

August 16, 2010

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: Chair Penny McGhee, Vice-Chairman Sidney E. Dunston, Robert L. Swanson, E. Shane Mitchell, Donald C. Lancaster, David T. Bunn and Harry L. Foy, Jr. Commissioner Foy arrived at 7:01 P.M. after a vote on the consent agenda. Commissioner Lancaster left the meeting at approximately 8:10 P.M.

Chair McGhee asked the Board to consider an addition to the agenda (Item 1-F) regarding a budget ordinance amendment. Commissioner Dunston made the motion to add the item, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

Chair McGhee asked the Board to consider approval of the consent agenda.

Commissioner Lancaster made the motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE." Items approved are as follows:

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. May 26, 2010 Minutes
- B. August 2, 2010 Minutes
- C. Certificate of Clerk regarding approval of tax-exempt loan to Justice Rural Volunteer Fire Association
- D. Releases, Adjustments, Refunds, and Tax Collection Report
- E. Surplus Property Sale
- F. Budget Ordinance Amendment #1 (Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 159-15, the County Finance Officer is requesting a budget ordinance amendment in the amount of \$18,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30., 2011 to amend the General Fund to appropriate the expenditure for the Highway 56 Mitigation Site to Cawthorne, Moss and Panciera, PC Professional Land Surveyors.)

Commissioner Foy arrived at 7:01 P.M. following approval of the consent agenda.

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.

Greggory Duffy, 538 Fleming Road, Youngsville

- Mr. Duffy lives in a neighborhood that will be affected if/when the South East High Speed Rail proposal is approved. Mr. Duffy stated he and his neighbors would like to make a formal presentation to the Board at a later time regarding their concerns. He said two routes are proposed better known as Section S NC1, NC3 and Section S NC2. He expressed opposition to the NC2 route and stated it had the greatest impact on citizens and would destroy homes. He said the route of NC2 was .17 miles shorter but had a negative impact. He said NC1, NC3 would have less of an impact, avoiding the loss of homes and the need for relocating businesses in its path. Mr. Duffy stated his hope that the County would also oppose NC2.

George Halsey, 10 Fleming Forest Drive, Youngsville

- Mr. Halsey provided a handout to the Board that outlined the proposed routes for the South East High Speed Rail project and explained the impacts of each. He said the NC2 route would destroy two homes and would travel through the yards of fifteen other homes. He also stated his concerns with depreciating home values. Mr. Halsey later (at the end of the Board meeting) submitted a twelve-page petition signed by citizens who oppose the NC2 route.

During Mr. Halsey's comments, Commissioner Foy made a motion to extend the public comment timeframe for Mr. Halsey, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

Alice Faye Hunter, 3114 NC 561 Highway, Louisburg

- Ms. Hunter serves as Franklin County Clerk of Superior Court. She spoke on behalf of Mr. William Owens regarding the estate of Mr. Edgar Owens. She presented a check from Mr. Owens' estate in the amount of \$800,000 to be used to purchase land for a recreational park. She said the check is a partial distribution and said an unknown amount of additional funds will be distributed to the County in the near future.

Earl Parker, 1650 Montgomery Road, Franklinton

- Mr. Parker congratulated the Board for utilizing wisdom to fund the Early College High School facility in Franklin County.

Allen DeHart, 3585 US 401, Louisburg

- Mr. DeHart commented on funds (\$10,000) that were given by the County to the Franklin County Historical Society many years ago to help preserve the old Franklin County Jail located on East Nash Street in downtown Louisburg. He said a former agreement between the County and the Historical Society would be void after five years if the Historical Society did not live up to the terms of the agreement. Mr. DeHart stated it would be more costly to refurbish the building than to build a new jail. When asked about the age of the jail, Mr. DeHart stated it was likely one hundred years old.

Ranell Bridges, 17 Lloyd's Way, Louisburg

- Ms. Bridges delivered a letter on behalf of the Franklin County Cattlemen's Association. She said the letter is in support of hiring Martha Mobley as Franklin County Extension Director.

Tracy, McKenzie, 410 Fleming Road, Youngsville

- Mr. McKenzie spoke regarding the proposed South East High Speed Rail project. Mr. McKenzie stated he was not against the entire project, but said he strongly opposed route NC2 and commented on the route's direct negative effect on approximately 15 residences and indirect effect on hundreds more as well as a number of businesses. He stated the state's deadline to receive public comments is August 30, 2010 and said he would like a number of questions answered. Mr. McKenzie's questions are as follows. 1) Why, when the limiting speed on both tracks is 95 miles per hour, would you choose the track that interrupts the lives of hundreds of people? 2) Why does the environmental study not take into account the difference wherein a house, a business, a wetland or a creek is already affected in some manner by the current track and a house, business, wetland which would only be affected by the new section? He said the executive summary provided by SEHSR doesn't take this into account. He said it does not differentiate between a house which is already affected by the current tract and

the new tract and a house which will only be affected by the new section. Mr. McKenzie also had questions pertaining to land values and loan acquisition. 3) Mr. McKenzie stated that according to SEHSR's executive summary (page 8), decisions will be made regarding entire sections, not subsections, is there a possibility that this particular subsection could be rejected based on the negative impact from Burt Winston Road south into Youngsville where the new section of track is chosen. 4) Mr. McKenzie said there are three factors out of 27 factors in the executive summary, by which someone would prefer NC1 and 3. He said out of a \$95 million project, route NC2 would be \$290,000 cheaper, but is it worth it. The other factor involves a half-acre of wetland. 5) Why, now after seeing all of the new business and residences that NC2 affects, should we have to wait until the end of the 2011 to learn whether or not it will even be chosen. Mr. McKenzie asked the Board to speak on behalf of the citizens and write a resolution strongly opposing Section S NC2.

During Mr. McKenzie's comments, Commissioner Foy made a motion to extend the public comment timeframe for Mr. McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. ROAP (Rural Operating Assistance Program)

Franklin County is eligible to receive \$193,816 in funding for fiscal year 2010-2011 from the Department of Transportation for the ROAP. Notice of the hearing was posted in the August 7, 2010 edition of the Franklin Times. The request was for sub allocation of funds to the Department of Social Services, KARTS, and Department of Aging for 2010/2011 allocation.

At approximately 7:36 P.M., the Chair opened and closed the public hearing with no comments offered.

Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to approve the submission of the ROAP application, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

B. Early College High School Facility Funding

On August 2, 2010, the Board called for a public hearing to receive input on funding for a twelve room modular facility to be located on County property adjacent to Vance Granville Community College in Louisburg to provide classroom space for students of the Early College High School program.

Mr. Chuck Murray, Finance Director, offered the following PowerPoint presentation.

Public Hearing on the use of G.O. Bonds for the Early College Facility

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Voter approved GO Bonds?

- Voter approved G.O. Bonds carry a lower interest rate because the County's taxing power is pledged as collateral.
- Cost of Issuance of debt for Voter approved G.O. Bonds is considerably less than other options.
- County is currently scheduled with the North Carolina Local Government Commission on October 19th, 2010, to issue G.O. Bonds for the remaining needs of current school projects.

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Comparison

- G.O. Bonds
 - Financing structure can be for 5, 10, 15, or 20 years.
 - Estimated Interest Rate 1.6% at 5 years, 2.56% for 10 years, 3.21% at 15 years, and 3.78% at 20 years.
 - Issuance cost will be \$0 additional dollars because the County is already issuing G.O. Bonds in October 2010.

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Private Placement with a Financial Institution

- 1. Interest Rate for a 20 year loan is estimated to be between 5.00% - 5.25%, 5 years for around 3.5%.
- 2. Issuance Cost are estimated near \$10,000.

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Fund Balance

- The County could use Fund Balance to pay for the project.
- Total Fund Balance is estimated at \$21.6 million with \$14.3 million undesignated and available for appropriation at June 30th 2010.
- Estimated Undesignated Fund Balance percentage is 20.8% at June 30th, 2010.
- County would save Interest cost, around \$11,600 per year or \$58,000 over 5 years).
- Fund Balance percentage would decrease from 20.8% to 19%.

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Recommendation for Consideration.

- Fund the Early College Facility by including \$1.2 million in the County's October, 2010 G.O. Bond Sale structured over a 5 year period.

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In the presentation, Mr. Murray explained that approved General Obligation (G.O.) Bonds carry a lower interest rate and said the cost of issuance of debt is considerably less than other options. He mentioned the County is currently scheduled to meet with the North Carolina Local Government Commission to issue G.O. Bonds for the remaining needs of current school projects and said it "makes sense to add Early College into this program." In his presentation, Mr. Murray also included a comparison of G.O. Bonds versus private placement with financial institutions and the use of fund balance.

Mr. Murray recommended funding the Early College facility by including \$1.2 million in the County's October 2010 G.O. Bond sale structured over a five-year period.

Commissioner Lancaster asked about savings recognized during the construction of Franklinton High School. Mr. Murray stated \$10 million in savings was recognized.

At approximately 7:41 P.M., Chair McGhee opened the public hearing.

Rosemary Champion, 1168 White Level Road, Louisburg

- Mrs. Champion stated she served on the bond committee that communicated with Franklin County citizens the needs of schools and the expected cost of those needs. For this reason, she said she appreciates the Board conducting a public hearing on the matter. She said the County is fortunate these projects came in below expected projections. She said if the County proposed to divert these funds from the original projects instead of completing them first, she could not support the use of the remainder of the bond money even for a deserving program. Now, she said the Board has an opportunity to use the remaining bond funds to secure the needed money at a lower interest rate. She said this will be a substantial savings to the County and makes the most financial sense.

Bruce Allen, 992 Mays Crossroads Road, Franklinton

- Mr. Allen stated Mr. Murray (in his presentation) pointed out the most savings to the County would be recognized by paying for the Early College facility out of its savings account. He did not believe borrowing money was the wisest choice for the use of the funds. He said it would be detrimental to future school bonds, because the bond passed with site specific projects. He said he wondered if the northern end of the county received everything it needed or if minimum needs were satisfied in order to “get us by.” Mr. Allen said he felt the County could likely use remaining bond funds to “get those citizens farther along rather than using that money for Early College.” He said he felt the County would be better off to pay for the Early College facility with fund balance.

Chair McGhee closed the hearing at 7:45pm with no further comments.

Commissioner Lancaster asked Mr. Murray about the effect on fund balance if it is used toward Early College. Mr. Murray stated fund balance would drop from 20.8% to 19%. Mr. Murray said one of the reasons he did not recommend the use of fund balance is based on knowledge that the County has pledged quite a bit of fund balance to help pay for school bonds. He said the state has also taken away half of the County’s lottery money which could depend on more fund balance allocation to pay for that project. Additionally, the state has taken the County’s ADM (Average Daily Membership) revenue that is pledged to help pay for the bond issuance. Mr. Murray said the County has lost almost two million dollars that must be taken out of fund balance in the next couple of years to help pay for that. We know we are going to have to use quite a bit of that fund balance. He said the state recommends 24% undesignated fund balance and we are going to be at 20.8%. The minimum amount of undesignated fund balance is 8%.

Commissioner Lancaster stated Mr. Allen had a good idea if there was not so much uncertainty in the future regarding state funds.

Commissioner Dunston made a motion to fund the Early College building with the recommendation of the Finance Director made using G.O. bonds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and duly carried with all present voting “AYE.”

4. WELLNESS PROGRAM UPDATE

Kelly Faulkner, Human Resources Manager, provided an update on the Franklin County Employee wellness program. Mrs. Faulkner’s PowerPoint presentation follows.

W.O.W.

Working on Wellness
Board of County Commissioners Update
August 2010



Wellness FYI

- Wellness programs are a direct result of health care cost.
- Health Care cost in the US doubled from 1990-2001 and are expected to double again by 2012.
- Chronic illness affect more than a third of working age- Americans.
- Cost associated with chronic disease account for approximately 75% of the nation's annual health care cost.

Health & Wellness FYI Con't

- Addressing risk factors early can make a difference! For example \$5.6 billion of heart disease cost could be saved if one-tenth of Americans began a regular walking program.
- Employer spending on health promotion is a good business investment. Programs have achieved a ROI ranging from \$3 to \$15 for each dollar invested with savings realized within 12 to 18 months.
- More than 60 % of Americans adults do not get enough physical activity to provide a health benefit.

Health & Wellness FYI Con't

- According to the US Department of Health & Human Services, for every 100 employees in this country:
 - 27 have cardiovascular disease
 - 24 have high blood pressure
 - 50 or more have high cholesterol
 - 26 are overweight by 20% or more
 - 10 are heavy drinkers
 - 59 don't get adequate exercise
 - 44 suffer form stress

Health & Wellness FYI Con't

Obesity in American 2010 (MSN article)

- Two-thirds of Americans are now either overweight (BMI 25 or higher) or obese (30+ BMI).
- North Carolina ranked 10th with 29.4% obesity rate for adults.
- Mississippi was ranked first (33.8%) and Colorado was last (19.1%).

Health & Wellness FYI Con't

- 44% of workers have gained weight in their current job.
- + 25% have gained 10 or more pounds.
- 12% have gained 20 or more.
- Cause of weight gain - sitting at a desk most of the day and stress.

Did You Know?

Workplace Wellness Week

- In 2008, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a federal resolution creating National Workplace Wellness Week.
- Designated the first full week of April.
- During this week, employer's encouraged to invest in the health of their employees by creating worksite employee health promotion programs, or by sharing their worksite wellness experiences with other employers.

Wellness Program Overview

- Program concept was discussed in the fall of 2006. Fall 2007 committee was formed and funding awarded.
- The wellness committee consist of 13 members (line staff and department heads) from various departments.
- Committee meets every month (Thursday @ 10:00 a.m.).
- Committee is broken down into subcommittees in order accomplish committee goals.

Funding

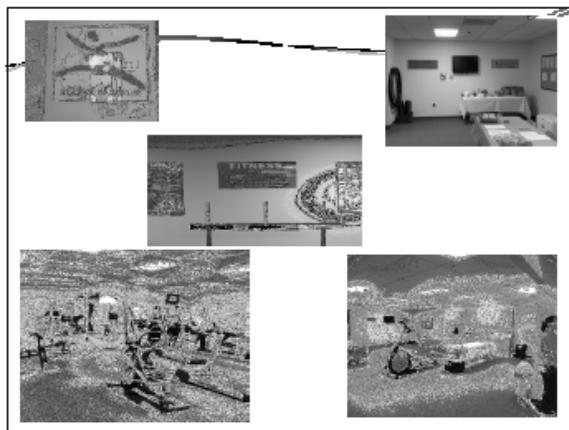
- In FY 10-11 BCBS awarded Franklin County a Wellness Grant (\$16,205) to use over three years.
- Opportunity to earn stretch dollars to increase grant potential.
- In addition to the budgeted funds the committee continues to seek out grant opportunities to assist with program funding.

Wellness Center



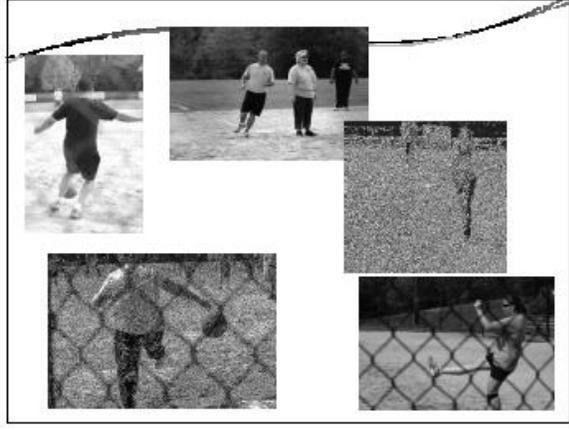
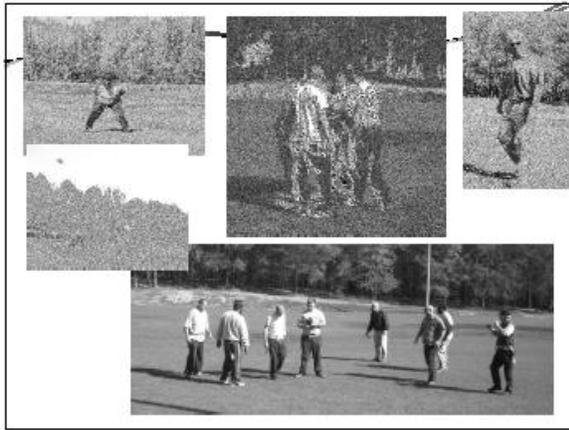
Wellness Facility Con't.

- The Wellness Center re-opened on July 22, 2010 after being closed for relocation and renovation.
- A total of 160 employees attend the open house event.
- Facility equipped with a variety of equipment such as treadmills, elliptical machine, recumbent bikes, and various weight machines/equipment.
- Enhancements were made to the room.
- To date (since 6/22/10) the wellness center has been utilized 180 times.



FY Activities

- Physical activity programs for FY 09-10:
 - Softball (7/2009)
 - Volleyball (7/23/09)
 - Basketball (Boys & Girls Club - March - June 2010)
 - Kickball (CGM - 4/26/10)
 - Flag Football (11/5/09)
 - Hooping (March - April 2010)
 - Walking (March - April 2010)
 - Taebo (March - April 2010)
- Educational seminars:
 - T.O.P.S (11/3/09)
 - Healthy Eating Habits (4/26/10)
 - Eating for Energy (7/16/10)

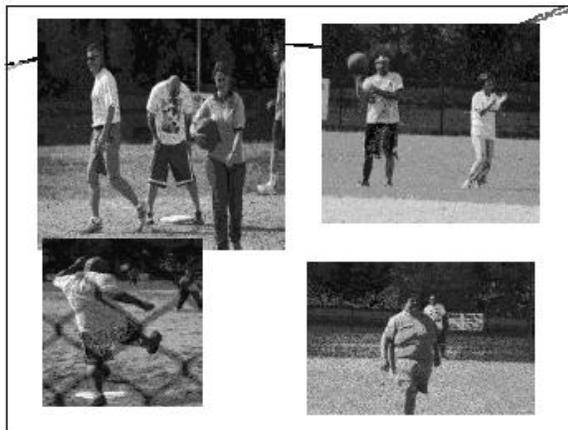
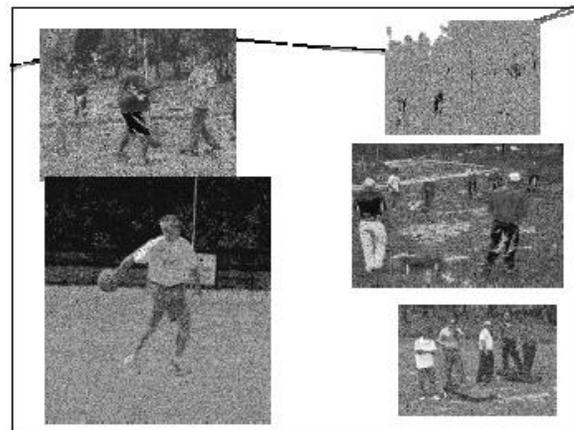
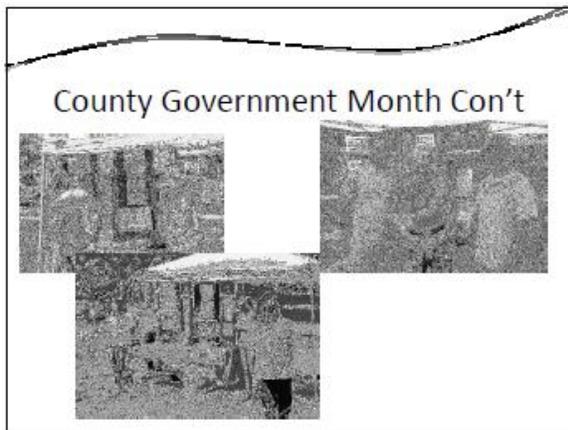


T.O.P.S

- Employee Chapter was adopted in November 2009.
- Weight-loss support group.
- Employees paid \$26 to join.
- A total of 13 employees originally joined.
- Meets the first Tuesday of every month at 12:15 p.m. (TOPS Tuesday)

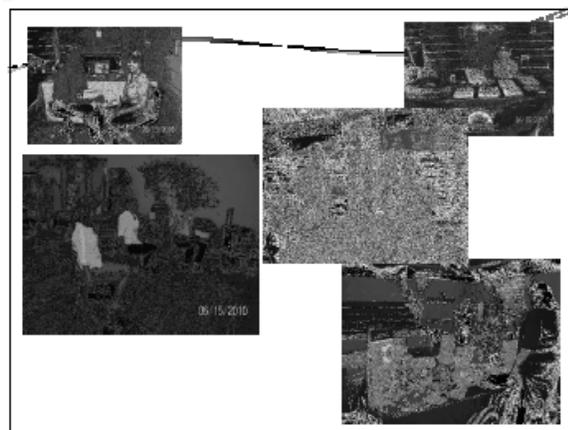
County Government Month

- Theme for 2010 was "Healthy Counties".
- W.O.W. committee and TOPS at Employee Picnic.
- Employee kick-ball game to encourage movement.



Health Fair

- Health Fair held at Terrell Lane Middle School
- 2009 - June 19th from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- 35 Vendors; 171 employees
- 2010 - June 18th from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- 48 Vendors; 160 employees



Wellness Website

- <http://franklincountyworkingonwellness.shutterfly.com/>

Health Risk Assessment (HRA)

- A Health Risk Assessment is a confidential questionnaire that is completed based on health questions and biometric information.
- Conducted HRA with staff from February 1st - March 31st, 2010. A total of 103 employees participated in the HRA which is about 23% of eligible employees.

And the results are....

- Overall Health Risk Assessment Score (HRAS): is 76.8.
- Average Score:(Benchmark) 79.8

(Average is derived from our population's HRAS over time and versus benchmark figures, which are derived from book-of business averages. The HRAS ranges from 0 to 100, with higher scores correlated to a relatively healthy population.)

Health Risk Assessment Con't.

- Number of Risk Factors Identified in the HRA:

Participants	Benchmark
Low (0-2) 61.2%	75.1%
Medium (3-4) 28.1%	19.8%
High (5+) 10.7%	5.1%

- Health care utilization, absenteeism, and presenteeism increase as the number of risk factors increases. On average, compared with their colleagues without risk factors, individuals with 3 or more risk factors will consume 4 times the health care spending, miss 2 more days of work, and have 3 additional visits to a physician in the next 12 months.

Health Risk Assessment Con't.

- Cost Implications: Based on the health risk factors present in our population, the following summarizes the impact of health risks on health care-related costs.

Cost Category Total Estimated Costs:

Excess Modifiable Health Care Costs	\$162,480
Overall Expected Medical Costs	\$460,343
Time Away From Work Costs	\$84,052
Presenteeism Costs	\$706,693

Health Risk Assessment Con't.

Intervention Opportunity Index: The Intervention Opportunity Index (IOI) is an index of the most financially valuable intervention targets. Based upon the IOI, the following table summarizes the top three intervention targets for our population.

- IOI
 - Stress
 - Depression
 - Weight
- To encourage participation employees received 2 hours of vacation for completion of the HRA.

Flu Shots

- Flu Shots were offered in October 2009 in partnership with our Health Department . A total of 232 individuals participated.

What's to Come for FY 10-11

- Employee Mini Clinic
 - For acute illness
 - Little to no wait time
 - No sick leave required to utilize clinic
 - Co-Pays waived
 - Walk-in Monday, Wednesday, Fridays from 8-9 am
 - Other times can call for an appointment
 - For employees covered by BCBS (not family members)
 - No additional resources required
 - (Implementation Plan - tweaked as necessary)

What's to Come for FY 10-11 Con't.

- Met with BCBS on July 19th .
- Discussion topic was what we have done and where we would like to go.
- BCBS coming back late-September with a proposal on program recommendations and potentially how they can help.

What's to Come for FY 10-11 Con't.

- Educational seminars planned:
 - August 25th, 2010 - FRMC - Sleep Disorders
 - September 24th, 2010 - Sugar Addiction

What's to Come for FY 10-11 Con't.

- Wellness Committee met on August 5th to focus on the FY 10-11.
- Realignment of subcommittees.
- Look for more policy proposals and programs to be recommended.
- Time to take it to the next level.



"Running is bad for my knees.
Not running is bad for everything else!"

Thank You

- The committee would like to thank the Board of County Commissioners and the County Manager for their support of the Wellness Program.
- I personally want to thank the committee for their hard work and dedication. Without them this would not be possible!

No action was taken or needed.

Following the presentation, Chair McGhee called for a five-minute recess and Commissioner Lancaster left the meeting at approximately 8:10 P.M.

Chair McGhee called the meeting back to order at 8:15 P.M.

5. LEASE: SATELLITE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SUBSTATION IN BUNN

The Board considered a lease for the satellite Sheriff's Office substation in Bunn.

According to County Attorney Darnell Batton, Sheriff Pat Green and Mr. Don Mitchell have finalized details regarding a lease for the satellite Sheriff's substation in Bunn.

Commissioner Mitchell identified a typographical error in the lease regarding the address of the station. The correction will be made by Mr. Batton. Commissioner Mitchell also asked for clarification as it pertains to the area of the building being utilized by the Sheriff. Mr. Don Mitchell stated the front building will be leased for the Sheriff, but said in the agreement if the Sheriff's Department needs to utilize the back building, it will be available for them but with a different lease. Currently, both properties have the same address.

Commissioner Mitchell asked Mr. Batton if there should be a termination clause in the lease should a permanent satellite EMS (Emergency Medical Services) station locate in the Lake Royale area offering the possibility of collocation for EMS and the Sheriff.

Mr. Batton stated the rent amount is based on a five-year term. He said he incorporated in the lease a non-appropriations clause so that if during a budget year the Board didn't fund the lease, the lease could be terminated.

Following further discussion, Mr. Batton stated he would prefer to change the lease to include a notice provision for termination in the event an alternate location is chosen in the future.

Commissioner Bunn made a motion to approve the lease as amended by the County Attorney pursuant to discussions, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- Old Franklin County Jail: As an update, County Manager Angela Harris stated the Franklin County Arts Council will meet on August 19, 2010. At the meeting, the council is expected to discuss its interest in the old jail. The item will remain on the Board of Commissioner's agenda under "other business."
- NCACC Legislative Goals: The Board was asked to review 2009/2010 North Carolina Association of County Commissioners' Legislative Goals and to make suggestions regarding additional goals it would like to see accomplished for 2010/2011. After discussions, the Board decided to entertain a resolution that would include its priority goals for the upcoming year. The resolution will be considered at its September 7, 2010 meeting.

7. APPOINTMENTS

A. Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

The Board was asked to consider the appointment of Mr. Jimmy Holley to serve on the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee to serve as the Emergency Room Nurse nominated by the Administrator of Franklin Regional Medical Center.

Commissioner Swanson made the motion to appoint Mr. Jimmy Holley to serve as the Emergency Room Nurse on the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

B. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

The Board was asked to appoint Ms. Melissa Jennings to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. She would serve as an "at-large" representative.

Commissioner Bunn made the motion to appoint Ms. Melissa Jennings to serve on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, seconded by Commissioner Swanson. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

8. 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 G. King: Mrs. King reminded the Board that its next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

Commissioner Lancaster: Commissioner Lancaster was absent during this portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Mitchell: Commissioner Mitchell stated he attended a recent meeting of the Airport Commission. He reported that Triangle Skydiving Center is now the largest revenue producer at the airport. He also mentioned the High Flight Community Event scheduled for September 18 and 19, 2010 at the airport. He stated the event is free to the public. Commissioner Mitchell also mentioned recent meetings of the Utility Advisory Committee and Economic Development Commission.

Commissioner Foy: Commissioner Foy mentioned a recent meeting of the KARTS Board. He said as Assistant Director to Director Rob Brink has now been named. Commissioner Foy also mentioned that he attended the annual horse farm tour held recently and said there was good attendance. He mentioned he had been contacted by citizens of the Epsom Community with a request to utilize the former Epsom School site for a community celebration event.

Commissioner Bunn: No report.

Commissioner Dunston: Commissioner Dunston stated he attended a recent Agriculture Board meeting in which a report was provided by consultants on a study relative to farmland use in the county. Commissioner Dunston travelled recently with the Council of Governments to Fredericksburg, Virginia and was provided with more information regarding the proposed South East High Speed Rail project. The meeting highlighted some of the ancillary benefits of the project.

Commissioner Swanson: Commissioner Swanson commented he too attended a recent meeting of the Agriculture Board.

Commissioner McGhee: Commissioner McGhee commented on an upcoming webinar offered through the School of Government entitled *The Arc of Economic Recovery: Is it for Real?* She said the course would assist public officials in planning local budgets in the coming year. She asked the Board to inform the Clerk of its interest in participating in the webinar. She then mentioned her attendance at a recent Utilities Advisory Committee meeting. As a result of the meeting a citizen was granted a reduction in their water bill for based on the county's recently adopted Leak Adjustment Policy. She visited a recent event at the Franklin County Volunteers in Medicine clinic in which Congressman Bob Etheridge was present to support collaboration between the group and the County's Health Department. Commissioner McGhee also attended an event at the County's senior center to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Social Security. Commissioner McGhee stated she will soon attend the North Carolina Association of

County Commissioner's Annual Conference in Pitt County. She said the focus of the conference relates to developing leadership.

County Manager Angela L. Harris:

- Mrs. Harris stated she attended a recent meeting regarding a presentation on Farmland Preservation on August 10, 2010. She mentioned potential improvements to the county's farmer's market and ways to make it more viable.
- Mrs. Harris attended an annual luncheon held at Franklinton Senior Center.
- Mrs. Harris commented that Curtis Strickland, a citizen of the Epsom/Rocky Ford community, had submitted to her a letter of interest in using the former Epsom School Site (Highway 39 North) for a community festival. Mrs. Harris stated her concern that the property was not prepared for such an event and said debris such as nails, glass and brick remains from demolition of the former Epsom School. It was noted the property is located on a busy highway with no surrounding fence and that a well still located on the property is a potential danger as well. Permission to use the property for a community celebration will not be granted at this time.
- Mrs. Harris stated she spoke with Mark Warren, Town of Louisburg Administrator, for clarification regarding ownership of the water tank located on property formerly owned by HON. According to Mrs. Harris the property was transferred from the County to the Town of Louisburg in 1996. A letter memorializing the action will be written to the town regarding the Board's action in 1996.

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:05 P.M.

Penny McGhee, Chair

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board