December 6, 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, E. Shane Mitchell, Harry L. Foy, Jr., David T. Bunn, Robert L. Swanson and Donald C. Lancaster.

Chair McGhee opened the meeting and offered congratulations to Commissioner Donald Lancaster who has recently been elected to serve as Chair of the Triangle North Board.

1. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Chair McGhee turned the meeting over to attorney David Guin for the purpose of electing officers for 2011.

Mr. Guin opened the floor for nominations for Chair of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Swanson nominated Commissioner Sidney Dunston to serve as Chair, seconded by Commissioner McGhee. Mr. Guin closed the nominations and called for a vote. The nomination was approved with a 6 to 1 vote, with Commissioner Lancaster voting "NO."

Mr. Guin opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Swanson nominated Commissioner Shane Mitchell to serve as Vice-Chair, seconded by Commissioner Dunston. Mr. Guin closed the nominations and called for a vote. The nomination was approved with a 6 to 1 vote, with Commissioner Lancaster voting "NO."

The elections were then closed.

Chairman Dunston asked the Board to consider an addition to the agenda regarding a recommendation for the Franklin County Cooperative Extension Director position. If approved, the item would be considered “Item 4” on the agenda. Chairman Dunston also asked the Board to remove Items 6 and 7 from the agenda.

Commissioner McGhee made the motion to add an item and to remove two items (stated previously) from the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell. The motion duly carried with all present voting “AYE.”

Commissioner Foy made a motion to remove Item 1-C from the consent agenda for discussion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGhee and duly carried approval with all present voting “AYE.”

Commissioner Swanson made a motion to approve the remainder of the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell. The motion duly carried with all present voting “AYE.” The items approved are as follows.
2. CONSENT AGENDA

A. November 29, 2010 Minutes
B. Resolution to allow for the electronic listing of business personal property for property tax purposes
C. Consider TDA (Tourism Development Authority) request to fund an $8,000 grant for the International Whistlers Convention
D. Releases, Adjustments, Refunds, and Tax Collection Report
E. Consider approval of land purchase by the Franklin County Board of Education from Ella Wilder Slaughter in the amount of $4,100
F. Budget Amendment #3 (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, 2011, to amend the General Fund to appropriate $816,346 in expenditures for the repayment of Adequate Public Schools Ordinance fees collected by the County.

Commissioner Foy stated his concern from constituents that the International Whistler’s Convention was falsely represented as having 501(c)(3) non-profit status. Finance Director Chuck Murray stated non-profit status is not required in order to receive funding from the TDA (Tourism Development Authority).

Commissioner Foy then made the motion to approve the TDA grant request to fund an $8,000 grant for the International Whistler’s Convention. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and duly carried approval with all present voting “AYE.”

Item 2.B.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ELECTRONIC LISTING AND EXTENDING THE TIME FOR FILING ELECTRONIC LISTINGS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 105-304 authorizes Counties to permit Electronic listing of personal property, and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 105-307 permits the Board of County Commissioners to extend the deadline for filing electronic listings of personal property under G.S. 105-304 to June 1, and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 105-311(b) authorizes electronic signature of personal property listings which are submitted electronically,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. Franklin County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes business personal property listings to be submitted and signed electronically.

Section 2. The following procedures will apply to electronic tax filings. Electronic listings must be submitted online. Facsimiles will not be accepted as electronic listings. In order to file electronically, the taxpayer must use an electronic listing application approved by the County. To request an extension to electronically file business personal property listings after January 31, the taxpayer must file an online request for extension of time during the month of January and must provide an Account ID provided by the County and associated with the business location for which the extension is requested. Once the extension of time has been granted by the assessor the electronic filing must be received by the Franklin County Assessor no later than April 15 in order to avoid list penalties.

Section 3. This resolution shall be recorded in the minutes of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and notice of the procedure and extension of time for electronic filing of business personal property listings shall be published as required by G.S. 105-296(c).

Section 4. This resolution is effective for all tax years after its adoption and at such time as the Assessor has the ability to implement a system for electronic listing.

3. 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.
Jim Carnes, 811 Timberlake Road, Franklinton, NC
- Mr. Carnes commented on the International Whistler’s Convention scheduled for April 6-10, 2011. He said the group is working to establish its 501(c)(3) non-profit status and said it should be achieved in the near future. He also commented that Mr. Alan de Hart deserves recognition for the role he has played in organizing the event.

Bob McLaurin, Jr. MD, 113 Jolly Street, Louisburg, NC
- Dr. McLaurin stated he has operated the Cancer Center in Franklin County for five years. He said he was notified two weeks prior that an unknown source is placing pressure on the CON (Certificate of Need) Section to challenge the ability for his office to maintain and continue to utilize equipment known as a linear accelerator. According to Dr. McLaurin, it is the only linear accelerator in Franklin. Dr. McLaurin asked the Board to consider a resolution showing support in favor of keeping the equipment in Franklin. He stated if the equipment is ever removed, the County may never have the opportunity to qualify for another. Franklin County Health Department Director Dr. Chris Szwagiel stated he had a copy of the proposed resolution that has garnered unofficial support from the Board of Health. The Board directed Dr. McLaurin make a presentation to the appropriate County staff before bringing the discussion back to the Board of Commissioners at a later date and after further investigation.

4. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION DIRECTOR POSITION

Mr. Jim Cowden, North Central District Extension Director, presented Mr. Charles Mitchell as the North Carolina Cooperative Extension’s recommendation for the Franklin County Cooperative Extension Director position. Mr. Cowden asked that the Board consider the recommendation with a vote.

Mr. Mitchell offered comments to the Board and thanked Commissioners in advance for their consideration.

Commissioner Bunn made a motion to approve Mr. Charles Mitchell to serve as Franklin County Cooperative Extension Director, seconded by Commissioner Swanson.

Commissioner Foy stated for the record his first choice for Franklin County Cooperative Extension Director is Mrs. Martha Mobley. He stated Mrs. Mobley is a “fine lady and a great asset to the County and I hope we don’t lose her.”

The Board was asked to vote on Commissioner Bunn’s motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of Mr. Charles Mitchell.

5. POSITION REQUEST: FRANKLIN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

The Franklin County Department of Social Services requested two full time positions in the areas of Food and Nutrition Services and Child Support Enforcement. According to information provided in the agenda packet by Social Services Director Nicki Perry, the Food and Nutrition Services Unit has experienced a 29% increase in households from July 2009 to October 2010, increasing the number of households served from 3492 to 4508. Additionally, the current caseload for Child Support Enforcement is 2875 cases which equates to 575 cases per agent. According to Mrs. Perry, the average caseload statewide is between 450 and 485 cases per agent. County Manager Angela L. Harris stated she fully supported the position requests.

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Mrs. Perry said neither requested positions were included in the 2010-2011 budget based on a number of unknown factors when the Department of Social Services took over management of Child Support Enforcement from the State on July 1, 2010. She stated the frozen positions were unknown until October, 2010 when the County’s field representative with North Carolina Child Support made the department aware. She said the additional position in Child Support Enforcement would be of tremendous assistance. She also commented on the Federal reimbursement of sixty-six percent for every $1 spent in child support.

Mrs. Perry commented on the position request in the area of Food and Nutrition Services. She said when putting together the budget for 2010-2011, staff felt they would be able to make it through the current fiscal year, but had not been able to do so based on numbers at the end of the first quarter. She commented on her concern regarding the maintenance of the accuracy rate and stated errors compromise the accuracy rate which equates to paybacks.

She asked the Board to consider the addition of both positions effective January 1, 2011 and said staff estimates County costs (based on the 50% reimbursement for Food and Nutrition and the 66% reimbursement for the Child Support position) to be approximately $20,000.

Mrs. Harris stated Mrs. Perry has relocated staff within the department for the last few years in order to cover needed staffing areas, but said the opportunity has reached its maximum.

Commissioner Foy mentioned the upcoming 2011-2012 budget and asked if the addition of two positions was possible without imposing a tax increase. Mrs. Harris stated the position requests are directly related to the economy. She said income maintenance staff is necessary to meet needs and commented on the importance of accuracy rates. In the event there are County errors, she said errors must be paid for by the County. She said staffing needs should have been requested in October, 2010, however she said staff continued to examine all opportunities by moving staff within the Department of Social Services. Mrs. Harris stated regardless of the upcoming budget challenges, the Board must develop a plan to address federally mandated programs in terms of staffing. Mrs. Harris stated the staffing requests before the Board offers no area for compromise.

Commissioner Swanson made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell. The motion carried with a vote of 4 to 3, with Commissioners Foy, Bunn and Lancaster voting “NO.”

6. PUBLIC HEARING: FY 08 CDBG SCATTTERED SITE HOUSING PROGRAM AMENDMENT (08-C-1820)

In June 2010, the Board amended the Scattered Site Housing Program to add one additional beneficiary, Ms. Sharon McCowan, 937 S. Main Street, Louisburg. However, original grant funds were not sufficient to complete the seventh and final unit. The Division of Community Assistance is willing to allot an additional $45,000 in grant funds to ensure the completion of this unit. The public hearing was scheduled to officially ask for additional funds.
Scott Hammerbacher, Planning and Inspections Director, was in attendance. He stated a revision had been made since the original grant fund request ($45,000) and stated the need was now $35,000.

The public hearing was opened and closed at approximately 7:46 P.M. with no comments offered by the public.

Commissioner McGhee made the motion to approve the budget/program amendment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Foy and duly carried approval with all present voting “AYE.”

7. RECOGNITION: NORTH CAROLINA VETERAN’S PARK PROJECT

This item was removed from the agenda until further notice.

8. MOBILE CAD/AVL FOR RESPONDERS

This item was removed from the agenda until further notice.

9. RADIO PROJECT STATUS UPDATE/CHANGE ORDER

Harris Corporation was expected to present a new design for the radio project to meet the coverage guarantee required, however Christy Shearin, Franklin County Communications Director, stated Harris was unable to finalize cost estimates. This portion of the agenda item will be brought back to the Board at a later date.

Mrs. Shearin offered the following PowerPoint presentation to update the Board on the radio project.
**Next Steps**

- Review Design / Documentation with County and LK Kinball
- Field of 2/26
- Complete Documentation / Cost / Schedule
- Provide Change Order to Board of Commissioners at 1/18 Meeting
- Target Customer Design Review for 1/19

**Design Comparisons**

**Original Design**
- Main County Coverage Area
- Main County Accessible Area
- Phase 1 capability only
- 4-channel MASTR V F23 VHF/1700 MHz
- 2-way primary design
- Real microwave base
- Analog trunking
- Equivalent antenna based
- Higher RIP required
- 2 pallets required

**Current Design**
- Main County Coverage Area
- Main County Accessible Area
- Phase R upgrade (2-channel, additional number of allow, 2500 MHz)
- 4-channel MASTR V F23 VHF/1700 MHz
- 5-way primary design (VHF, UHF, PHF, Mobile, Fleet, Trunking)
- 4-way microwave loop two-way, points to points in the same
- 4-way, 2-way trunking, (Phase 2 upgradeable, Phase 1 has many trunking modes)
- Same antenna based
- 2 RIP required
- 2 pallets required
- New R3 (fiber) pipe

**Benefits of MASTR V Design**

- MASTR V is Harris’ newest technology in the field
- Good News for Franklin County!
- Same system architecture
- Same antennas and trunks
- Lower maintenance cost
- More trunking channels (Phase 2 is an option that provides 21 to 25 trunking channels, if purchased)
- Lower system cost and lower maintenance costs
- Lower implementation and ongoing costs

**PTO & 8RB in-building MASTR V stations**

**Current 911 Tower Layout**

This is the current 911 tower layout, prior to the change in layout, for the installation of the new equipment.

**Temporary 911 Tower Layout**

Both antennas are installed. The Ph and 8RB health antennas have been installed. All antennas have been commissioned and are operational.

**Final 911 Tower Layout**

Fiber, Ethernet, Voice, and Access Network have been installed.

**Cost Expectations**

- Reduced implementation costs
  - Fewer sites (radio, microwave, civil) - $5
  - Upgrade radio - $5
  - Reduced Annual Maintenance costs - $5
  - Reduced annual site lease costs - $5
  - Requested Scope Changes - TBD
  - Upgrade to Phase 2 - $5

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No action was requested.

10. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC) UPDATE**

Ronnie Goswick, Economic Development Commission Director and Richie Duncan, Existing Industry Coordinator, provided an update on the activities of the EDC as well as highlights from the State of the Region presentation given by the Research Triangle Regional Partnership in May 2010. The update was provided in the following PowerPoint presentation.
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PROJECT TRACKING – NEW PROJECTS

TIME PERIOD: July 2010 to November 2010

- New Projects: 35
- Closed: 12
- Pending: 24

TRIANGLE NORTH FRANKLIN UPDATE

- Initial call with EDA Engineer - delegation of roles and responsibilities for execution of grant
- NHC Request for Qualifications approved for Archaeological Survey
- Permits: 411-413 have been approved
- Mitigation in place to offset partial payment of costs to NCDOT (Resource Enhancement Program)
- SALC & Environment Consultants contracted to conduct SEER
- Road design completed

NEW CORPORATIONS

July-Nov

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PROJECT TRACKING – EXPANSIONS

TIME PERIOD: July 2010 – November 2010

- Total # of Expansion Projects: 13
- Total # of Pending Projects: 9
- Total # of Completed Expansion Projects: 4
- Total Amount of Investment: $2,000,000
- Total # of Jobs: 55

HARDEE’S – FRANKLIN

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JC PENNEY CATALOG CENTER TO OPEN – MITCHELL’S HARDWARE, FRANKLIN

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CENTURYLINK

AMCOR

AMCOR - YOUNGSVILLE

GRANTS UPDATE

FRANKLIN COUNTY TOURISM UPDATE

FORWARD: MILITARY/DEFENSE SECTOR
11. **OTHER BUSINESS**

No additional business items were offered for discussion.

12. **APPOINTMENTS**

**Triangle North Board**

The Board of Commissioners was asked to consider the reappointment of Mr. Keith Smith to serve a four-year term as an at-large member on the Triangle North Board.

Commissioner Mitchell made the motion to reappoint Mr. Keith Smith to the Triangle North Board, seconded by Commissioner McGhee. The motion duly carried with all present voting “AYE.” Mr. Smith’s term will expire July, 2014.

13. **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:** No comments were offered.

**Commissioner Foy:** Commissioner Foy commented on recent training the Board received regarding ethics. He said a great deal of practicing ethics includes public perception about the Board’s actions. Commissioner Foy also commented that he attended the Chitlin’ Strut in Franklinton, sponsored by the American Legion. He also participated in the tour of the new Franklinton High School.

**Commissioner Bunn:** No comments were offered.
Commissioner Mitchell: Commissioner Mitchell personally offered congratulations to Commissioner Lancaster after being elected as Chair for the Triangle North Board. Commissioner Mitchell stated he also participated in a tour of the new Franklinton High School.

Commissioner Lancaster: Commissioner Lancaster congratulated Commissioner Dunston for being selected as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. He also congratulated Commissioner Mitchell for being selected Vice-Chair. He said the Board is facing a difficult budget year and commended Commissioner McGhee on her service as Chair in 2010.

Commissioner McGhee: Commissioner McGhee commented on her recent attendance at the Board of Health meeting. She also commented on her attendance at a retirement reception honoring Vance County Commissioner Danny Wright.

Commissioner Swanson: Commissioner Swanson thanked Economic Development Commission staff Ronnie Goswick and Richie Duncan for the update provided earlier in the meeting.

Commissioner Dunston: Commissioner Dunston congratulated Commissioner Lancaster for being elected to serve as Chair of the Triangle North Board. He also thanked Commissioner McGhee for her year of service to the Board of Commissioners as Chair and reflected on the holiday parades he recently participated in.

County Manager Angela L. Harris:
- Mrs. Harris commented she possessed updated photographs of school construction projects provided by MBAJ Architecture. She stated she will share the photographs at a January, 2011 Board meeting.
- Mrs. Harris also stated she attended a reception on December 2, 2010 (on behalf of the Board) in Granville County honoring the years of service provided by Granville Commissioners Ronald R. Alligood, Pete Averette and James Lumpkins.

14. CLOSED SESSION

The Board was asked to enter into a closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) in order for the Board to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.

Commissioner Swanson made the motion to enter into closed session, seconded by Commissioner McGhee. The motion carried 6 to 1, with Commissioner Foy voting “NO.”

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

Chairman Dunston announced no action was taken.
Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell. The motion duly carried with all present voting “AYE” and the meeting adjourned.

Sidney E. Dunston, Chair

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board