Commissioner Winters: Commissioner Winters commented on a recent meeting of the Animal Control Advisory Board. He understands the Board of Health has approved the proposal to re-institute the use of Animal Control Officers as Certified Rabies Vaccinators (CRV's) and said the administration of the vaccination by officers should be in place by the time the new animal shelter opens.

Commissioner Young: Commissioner Young stated the Board of Health discussed CRV's at a special called meeting and said it was approved by a majority vote. Commissioner Young also mentioned the following:

- *Business Facilities Magazine* listed North Carolina as one of the leaders in plastics production, attributing its success to community colleges and universities. She said Franklin County's *Nomaco* was mentioned in the article.
- Commissioner Young stated she would like for staff to prepare a brochure similar to one utilized in 2007, listing the county's legislative priorities agenda to present to lawmakers next year before the long session.
- Commissioner Young distributed a draft brochure being created to assist with an initiative to combat Franklin County's low DWI conviction rate. She offered to present the board's suggestions to the committee creating the brochure.
- Commissioner Young also reminded the Board of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioner's annual County Assembly Day scheduled for June 10, 2008.

Interim County Manager Angela Harris: Mrs. Harris reported the following:

- Mrs. Harris attempted to schedule a meeting with the Board and Mike McNair (FRMC). She will contact Mr. McNair and endeavor to schedule the meeting on Thursday, May 29, 2008 at 3:00 P.M.
- Mrs. Harris also asked the Board to set dates for budget work sessions. The Board will meet on June 5, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. and June 12, 2008 at 9:00 A.M.
- She also mentioned that Governor Easley's budget proposal does include funding for JCPC (Juvenile Crime Prevention Council) that was originally taken out of the budget.

7. CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Dunston made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Young to enter into closed session pursuant to General Statute 143-318.11 (a)(6), in order for the board to discuss a personnel matter. The motion carried 6 to 1, with Commissioner Foy voting "NO."

Commissioner Dunston then made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster to enter back into open session. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

It was announced that no action was taken.

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

Robert L. Swanson, Chairman

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board