

August 3, 2009

The Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina, met for its Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M. in the Commissioner's Conference 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, E. Shane Mitchell and Harry L. Foy, Jr. Commissioner Donald C. Lancaster was absent.

Commissioner Swanson called the meeting to order and asked the Board to consider adding an item to the consent agenda regarding the purchase of easement rights for the installation of Ray's Creek Sewer Line. According to Public Utilities Director Bryce Mendenhall \$18,000 is needed to purchase 1.74 acres of land from Claude L. Wrenn, Jr. for land that will be used to install a gravity sewer line in conjunction with the Ray's Creek Sewer Outfall Project. Commissioner Foy made the motion to include the item on the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Dunston. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE." The item will be added to the consent agenda as Item 1-N.

Commissioner Swanson then asked the Board to consider approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Young made the motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Dunston. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE." The items approved are as follows:

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. June 15, 2009 Minutes
- B. June 25, 2009 Minutes
- C. July 13, 2009 Minutes
- D. Request for addition of Valentine Street and Evelyn Circle (Stallings Crossing Subdivision) to the State Maintained Secondary Road System
- E. Budget Ordinance Amendment #1 (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, 2010 to amend the General Fund to reflect actions taken by the Board of Commissioners in September 2007 regarding the Youngsville Recreation Program.)
- F. TDA (Tourism Development Authority) request to fund a \$7,500 grant for the Allen de Hart Concert Series
- G. TDA request to fund a \$3,000 grant for Frankenfest on Main
- H. TDA request to fund a \$2,130 grant for the Lake Royale Triathlon
- I. TDA request to fund a \$8,000 grant for the Tar River Festival
- J. TDA request to fund a \$1,250 grant for the Youngsville Fall Festival
- K. Electric Line Right of Way Easement for Wake EMC to install 3-phase current across Airport property located south of Sam Horton Road
- L. Purchase of real property for the installation of Ray's Creek Sewer Line
- M. Resolution providing for the Issuance of \$14,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2009
- N. Purchase of easement rights for the installation of Ray's Creek Sewer Line

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.

No comments were made.

3. RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Ann Wiggins, Administrative Officer II, Franklin County Social Services, was recognized for her selection as the Employee of the Quarter ending June, 2009. Mrs. Wiggins has
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been employed with the county since June, 1984 and selected for this recognition by a committee of her peers. Mrs. Wiggins received a vacation day and a savings bond.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Capacity Building Grant Application

The Gethsemane Baptist Church Community Development Corporation is seeking to apply for a \$75,000 Capacity Building Grant through the North Carolina Department of Commerce Division of Community Assistance. As required by NC DCA regulations, the grant must be submitted in partnership with the County. The purpose of the grant is to provide micro-enterprise development training and technical assistance to disadvantaged groups in order to facilitate entrepreneurial acidity and business success.

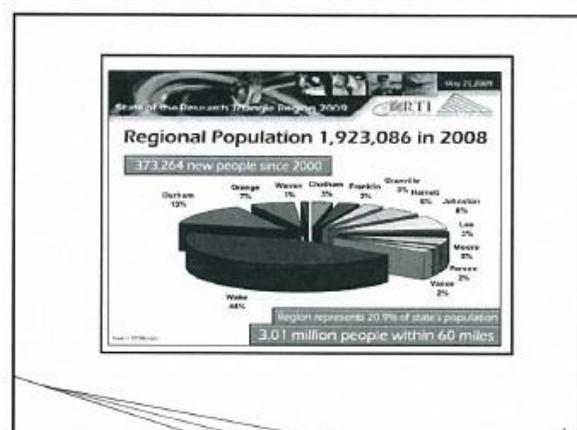
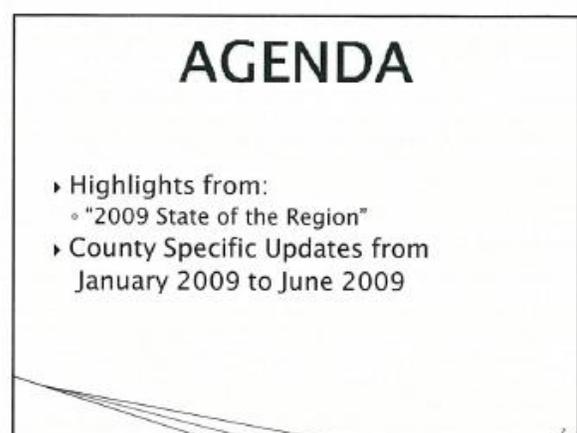
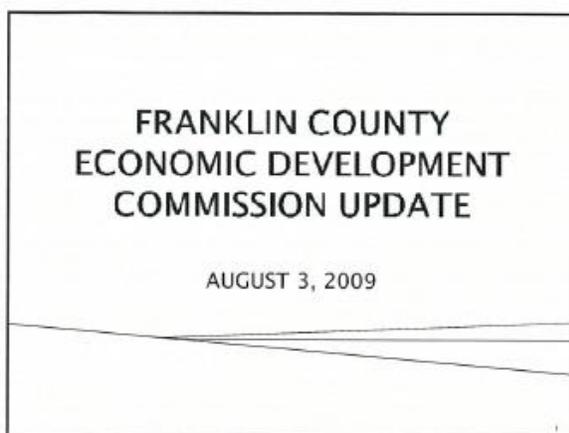
At approximately 7:08 P.M., Chairman Swanson opened and closed the public hearing with no comments offered from the public. Scott Hammerbacher, Planning Director, clarified that matching funds were not required on behalf of the county as part of the grant application process.

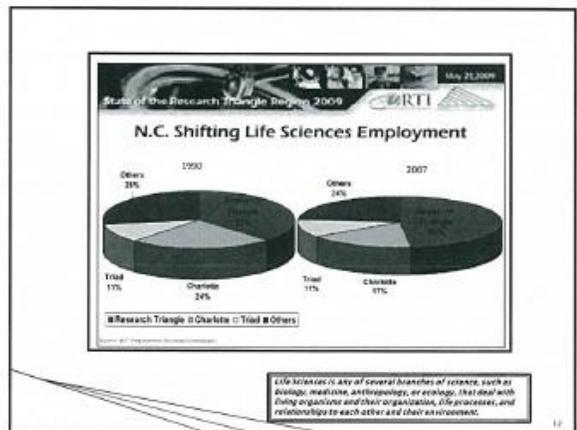
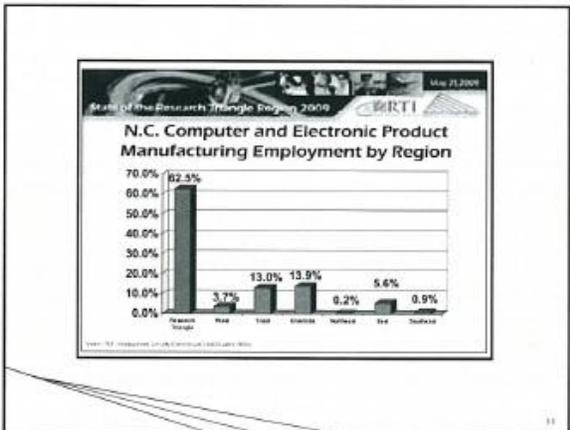
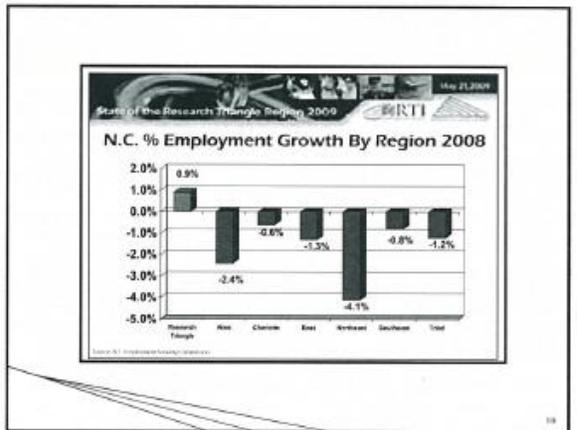
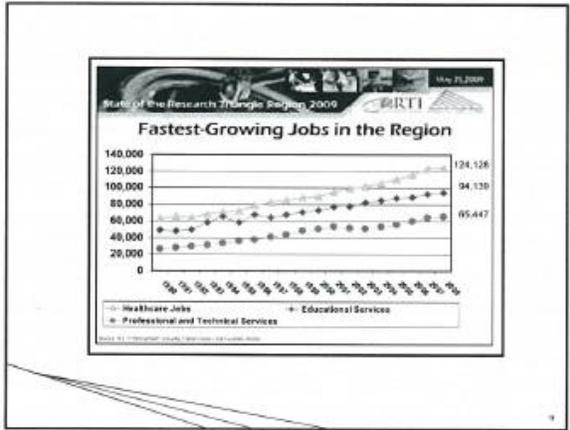
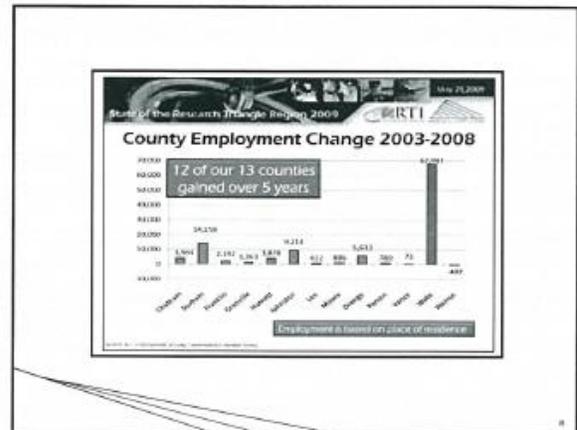
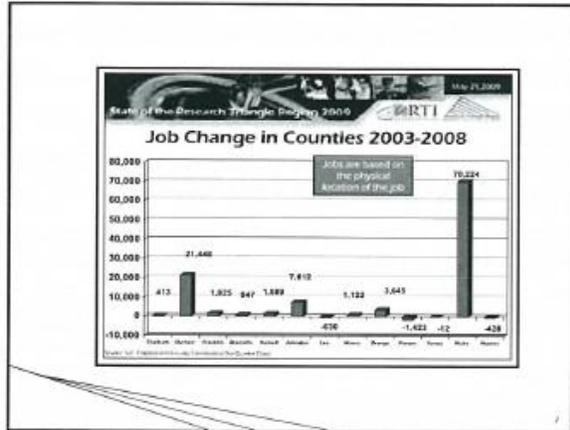
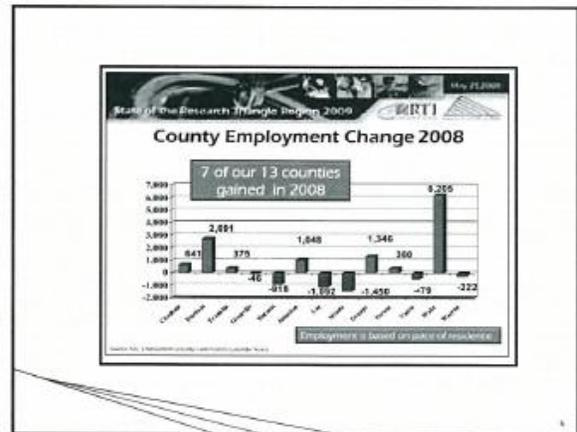
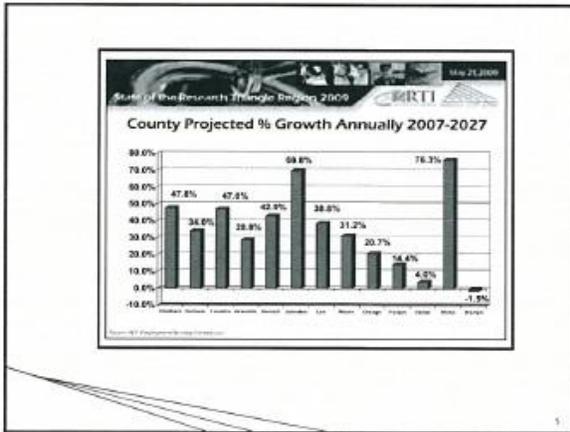
Commissioner Dunston made the motion to approve the Capacity Building Grant Application, seconded by Commissioner Young. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION UPDATE

Ronnie Goswick, Director of the Franklin County Economic Development Commission and Richie Duncan, Existing Industry Coordinator, provided an update on the activities of the Economic Development Commission as well as highlights from the State of the Region presentation given by the Research Triangle Regional Partnership in May, 2009.

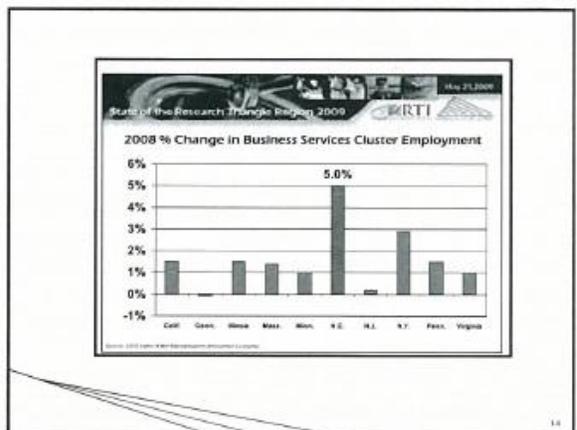
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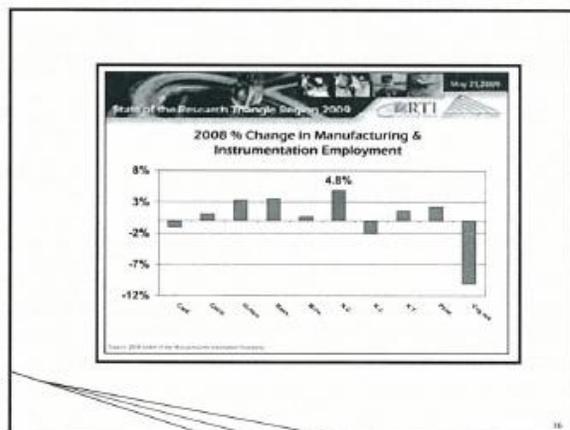
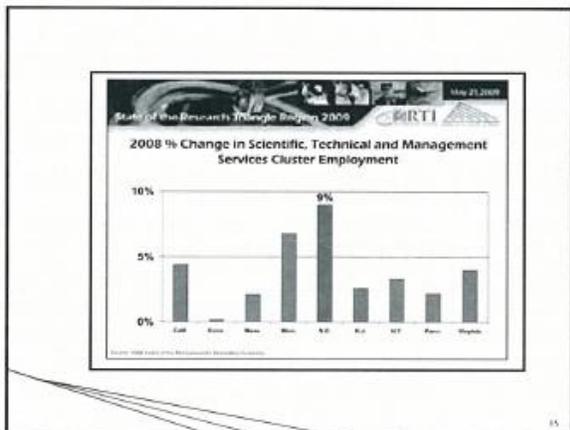




Life sciences is any of several branches of science, such as biology, medicine, anthropology, or ecology, that deal with living organisms and their organization, life processes, and relationships to each other and their environments.

- ### 2008 Technology-Employment Leading States
- ▶ California
 - ▶ Connecticut
 - ▶ Illinois
 - ▶ Massachusetts
 - ▶ Minnesota
 - ▶ New Jersey
 - ▶ New York
 - ▶ North Carolina
 - ▶ Pennsylvania
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PROJECT TRACKING - NEW PROJECTS

TIME PERIOD: January 2009 to June 2009

- ▶ New Projects: 20
- Closed: 5
- Pending: 15

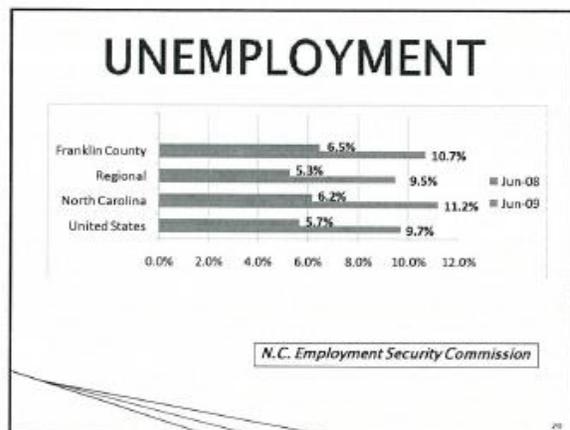
TRIANGLE NORTH FRANKLIN UPDATE

- Finalized and completed master plan with Wooten Company.
- Contracted with ECS to provide Pre Construction Notification (PCN).
- Meeting held with economic development director for Senator Burr's office, and representatives from NCDOT - Division of Aviation, to discuss possible funding opportunities.
- Conducted on-site tour and information briefing with key representatives from N.C. Dept. of Commerce.
- Visited McCalum Sweeney Consulting in Greenville, SC, with Triangle North Executive Director and representative from Research Triangle Regional Partnership. (Note: All expenses paid by RTRP.)
- Average of two (2) to three (3) responses and/or visits for potential clients.
- New entrance signs will be installed at all four (4) Triangle North parks thanks to generous donations from three local utilities - Embarras, Progress Energy and PSNC Energy. The signs will provide greater visibility for the parks during this critical marketing phase of the project.
- The N.C. Biotechnology Center is collaborating with Triangle North in a marketing study to identify life sciences companies in the United States with strong potential to expand to an East Coast market. The study team plans to identify about 100 companies in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology sectors that could benefit from locating in close proximity to the Research Triangle Region's world-leading life sciences cluster. Once identified, Triangle North will market directly to these companies to encourage them to consider one of its four (4) parks for a facility.

NEW CORPORATIONS

	Jan-June 2009	Jan-June 2008
Franklin	106	111
Granville	80	79
Person	47	48
Vance	72	65
Warren	22	28

N.C. Dept. of the Secretary of State



RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PERMITS

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	Residential		Commercial	
	Number of Permits	Value	Number of Permits	Value
2006	733	\$101,079,351	72	\$23,711,653
2007	798	113,195,908	65	13,499,178
2008	501	64,997,198	93	37,916,101
2009	263	34,298,309	102	63,417,391

NOTE: While residential permits have declined, commercial activity has remained constant.

Franklin County Planning & Inspections Dept.

PROJECT TRACKING - RETAIL

TIME PERIOD: January 2009 - June 2009

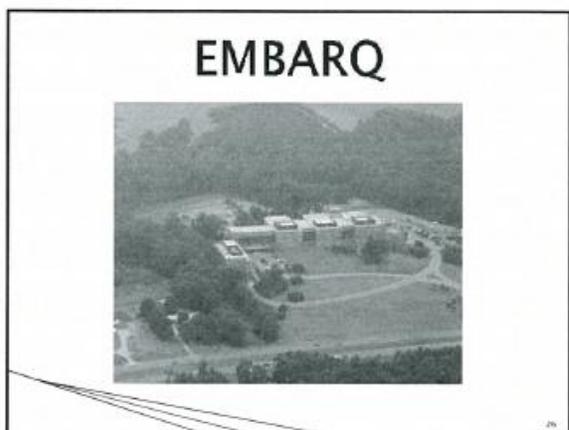
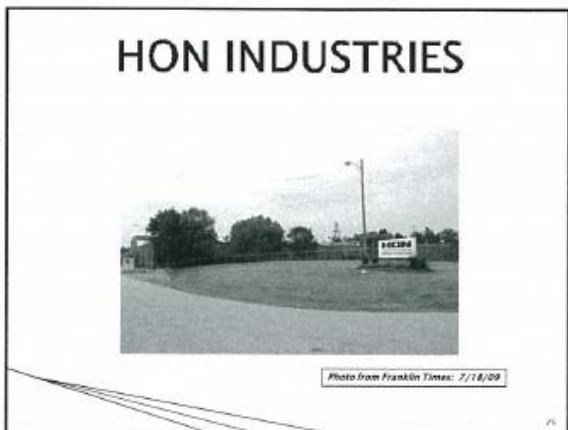
- ▶ Total # of Projects: 22
- ▶ Total Amount of Investment: \$5,092,881
- ▶ Total # of Jobs: 313 (full-time & part-time)



PROJECT TRACKING - EXPANSIONS

TIME PERIOD: January 2009 - June 2009

- ▶ Total # of Expansion Projects: 19
- ▶ Total # of Completed Expansion Projects: 12
- ▶ Total # of Pending Projects: 7
- ▶ Total Amount of Investment: \$6,131,400
- ▶ Total # of Jobs: 110 (full-time & part-time)



UPDATE ON PENDING GRANTS

BUSINESS NAME	GRANT AMOUNT	JOBS	FUNDING	SUPPORT	TYPE OF GRANT
Franklin Co. Volunteers in Medicine	\$25,000	2 full-time (minimum)	\$1,500	Franklinton	Planning Grant
Zollieville Rest Home	\$97,440	13 full-time + 4 full-time	\$1,440	Franklin County	Health Care Renovation
Clifton Law Firm	\$37,000	2+3	\$1,000	Louisburg	Building Reuse

- ### VARIOUS UPDATES
- All "American Recovery & Reinvestment Act" funding sources are being researched with the appropriate departments, including but not limited to: Debt Financing, Energy Conservation, Technology & Communications, and Transportation, including Division of Aviation.
 - Industry visits continue.
 - Partnering with N.C. Institute of Economic Development for Bull Creek Golf Course.
 - Groundbreaking for new Franklinton High School set for August 10, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.



QUESTIONS

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: Mrs. King reminded the Board reminded the Board of the following events:

- The North Carolina Department of Transportation Citizens Informational Workshop on August 4, 2009 from 4-7P.M. at Louisburg High School. The

workshop is for the proposed improvements to US 401-NC 39 from NC 56-NC 581 to just north of SR 1229.

- The Annual Elected Officials Reception will be held August 6, 2009 from 8-9:30A.M. at the Hudson Manor in Louisburg.
- The Boys and Girls Club will have lunch for the Board of Commissioners on August 6, 2009 at 12:00P.M. in the gym of the Riverside Campus in Louisburg.
- The new Franklinton High School groundbreaking will be held August 10, 2009 at 10:00A.M. at the intersection of Lane Store and Cedar Creek Roads between Youngsville and Franklinton.
- Mrs. King also asked those in attendance to offer prayers to the family of Brent Strickland whose daughter was in an auto crash recently. Mr. Strickland is a member of the County's Voluntary Agriculture Board.

Commissioner Foy: Commissioner Foy invited the Board and public to attend the Franklin County Library Summertime Reading Club summer finale event on August 6, 2009 at the Louisburg and Youngsville branches. He also reminded those in attendance to take advantage of the Sales Tax Holiday beginning August 7, 2009.

Commissioner Winters: No report.

Commissioner Young: Commissioner Young mentioned that the National Night Out Against Crime event will be held August 4, 2009 in Franklinton. She encouraged the Board and the public to attend.

Commissioner Lancaster: Commissioner Lancaster was absent. No report.

Commissioner Mitchell: No report.

Commissioner Dunston: Commissioner Dunston reminded the Board he is working with local leaders and school officials to help bring the Early College Program to fruition for the students in Franklin County. Commissioner Dunston stated the program is imperative for Franklin County students. He also said if funding is not received and used this year, it will be lost. Previously, Franklin County Schools' proposal was turned down based on the lack of space for participating students. Part of the program's objective is to allow participating high school students to become acclimated to college life as early as possible with all participating students attending school in the same location. He reminded the Board that Vance Granville Community College (VGCC) could not commit their local campus for the program beyond one year because of the growing rate of VGCC's population. Additionally, Franklin County Schools could not offer adequate space in any one school for the students to gather in. Commissioner Dunston stated other nearby counties had faced similar setbacks. He said some counties don't have a community college therefore the program was located entirely within one high school campus. He stated Granville County had similar issues, but he said one of the Granville high schools were willing to accept the program for one year while Commissioners presented a bond to build a library to assist with space needs. Commissioner Dunston stated his proposal to VGCC was to accept Early College students for one year and then allow the Board to attempt provisions for a second year. He stated if the County was able to construct a building, he felt mobile classrooms were a possibility. Commissioner Dunston stated he would meet August 4, 2009 with the County Manager, representatives of VGCC and Franklin County Schools in an effort to reach a conclusion in order to get the program started in Franklin during the upcoming school year.

Commissioner Winters then suggested space may be available for use within plans for the new Franklinton High School. Commissioner Dunston again said the objective is to

have students begin the program right away and said the new school wouldn't be finished until Fall, 2011.

Commissioner Swanson: No report.

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

- The Franklin County Sheriff's Office was granted a COPS grant for the addition of three sworn officer positions.
- Cedric Jones, Franklin County Extension Director, will retire October 1, 2009.
- Eleven local students have participated in the summer youth program. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds covered the costs. Students were assigned to various departments throughout county government with a variety of tasks.
- Mrs. Harris recently was involved in speaking engagements with Rotary, Humane Society and Future Franklin Leaders.
- Mrs. Harris has been involved in meetings with Site Solutions regarding a preliminary draft for the Pilot Park. The plan should be presented to the Board in the next few weeks.
- A conference call was held with U.S. Marshal's regarding Federal CAPS funding.
- A department head meeting was held recently in which the importance of monitoring expenses and curtailing spending was emphasized. She said she has encouraged staff to begin the fiscal year with a frugal mindset.
- Mrs. Harris and Chuck Murray, Finance Director, have participated in a teleconference with the Local Government Commission to review the county's official statement prior to selling bonds.
- Mrs. Harris mentioned that she met with representatives from Probation and Parole regarding the need for office space for Triangle Family Services, a non-profit that provides counseling to domestic violence offenders. She will investigate available space and may bring a recommendation back to the Board.
- She mentioned a teleconference with Kimball & Associates regarding the county's communication project. She said the Board had indicated earlier its desire to move forward with discussions to possibly amend the contract and distribute another Request for Proposals.
- Mrs. Harris mentioned meetings with Surapon Sujjavanich regarding the expansion and renovation of the Franklin County Detention Center. She said she would soon like for his preliminary plans to be presented to the Board. A work shop to do so was scheduled from 6:00 - 7:00 P.M. on August 17, 2009.
- Mrs. Harris then mentioned changes in the upcoming Wake/Franklin Boundary line process. She deferred to County Attorney Darnell Batton who stated the issue began with the Richland Hills Subdivision regarding unclear property boundary lines. The Board had been advised previously that approximately 63 lots were to be affected in reestablishing the County Line by agreement, however to remain consistent with how area counties are dealing with properties that straddle the county line, discussions are now taking place with Wake County to have each county assess the exact acreage in each county. Therefore, over 160 properties will now be affected. This primarily is a tax issue as the law enforcement component, Elections, EMS, etc. will remain unaffected as those issues are governed by the location of the residence. Another conference call is planned for August 7, 2009 with Wake County.

7. CLOSED SESSION

The Board was asked to enter into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (6) for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

At approximately 8:06 P.M., Commissioner Dunston made the motion to enter into closed session, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell. The motion carried 6 to 1, with Commissioner Foy voting "NO."

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

It was then announced that no action was taken.

County Manager Angela L. Harris clarified that staff would be working with Kimball, the county's engineer, to amend its contract regarding the communications project.

Mrs. Harris also mentioned the County's bond rating process would begin August 11, 2009. Staff will meet with three agencies in one day via teleconference.

Commissioner Swanson adjourned the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

Robert L. Swanson, Chairman

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board