

November 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, Vice-Chairman Sidney E. Dunston, E. Shane Mitchell, Harry L. Foy, Jr., David T. Bunn, Robert L. Swanson and Donald C. Lancaster.

Chair McGhee asked the Board to consider an addition to the agenda regarding two closed session topics to discuss personnel and economic development matters.

Commissioner Dunston made the motion to add the items to the agenda (Item 6-A and Item 6-B). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Swanson and duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

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

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

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. October 18, 2010 Minutes
- B. Budget Ordinance Amendment #2 (Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 159-15, the County Finance Officer is requesting a budget ordinance amendment in the amount of \$106,316 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 to amend the General Fund to reflect grants and donations received by the Department of Social Services and Aging Departments.)
- C. Request for addition of Mosswood Boulevard and Jeffrey Drive (Youngsville Commerce Center) to the State Maintained Secondary Road System
- D. Request for addition of Gatekeeper Drive (Youngsville Commerce Center) to the State Maintained Secondary Road System
- E. CPT Rates (Behavioral Health Services and the Child Health program offered by the Health Department)
- F. Pilot Lions Park Contract Change Order

Commissioner Lancaster commented on Item 1-C. He stated the portion of Jeffrey Drive not included in the request (in front of Southern Lithoplate) is privately owned and in dire condition. He said there are a number of potholes that are hazardous to motorists. He encouraged Economic Development Director Ronnie Goswick to contact the owners of the road asking for improvements, with the hope the road would be taken over eventually by the state for maintenance.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

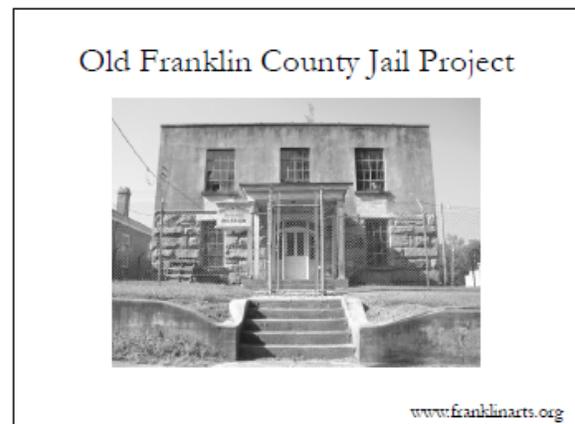
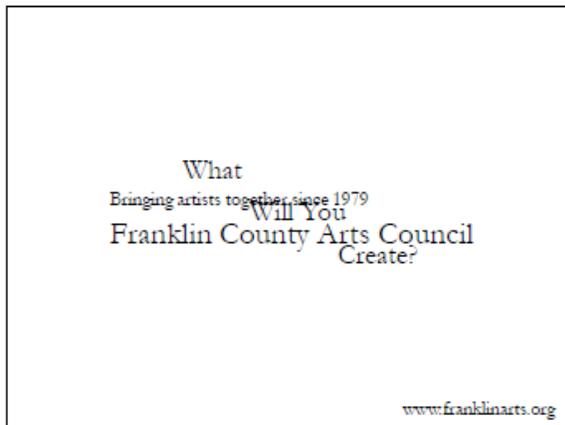
This was the time set aside by the Board of Commissioners to allow individuals five minutes to address the Board on issues concerning the county.

No comments were offered.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

- EMS Incentive Policy: County Manager Angela L. Harris mentioned the incentive policy will be discussed on November 3, 2010 at a meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee. The meeting will be held at the Emergency Medical Services Building on Highway 56 West in Louisburg.

- Adequate Public Schools Ordinance (APSO): Commissioner Lancaster stated with the recent suspension of the APSO in Union County, Franklin County should return any APSO fees collected because they have now been deemed illegal. He suggested discussions soon begin on the topic and reminded those in attendance that no portion of the APSO fees collected has ever been spent. At the recommendation of County Attorney Darnell Batton, the topic will be discussed in closed session before public discussion in order to apprise the Board of various legal options/strategies to be considered.
- Old Franklin County Jail: Simon Brough, Franklin County Arts Council Chairman, offered a brief overview of the Council's activity over the last year and what it proposes for the future of the old Franklin County Jail on Nash Street in Louisburg. His PowerPoint presentation follows.

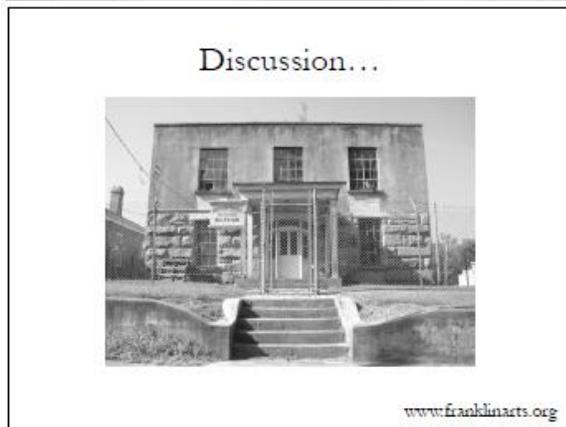




Project Plan (outline)

- Building code requirements (Health & Safety, ADA etc). (Will determine project viability)
- Building inspection, Structural engineers report & HAZMAT report. (Will determine project viability)
- Finalize costs
- Community Engagement (financial contributions, volunteer support from FC construction/building companies, philanthropic groups/individuals).

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Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up. ~ Pablo Picasso

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Commissioner Swanson stated this project has been discussed several times in the past, but didn't progress. He stated his hope the Arts Council would revitalize the facility and said he is interested in what Mr. Brough proposed.

County Manager Angela L. Harris, stated Mitch Wiles with the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, had indicated he would lend his support as needed.

Commissioner Mitchell stated that for some time there has been much interest in revitalizing the old jail and said he appreciates the effort placed in the project thus far. He suggested a timeline be created and followed to ensure the project is successful.

Mr. Brough stated the Arts Council desired the Board of Commissioner's support and asked for a three to six month timeframe in order to obtain buy-in from businesses in the county. He said the Arts Council is not asking for County funding, but said he would like to think the County may want to take over the building upon project completion for preservation purposes. Mr. Brough also indicated he would soon have estimated costs for the project that would be provided by Mr. Ron Cox.

Commissioner Swanson made a motion to allow the Franklin County Arts Council to explore the opportunity (to revitalize the old Franklin County Jail); to provide access to the building as needed; and to provide a project update to the Board in six months. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Foy and carried unanimous approval with all present voting "AYE."

4. APPOINTMENTS

Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board

Vincent Gilreath, Workforce Development Board Director, requested the Board consider the following re-appointments to the Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board for two-year terms.

- Peggie Simpson
- Chris Roark
- Ronnie Goswick

Commissioner Dunston made the motion to reappoint Peggie Simpson, Chris Roark and Ronnie Goswick to the Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board, seconded by Commissioner Swanson. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

5. 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 of required ethics training that must be completed by January 1, 2011 as well as needed approval of a resolution or policy containing a code of ethics to guide actions by the governing board members in the performance of their official duties as members of that governing board. Chair McGhee asked that an item be placed on the November 15, 2010 agenda for discussion of both items.

Commissioner Lancaster: Commissioner Lancaster, acting as a district representative for the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, stated the group is now in the process of examining legislative goals submitted by North Carolina counties. Upon completion of that process, a package of goals for the Board of Directors will be approved. He stated the package would be finalized on December 15, 2010 to be presented to the full membership. On January 20 or 21, 2010, he said the membership will adopt goals at the Goals Conference. Commissioner Lancaster also attended a meeting where an overview was provided regarding the results of a feasibility study grant awarded to the county for a regional livestock slaughter facility and a regional farmer/consumer healthy local foods center. Commissioner Lancaster said he feels the concept is one that should be taken advantage of.

Commissioner Mitchell: Commissioner Mitchell commented the last football game to be held at the old Franklinton High School football field will be held November 5, 2010. At the game, the 1958 football team, the first Franklinton High School football team, will be honored. The team will soon play on a new field at the new campus located at the intersection of Lane Store Road and Cedar Creek Road.

Commissioner Swanson: Commissioner Swanson also commented on the meeting held recently regarding an agriculture feasibility study. Commissioner Swanson said approximately one hundred were in attendance to show interest in a regional livestock slaughter facility and a regional farmer/consumer health local foods center. He said there was much interest exhibited in the regional effort.

Commissioner Foy: Commissioner Foy also commented on his attendance at a recent meeting held to discuss regional opportunities for a regional livestock slaughter facility and a regional farmer/consumer health local foods center.

Commissioner Bunn: Commissioner Bunn encouraged the Board to vote on November 2, 2010.

Commissioner Dunston: No comments.

Commissioner McGhee: Commissioner McGhee commented she attended the candlelight vigil sponsored by Safe Space, Incorporated. The event honors survivors of domestic violence as well as those who died as a result of domestic violence.

Commissioner McGhee also attended a meeting of the district's retired teachers association. She stated the group ventures back into the school system to assist students who are "falling behind." Commissioner McGhee noted the County was made aware hours before the meeting the County was awarded a federal grant for improvements to Highway 401. Gary Cunard, co-chairman of the U.S. 401 Citizens Advisory Committee was in attendance and thanked the Board for showing its commitment in the 401 project. He said the funds which total \$565,931 will likely be used for design work on two sections (Section C and D) of highway in Franklin County. He said the North Carolina Department of Transportation will formally adopt a new TIP (Transportation Improvement Plan) in 2011 and said the citizen's advisory group has asked for a board meeting to be held in Franklin County to discuss the TIP. He said the group would like to request that both sections (C and D) be completed simultaneously and said the full impact of a four-lane highway to Wake County is needed.

County Manager Angela L. Harris:

- Mrs. Harris offered no additional comments.

6. CLOSED SESSION

The Board was asked to enter into a closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) in order for the Board to discuss a personnel matter.

The Board was also asked to consider going into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location and/or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the County, including agreements on a tentative lists of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations.

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

Following the closed session, Commissioner Swanson made a motion to enter back into open session, seconded by Commissioner Bunn.

Chair McGhee announced no action was taken.

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

Penny McGhee, Chair

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board

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