

March 1, 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-Young, Vice-Chairman Sidney E. Dunston, Robert L. Swanson, Donald C. Lancaster, Harry L. Foy, Jr. and David T. Bunn. Commissioner E. Shane Mitchell was absent.

Chair McGhee-Young acknowledged Girl Scout Troops 769 and 961 and asked them to lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the pledge, Chair McGhee-Young asked the Board to remove Item 1-F from the consent agenda for individual consideration. Commissioner Lancaster made the motion to remove Item 1-F from the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Swanson. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

Chair McGhee-Young then read aloud the 2010 Girl Scout Week Proclamation. Commissioner Foy made the motion to approve the proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

2010 Girl Scout Week Proclamation

WHEREAS, Juliette Gordon Low founded Girl Scouts of the USA on March 12, 1912; and,

WHEREAS, Girl Scouting has been inspiring and teaching girls in North Carolina for more than 92 years; and,

WHEREAS, more than 90,000 current Girl Scout girl and adult members in North Carolina and millions nationwide will be celebrating this American tradition; and,

WHEREAS, throughout its distinguished history, Girl Scouting has welcomed girls and women from every background to join and has inspired them with courage, confidence, and character to make the world a better place; and,

WHEREAS, through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience girls develop the skills and lessons that will serve them throughout their lives so that they may contribute to their communities and to our great state of North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, Girl Scouting takes an active role in increasing girls' awareness of the opportunities in math, science, sports, technology, and many other fields of interest that can expand their horizons; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners applauds the commitment Girl Scouting has made to support the development of North Carolina's girls and proudly proclaim the week of March 7-13, 2010, as Girl Scout Week in Franklin County.

Chair McGhee-Young asked the Board to consider adding an item to the agenda regarding a closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) 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 Dunston made the motion to add the item, seconded by Commissioner Swanson. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE." The item will be entertained at the end of the Board's agenda.

Chair McGhee-Young asked the Board to consider approval of the remaining items on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Lancaster 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. February 8, 2010 Minutes
- B. February 15, 2010 Minutes
- C. Request for addition of Falcon Crest Lane and Dynasty Drive (Falcon Crest Subdivision) to the State Maintained Secondary Road System.
- D. Resolution in Support of Haitian Relief
- E. Resolution on Continuation of the VWGF Resource Center
- F. ~~2010 Girl Scout Week Proclamation~~

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HAITIAN RELIEF

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2010, an earthquake damaged the entire island of Haiti with an intensity of 7.0, along with a multitude of aftershocks including a 6.1 on the Richter scale on January 20, 2010; and

WHEREAS, seismologists have observed that this was the most powerful and catastrophic quake to hit the nation in the past 200 years; and

WHEREAS, according to the Haitian Government cited by the European Commission and according to an AP report, more than 200,000 people perished on January 12; and

WHEREAS, millions of people are estimated to have been displaced as a result of the initial earthquake; and

WHEREAS, Haitian governmental buildings have been destroyed and key personnel have been killed, thus inhibiting world relief efforts which includes loss of life to the UN diplomats staff, further making readied relief difficult to reach those who are in need; and

WHEREAS, for many years to come, Haiti will need the collective efforts of many nations and people of goodwill to provide compassion and financial aid to help rebuild the nation's infrastructure, hospitals, schools, and government services for its people; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, recognize and appreciate those Haitians and those of Haitian descent as well as organizations which support the betterment of life and liberty and the pursuit of happiness in the country of Haiti and its citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the members of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, do hereby call upon all citizens of Franklin County to remember those whose lives were lost in this unimaginable natural disaster as well as the survivors and relations in our thoughts, meditations, and prayers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the members of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, encourage all Franklin citizens to support Haiti's earthquake victims by assisting in various reputable relief efforts now undertaken by reputable and verified organizations.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
RESOLUTION ON CONTINUATION OF THE
VWGF RESOURCE CENTER**

Upon a duly made and seconded motion, a majority of the commissioners seated on the Franklin County Board of Commissioners adopted the following resolutions at a public meeting on this the 1 day of March, 2010.

RESOLVED, that the VWGF Resource Center is operating according to design and meeting identified criminal justice service needs throughout the local Judicial District; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Franklin County Board of Commissioners is fully satisfied with the managerial configuration presently being employed and also approves of the Vance County Manager continuing to serve in FY 2010-2011 as the financial administrator of this very important regional project.

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. RABIES CONTROL – POLICY AND ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

Dr. Chris Szwagiel, Health Director, Graham Stallings, Animal Control Director, and Elizabeth McAllister, Public Health Educator offered a presentation involving the review of the county ordinance and State Statute related to the policies of rabies vaccinations including violations, fees, and the procedures for enforcement of state laws. The presentation follows.

Rabies Control and County Compliance with State Law

Facts About Rabies

- Rabies is a serious disease that is caused by a virus. This year, over 55,000 people worldwide will die from rabies.
- Rabies attacks the brain and spinal cord. If it is not prevented, it will cause death
- Half of the people who die from rabies are under the age of 15.
- Rabies is 100% preventable

Source: WHO

Signs and Symptoms

- The first symptoms of rabies are flu-like, including fever, headache and fatigue, and then progress to involve the respiratory, gastrointestinal and/or central nervous systems
- Once the signs and symptoms of rabies start to appear, there is no treatment and the disease is almost always fatal.

Source: WHO

Prevention

- According to the WHO, the most cost-effective strategy for preventing rabies in people is by eliminating rabies in dogs through animal vaccinations.
- A lack of awareness of the effectiveness and feasibility of this prevention approach hinders elimination of human cases

Source: WHO

Prevention

- Prevention of human rabies must be a community effort involving both veterinary and public health services.
- Rabies elimination efforts that focus on mass vaccinations of dogs are financially justified by the future savings of discontinuing post-exposure preventive treatment for people.

Source: WHO

Why should pets be vaccinated?

- While wildlife are more likely to be rabid than are domestic animals in the United States, the amount of human contact with domestic animals greatly exceeds the amount of contact with wildlife.
- Pets and other domestic animals can be infected when they are bitten by rabid wild animals. When rabies occurs in domestic animals, the risk to humans is increased.

Source: CDC

Rabies Control and Vaccinations

- The most effective means to assure the control of rabies is to have every dog and cat vaccinated as required by North Carolina State Statute 130A-190.
- Rabies vaccination are required for all dogs and cats that are four (4) months of age or older.
- These vaccinations are administered by a licensed veterinarian or a certified rabies vaccinator.
- At the time of the inoculation the owners of the animal are issued a metallic tag stamped with a number indicating, the year tag was issued and the words "rabies vaccine."

- Dogs are required to wear a current rabies tag at all times and attached to the animal unless performing in the course of a show, obedience school, tracking test, field training or other events.
- Cats are not required to wear the tag but the owner must maintain the rabies vaccination certification as written evidence.

- As you know all dogs and cats adopted or redeemed from the shelter that are at least (4) months of age or older are administered a 1 year rabies vaccination before the animal is released.
- The Animal Control Officer shall canvass the county to determine if there are any dogs or cats not wearing the required vaccinations tags.

- Animals that are (4) months of age or older not wearing a visible rabies tag are issued a warning violation as the first step in the compliance process by the County Animal Control Officer with a date/time to correct the problem.
- The Animal Control Officer will advise the owner of the dog or cats when and where the next rabies clinic will be held in the county.

- The problem with this approach is manpower and resources available for follow-ups on this type of violation.
- The County Ordinance and State Law clearly states that it shall be unlawful for an owner or other person not to comply with these laws related to control of rabies.

- Under the General Duties of the Animal Control Director it states that the Animal Control Director shall be charged with the responsibility of: Making such canvasses of Franklin County as it deems necessary for the purpose of ascertaining that all animals are vaccinated against rabies as required by local ordinance or State statute...

- The County Rabies Control, violations and fees has been discussed with members of the Animal Control Advisory Board and it is their recommendations that Animal Control Department and the County Health Department promote a 90-day education and public outreach program with the citizens in the county related to the rabies vaccinations. It is the intent of this Department to motivate residents to comply with the rabies ordinance.

- The outreach plan will include the media, distribution of flyers, public service announcements and displaying of advertisements.
- Outreach shall be in accordance with the intent to ensure pet owners within the county that all residents are aware of the changes of civil penalties and fees.

Mr. Stallings stated there are plans to work with the County Attorney to revise the existing Animal Control Ordinance as it pertains to civil and criminal penalties for violating rabies regulations. He said the revised ordinance would be brought back before the Board for consideration. He also stated he would like the Board to consider implementing a non-compliance fee similar to that of other North Carolina counties. Mr. Stallings said the fees vary from \$50 to \$200 in some areas. He said the local Animal Advisory Board recommended a \$100 fine along with an opportunity for the pet owner to correct the violation and avoid penalty. Upon a decision on non-compliance fees and alterations to the ordinance, Mr. Stallings said a 90-day education and public outreach effort is planned as suggested by the Animal Advisory Committee.

No action was taken at this time.

4. HEALTH CARE INITIATIVE GRANT REQUEST FOR LOUISBURG GARDENS

The Rural Center is accepting applications for funding to assist rural health care facilities. Approval is being sought in order to submit an application on behalf of Louisburg Gardens. The funds will be used to assist with the construction costs to transition a portion of their current facility to an Alzheimer’s unit. Richie Duncan, Existing Industry Coordinator, offered the following PowerPoint presentation.



BACKGROUND

- ▶ Owned by Lotus Health Care, LLC
- ▶ Nick Mooney - Member/Manager
- ▶ 26 employees

PROJECT RECAP

- ▶ Convert area to Alzheimer’s unit
- ▶ Addition of 10 jobs

Renovation Budget				
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	DATE	STATUS	REMARKS
General Renovation - Kitchen	\$15,000	8/20/09	Completed	
General Renovation - Living Area	\$15,000	8/20/09	Completed	
Painting	\$10,000	8/20/09	Completed	
General Renovation - Hallway	\$15,000	8/20/09	Completed	
General Renovation - Bathroom	\$10,000	8/20/09	Completed	
General Renovation - Bedroom	\$10,000	8/20/09	Completed	
General Renovation - Staircase	\$10,000	8/20/09	Completed	
TOTAL RENOVATION	\$75,000			
CONTRACTORS	40,000.00	8/20/09	Completed	None
General Renovation	\$15,000.00	8/20/09	Completed	None
Painting	\$10,000.00	8/20/09	Completed	None
General Renovation	\$15,000.00	8/20/09	Completed	None
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<p style="text-align: center;">FUNDING REQUEST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Total construction cost: \$250,000 ▶ Rural Center Healthcare Initiative: \$120,000 ▶ Private funding match (Louisburg Gardens' investment): \$130,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application via USDA Revolving Loan Fund with Town of Louisburg – \$75,000 ▶ Local government required 3%: \$3,600 <p>NOTE: Performance Agreement Requires One Job Created for Every \$12,000 in Grant Funds</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FUNDING DETAILS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Funds granted to the unit of local government ▶ Loaned to health care entity in the form of a deferred, forgivable loan. The deferred, forgivable loan will be secured with a promissory note and loan performance agreement signed by the unit of local government and health care entity. Loans will be forgiven after job creation goals have been met and verified. If job creation goals are not met, a pro-rata share of loaned funds will be recaptured through "claw back" provisions in loan agreements. Construction/renovation should be complete within 18 months of the date of the award.
<p style="text-align: center;">REQUEST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Approval to submit application and administer grant (if awarded) ▶ Commitment of \$3,600 in funds from the County 	<p style="text-align: center;">QUESTIONS</p>

During the presentation, Mrs. Duncan stated the County's match would be \$3600. The County's match would be allocated for administrative fees for the Council of Government for a performance assessment and administration of the grant. Mrs. Duncan said she is asking for the ability to apply for the grant which would then enter into a competitive review process. Mrs. Duncan commented that if approved, the Alzheimer's Unit would be the first of its kind in Franklin County.

Commissioner Dunston made the motion to proceed with the Rural Center Health Care Initiative Grant application and commitment of funds, seconded by Commissioner Swanson. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

5. UPDATE: STRATEGY FOR ROUND TWO STIMULUS FUNDS FOR BROADBAND

The Franklin County Broadband team and Excelsio have been involved in ongoing work sessions and negotiations with CenturyLink and others to outline and determine the best strategic approach for the County regarding Broadband Stimulus funds. The Board was given an update on work thus far and was initially asked to adopt a resolution of support for CenturyLink's Last Mile Application. The Board was also asked to draft a letter of support for Microelectronics Center of North Carolina's (MCNC) Middle Mile Application. At the time of the meeting, however, Richie Duncan, Existing Industry Coordinator and member of the Franklin County Broadband team, announced a change in request. She said CenturyLink's strategy continues to evolve and said the company's approach had in fact changed earlier in the day, therefore the team requested to eliminate any discussions about CenturyLink. Mrs. Duncan stated the group would no longer ask for a letter of support for MCNC but rather for a resolution of support.

Initially, Franklin County was either going to file a standalone application or be part of a larger, regional initiative. Strategies changed dramatically among participants in North Carolina since original discussions. Today, the Regional Initiative, which would have been filed with Kenan Institute as the applicant, has now become even larger and is a fifty county initiative supported by Kenan Institute, but with MCNC as the applicant.

According to Mrs. Duncan, participation in this initiative provides Franklin County the maximum opportunity for Middle Mile funding which will benefit Franklin. Mrs. Duncan stated the team does not recommend moving forward with a single county effort. The Broadband team in conjunction with advisement from Excelsio, no longer recommend a standalone strategy. On behalf of the Broadband team, she asked the Board to approve a resolution of support for the MCNC plan and have Franklin become a part of a much larger initiative.

Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to approve a resolution of support for MCNC's Statewide initiative, seconded by Commissioner Dunston. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

Resolution
Broadband Access in Unserved and Underserved Areas within North Carolina Counties

To promote a focus on deployment, adoption, and usage of broadband applications in unserved and underserved areas within North Carolina counties.

WHEREAS, broadband networks provide solutions to critical educational, public safety and social challenges, and will provide economically disadvantaged communities access to vital quality of life opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, through National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Program, provides ample funding for such pro-broadband deployment programs as middle mile connectivity, and creates additional demands for broadband technologies through the establishment of public computing centers which foster community education and access, both critical for strengthening the North Carolina communities; and

WHEREAS, local governments seek to provide their communities with the capacity for high-quality and affordable communications services in order to enhance economic development, increase educational opportunities, and improve governmental transparency and accountability; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County recognizes that expanding broadband access and services in unserved and underserved areas will stimulate new services offerings such as digital literacy, digital community engagement and distance education offerings; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County seeks to ensure that our community is prepared to meet the technological challenges, by supporting the development and implementation of public-private broadband deployment partnerships, regardless of geography, socio-economic status, age, and physical ability; and

Now, therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that Franklin County applauds and supports the North Carolina Rural Broadband Initiative, led by MCNC, for its efforts to recognize the importance of ensuring availability of broadband infrastructure and promoting adoption and usage of broadband applications, products, services, in the unserved and underserved counties in North Carolina; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Franklin County that the said Board of Commissioners requests the NTIA strongly consider the North Carolina Rural Broadband Initiative as the highest priority for the state of North Carolina and its unserved and underserved communities.

The following PowerPoint presentation was offered by Mrs. Duncan and Franklin County's Information Technology Director Coy Floyd who is also a member of the Broadband team.

Tonight's Objectives

- Brief overview of Excelsio study
- Present Franklin County's recommended strategy for participation in Round 2 Broadband Stimulus funding
- Adopt resolution to support:
 - MCNC's Middle Mile Public/Private Partnership Broadband Stimulus application



Thanks to All!

Focus Group Participants – Businesses and individuals, County Departments, First Responders and 911, Public Safety, VGCC

Franklin County Schools – survey participants and support

Core Communications Team – Library, Schools, Sheriff's , 911, Finance, Health Department, EDC

Truly a Team Effort!



TWO MAJOR PARTNERS

for Application Development and Three Year Deployment Build Out

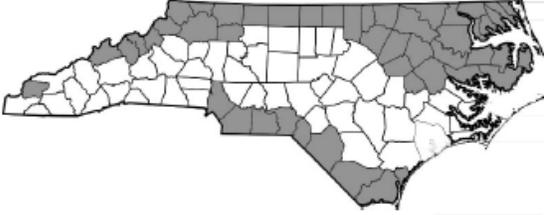
- **MCNC-Microelectronics Center of NC**
 - Lead IT/OT applicant
 - Route engineering and technical design
 - Mapping
 - Financial model consulting
 - Application development
- **UNC's Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise**
 - Help identify Community Anchor Institutions
 - Community Colleges
 - Libraries
 - Public Safety facilities
 - Community participation, organization, and support
 - Assist with proposal and financial model development

Plus many other public and private partners...





NCRBI TARGET COUNTIES 2/18/2010





Excelsio Study Overview

- Needs Assessment
- Broadband Survey and Mapping
- Advisory Services
 - Determine strategies offering the County best chance of participation in ARRA Broadband Stimulus Program awards.
 - Complete a Stimulus application for Franklin Co. or develop partnerships and provide support for other regional applications with best chance of an award.



MCNC Plan

- \$28 million Round 1 Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure grant.
- Gov. Perdue strongly supports MCNC's Round 2 application.
- Preliminary Plan, \$93.3 M for 1000+ miles of fiber
- Focus on connecting Tier 1 underserved counties not included in first round funding and connecting community colleges and libraries.
- Plan will leverage existing fiber and construct new fiber where needed
- MCNC has existing Middle Mile fiber facilities in Franklin County that can be used to connect County to proposed Middle Mile network.



MCNC Plan – Part 2

Preliminary Plan

- MCNC makes fiber and facilities available for community college.
- Community colleges in every county served to be connected to Middle Mile Network.
- MCNC provides Internet service to education and research nonprofits and other public/nonprofit entities within its mission objectives.



Excelsio Recommendations

- Original strategy: Complete stand-alone application for Franklin County or develop partnerships and provide support for other regional applications benefitting Franklin County, if best chance of award.
- Committing time and resources to "Go it alone" strategy not recommended considering competitive landscape and quality of applicants. Resources should be committed to supporting regional applications with highest probability of award funding.
- Broadband Team positioning Franklin County to receive MM services under a regional application:
 - Middle Mile: MCNC + Private Sector Partner
- Franklin County strongly positioned with MCNC+Private Provider Middle Mile Network as result of efforts and ongoing support.



At the close of the presentation, Chair McGhee-Young formally recognized the attendance of Representative Lucy T. Allen, a supporter of Franklin County and MCNC's broadband plan. Also in attendance was Excelsio representative Mr. Karl Edwards.

6. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORT

John Faulkner, Solid Waste Director, provided an update on Solid Waste Management. His presentation follows.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

REPORT

RECYCLING

- Use extra hauls during peak times. Cost of \$750 per event.
- Use extra employee on Saturday (Top 4 sites) and during the Christmas season. Cost of \$20,000.00 per year. This would help improve recycling education and control the trash and control unwanted items in the container.
- Grant funds for used oil, plastic, OCC, paper.

SITE IMPROVEMENTS

- Grade sites monthly. Cost of \$19,800.00.
- Pave or use concrete. Cost of \$50,000.00 to \$75,000.00 per site (11 sites).
- Self Contained Compactors-Keep all fluids contained. Installed 9 of 12 units. Need 3 units at a cost of \$22,500.00 each.
- Add one day back to the schedule. Save one day for repairs. Cost \$69,500.00 per year.

SATURDAY

- Haul containers almost every Saturday. Rotate employees and the contractor.
- Call John Faulkner if you need an extra haul. We will go back later in the day on Saturday.
- We can switch a full container out for an empty container if needed.
- We can also haul extra containers during the week. Use the county rolloff truck.

EDUCATION

- Provide more and more information.
- Use handouts.
- Use give-away items.
- Speak directly to the residents.
- Paint the recycling containers a bright color.
- Use better signs on the containers.
- Newspaper advertisements.

RECYCLING

Full Containers-Top heavy use sites.

- Purchase a used container truck-\$20,000.00
- Purchase 8-yd OCC containers-\$742.00 each. Need 12 for a cost of \$8904.00.
- Combine plastic and aluminum into one rolloff container. This would give me 12 containers to use for switch-outs.
- Purchase a large trailer to haul recycling. Cost of \$9000.00. Contract for hauling-Cost ??

RECYCLING

- Used Motor Oil containers-385 gallon-\$1275.00. 100 gallon-\$635.00.
- Steel Drum-\$90.00 each. Plastic Drum-\$69.00 each.
- Need units for used oil, oil filters and antifreeze.
- Shed with concrete floor and roof-\$1500.00.
- Need units for 7 sites.

SITE ATTENDANT DUTIES

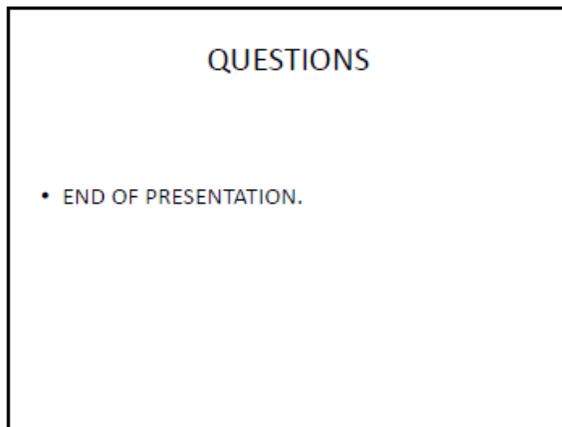
- Send a handout to the attendants. Example of items are: Be visible, Give good directions, Do not accept certain items, Watch your recycling units and keep them clean, work your assigned hours, etc.
- Speak with attendants daily.
- Visit the sites weekly.
- Yearly meeting with all attendants present.
- 12 sites will see 4500 vehicles per week.

CONTRACTS

- Convenience Center Contract expires on February 1, 2011. Renew? Re-Bid?
- Franklin County hauls all convenience center containers and recycling containers. Save money by doing it ourselves-10 to 20%.
- Purchase a second rolloff truck-\$110,000.00.
- Waste Hauling contract expires on October 8, 2013. Previous savings-\$450,000.00.

FUTURE

- Build a new landfill with full scale recycling. Construction and demolition would be sorted and recycled. Include a facility to handle recycle materials in Franklin County. Recycle materials would be sorted, baled and marketed directly to the end user.
- Investigate a joint effort with an adjoining county or with Region K.



Following Mr. Faulkner's presentation, he stated the downturn in the economy has brought about an increase in recycling and a decrease in the amount of trash being collected. He stated he would like to see convenience centers open five days per week rather than four which is the current schedule. He would prefer convenience centers re-open on Tuesdays but remain closed on Thursdays as a weekly repair day.

Commissioner McGhee-Young said she receives many citizen inquires regarding Solid Waste and stated one of her concerns involved traffic safety at convenience centers. She also mentioned citizen's concerns regarding the recycling of plastics. Mr. Faulkner stated he hoped to address some of those concerns in the upcoming budget process. He said due to the increased amounts of recycled materials received, full containers will need to be hauled to the market more frequently to ensure containers remain empty. He said full recycling containers can be emptied daily if needed. Commissioner Foy suggested the County petition the Department of Transportation for turn lanes at convenience centers on Park Avenue in Youngsville and on Old U.S. 64 Highway in Pilot. A letter will be written to the Department of Transportation asking for a review of both sites for turn lanes.

No formal action was taken or needed following the update.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- Early College High School Planning: Commissioner McGhee-Young stated a recent meeting was held to discuss moving forward with options to house students involved in the Early College High School program. She stated several options were discussed that will now be examined by the School Board before being formally presented for action by the Board of Commissioners.

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 King: Mrs. King informed the Board it will receive its annual update from the Department of Social Services on April 19, 2010 beginning at 5:30 P.M. prior to its regular board meeting. Mrs. King also invited the Board to the United Way Campaign Celebration scheduled for March 18, 2010 at 8:00 A.M. at the Louisburg College Auditorium. Mrs. King asked the Board to remember Deputy James Williamson who was critically injured Saturday evening while on duty in Louisburg.

Commissioner Foy: Commissioner Foy stated he attended a session at Cooperative Extension recently regarding farm estate planning. He stated the day-long conference offered useful information. He also mentioned a Relay for Life Auction planned for the

weekend of March 6, 2010 and encouraged attendance. Commissioner Foy also distributed a copy of a conflict of interest policy adopted by the KARTS Board. He asked that the Board consider something similar. Chair Young asked that the item be discussed during “other business” at the March 15, 2010 Board meeting.

Commissioner Bunn: No comments.

Commissioner McGhee-Young: Commissioner McGhee-Young distributed two copies of a publication regarding budget balancing tactics. The material will circulate among Board members. She mentioned a meeting held the previous week to discuss future needs regarding county office space. She stated the Board must begin to think about housing for employees of the Tax and Planning offices. She stated the building is in poor condition and encouraged more discussions on moving forward with space solutions. Commissioner McGhee-Young then commended Emergency Communications Director Christy Shearin on a presentation she offered recently to the North Carolina House Select Committee on the Use of 911 Funds.

Commissioner Lancaster: No comments.

Commissioner Mitchell: Not present.

Commissioner Dunston: Commissioner Dunston stated he attended a recent meeting of the Highway 401 Steering Committee. He stated North Carolina Department of Transportation Director Wally Bowman made a presentation in reference to TIGER grant funds that were applied for. He also mentioned a groundbreaking ceremony and ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for March 11, 2010 at 11:00 A.M. The ceremony highlights expansion of Highway 401.

Commissioner Swanson: No comments.

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

- Mrs. Harris provided an update on the Highway 401 project. She said an application has been completed that addresses the cost for construction, design and right-of-way acquisition. The application was submitted by the Highway 401 Steering Committee on February 26, 2010.
- She mentioned an email circulated by the Clerk to the Board regarding participation in the Chamber of Commerce Leadership Franklin program that begins on March 17, 2010. She encouraged the Board to examine its interest in participating.
- Mrs. Harris mentioned certification by EMS (Emergency Medical Services) that must be completed every five years. She was notified recently that certifications are complete and that approval has been granted for another five years.
- Mrs. Harris stated she will attend the annual NACo Legislative Conference in Washington, DC on March 7 – 10, 2010.

Commissioner Dunston made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) 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. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Swanson and carried with a 6 to 1 vote. Commissioner Foy voted “NO.”

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

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It was announced that no action was taken.

Commissioner Lancaster made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Swanson. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Penny McGhee-Young, Chair

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board