

**December 21, 2009**

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

Chair McGhee-Young called the meeting to order for the purpose of a public hearing.

**1. PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board held a public hearing to obtain citizen input into the identification of economic needs and desired economic development activities. Input from the hearing will be incorporated into the County's consideration and submission of a CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) application to the Department of Commerce. The Board will be asked to schedule a second hearing on the matter at its January 4, 2010 meeting.

The public hearing was opened.

Economic Development Director Ronnie Goswick stated the law requires that two public hearings be conducted for the Building Reuse Program and stated a second hearing would be held in two weeks. He also stated the second hearing would provide greater detail about the company requesting the grant. Mr. Goswick stated a \$750,000 match would be required from the company, but commented that the County would be the recipient of the grant if awarded. He stated that a County match is not required.

The Board received and considered a letter submitted by Reverend P. Burt.

The public hearing was closed.

Chair McGhee-Young called for a second public hearing on the matter on January 4, 2010. No further action was needed or taken.

County Manager Angela Harris then offered the following report:

- Mrs. Harris made reference to two prior documents (*Strategic Planning for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* and *Economic Development Goals and Objectives*) and distributed copies of both. She then stated the tentative dates for the Board's annual retreat are January 20-21, 2010 beginning at 9:00 A.M. at the Louisburg College Blue Room. She stated Ron Aycock has agreed to facilitate. Mrs. Harris stated topics for the day would include tax planning, fiscal planning and water/sewer issues.
- Mrs. Harris reminded the Board that its next meeting would be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2010.

Commissioner Lancaster then presented and dedicated a plaque to Bob Winters in appreciation for his service to the Airport Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

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