

**September 7, 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, and David T. Bunn. Commissioner Harry L. Foy arrived at 7:01 P.M.

Chair McGhee asked the Board to consider an addition to the agenda (Item 1-D) regarding a request for approval of a tax exempt loan for the Justice Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner Swanson 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 Swanson. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE." Items approved are as follows:

**1. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. August 16, 2010 Minutes
- B. Airport Project Revision
- C. Fall 2010 Litter Sweep Proclamation
- D. Justice Volunteer Fire Department Tax Exempt Loan approval

Item 1-C

**FALL LITTER SWEEP 2010  
BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Transportation organizes an annual fall statewide roadside cleanup to ensure clean and beautiful roads in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the fall 2010 **LITTER SWEEP** roadside cleanup will take place September 18 through October 2, 2010, and encourages local governments and communities, civic and professional groups, businesses, churches, schools, families and individual citizens to participate in the Department of Transportation cleanup by sponsoring and organizing local roadside cleanups; and

**WHEREAS**, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers, Department of Transportation employees, Department of Correction inmates and community service workers, local government agencies, community leaders, civic and community organizations, businesses, churches, schools, and environmentally concerned citizens conduct local cleanups during **LITTER SWEEP** and may receive certificates of appreciation for their participation; and

**WHEREAS**, the great natural beauty of our state and a clean environment are sources of great pride for all North Carolinians, attracting tourists and aiding in recruiting new industries; and

**WHEREAS**, the cleanup will increase awareness of the need for cleaner roadsides, emphasize the importance of not littering, and encourage recycling of solid wastes; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2010 fall cleanup will celebrate the 22<sup>ND</sup> Anniversary of the North Carolina Adopt-A-Highway program and its 5,815 volunteer groups that donate their labor and time year round to keep our roadsides clean; and

**WHEREAS**, the **LITTER SWEEP** cleanup will be a part of educating the children of this great state regarding the importance of a clean environment to the quality of life in Franklin County;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the **Franklin County Board of Commissioners**, does hereby proclaim September 18 through October 2, 2010 as **LITTER SWEEP** time in Franklin County, and encourages citizens to take an active role in making their communities cleaner.

## 2. SESH (SOUTH EAST HIGH SPEED RAIL) PRESENTATION

Mr. Pat Simmons, Director of the North Carolina Department of Transportation Rail Division, provided a presentation regarding the proposed South East High Speed Rail project.

Commissioner Foy arrived at 7:01 P.M. after the start of Mr. Simmons presentation.

Mr. Simmons presentation is as follows.



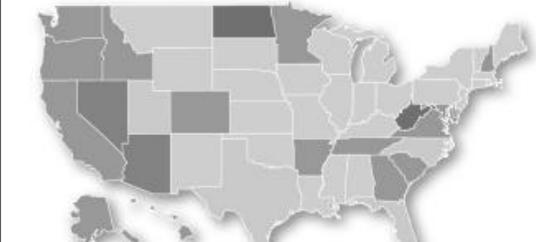
**NCDOT Rail Division**

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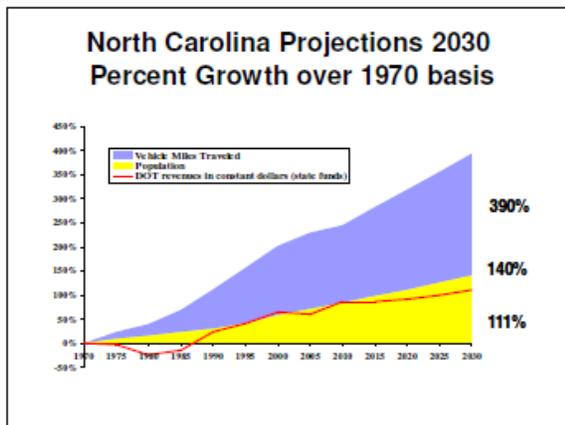
**PROJECTED U.S. POPULATION INCREASES, 2000 TO 2030**

By 2030, the U.S. population is expected to increase by 29.2 percent, with most of that growth occurring in the Southeast and West. At 52 percent, North Carolina's projected growth is the seventh highest in the country.

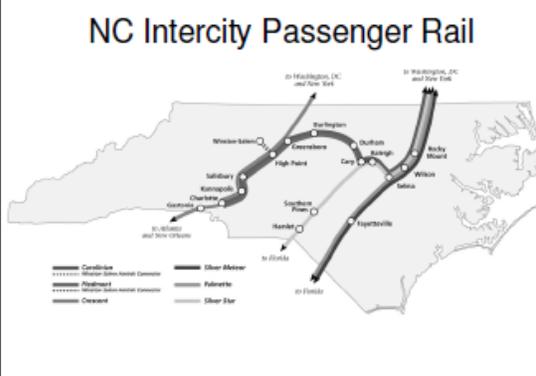
- Population decrease
- 0 to 20 percent increase
- 21 to 50 percent increase
- 51-100 percent increase
- More than 100 percent increase



Source: U.S. Census  
JUDSON DRENNAN / The News & Observer



**NC Intercity Passenger Rail**



**SOUTHEAST HIGH SPEED RAIL CORRIDOR**  
www.sehsr.org



Legend:  
 - Tier I EIS R00  
 - Draft Tier II EIS 2009  
 - Federally Designated HSR  
 - Tier I EIS in Progress  
 - Feasibility Studies Complete

**SEHSR Corridor Development Plan**

- Charlotte to Washington, DC – 475 miles
  - Charlotte to Raleigh – 90 mph
  - Raleigh to Richmond – 110 mph
  - Richmond to Washington – 90 mph
- Eight daily train pairs:
  - 4 Charlotte to Raleigh & 4 Charlotte to Washington, DC



**Tier II Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

- 162 miles of railroad Raleigh to Richmond
  - Approximately 80 miles of highway re-alignment and 100 new bridges
- 26 segments, up to 3 alternatives per segment
- Mostly (60%) within CSX Transportation right of way
- Modernize both railroad and highway infrastructure



**Tier II Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

- Eight formal public hearings
- Frequently asked questions
  - Noise & vibration
  - Speed
  - Impact on property
  - Crossing closures
  - Jobs
  - Process





### Tier II Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

- Public comment period (extended) through September 10<sup>th</sup>
- Assess comments and suggestions, respond to questions
- Potential additional field work, discussion with communities, residents and business owners
- Draft a recommendation report
- Recommendation report reviewed by NC Board of Transportation, VA/NC Interstate HSR Compact, & the Commonwealth Transportation Board
- Recommendation report evaluated by FRA and FHWA for sufficiency and technical merit



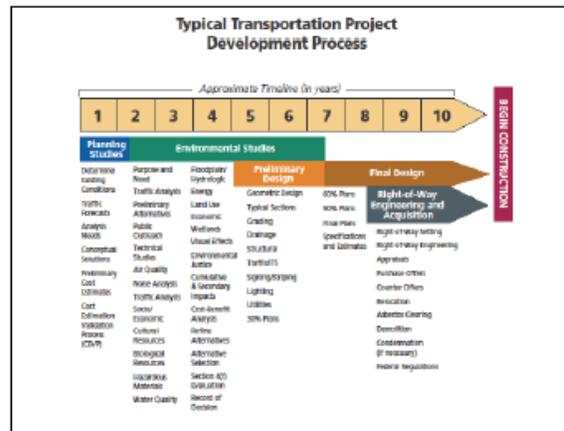

### Tier II Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

- 2010-2011 recommendation report prepared
- 2011 USDOT approval of preferred alignment and Final EIS
- 2011 Public hearings on Tier II Final EIS
- 2012 Record of Decision issued by USDOT
- 2012-2014 Depending upon funding: Final Design and ROW
- 2014-2018 Depending upon funding: Construction




### Web Sites

- [www.ncdot.gov](http://www.ncdot.gov)
- [www.bytrain.org](http://www.bytrain.org)
- [www.sehsr.org](http://www.sehsr.org)
- [www.sehsr.biz](http://www.sehsr.biz)

During the presentation it was noted the public comment period allotted by the state for SEHSR was extended to September 10, 2010.

Commissioner Lancaster asked if right-of-way would be acquired before the entire project is funded. Mr. Simmons stated it would not be acquired until both permissions and funding were granted by the Federal Government. He commented the project is a new program in which the Federal Government received a substantial amount of funding for. Commissioner Lancaster asked if a citizen’s property would be encumbered if the right-of-way is acquired but the project never builds out. Commissioner Lancaster said wasteful spending should be avoided as well as actions that would decrease property values. Mr. Simmons confirmed property would be encumbered, but said that is not what SEHSR proposes.

Commissioner Bunn asked how SEHSR would benefit Franklin County. Mr. Simmons said the project would benefit the county and the entire state by providing an additional transportation amenity.

Commissioner Mitchell asked how the rail project would benefit Franklin if there are no stops planned in the county. Mr. Simmons stated the benefit is additional travel options. Commissioner Mitchell said he failed to see the positive impact when one must travel to another county to utilize the rail service. He also expressed concern about future travel in Franklinton and Youngsville. He said multiple crossings will be closed causing a negative impact to Franklin. Mr. Simmons said NCDOT would build and improve road infrastructure and bridges in lieu of closings/crossings. Commissioner Mitchell asked how the closings would impact emergency services. Mr. Simmons said when the Department of Transportation evaluates projects, emergency response times are considered. He said he has found that emergency response times throughout the length of the corridor would be approximately the same as they are today.

Commissioner Lancaster stated the proposed project would split the towns of Franklinton and Youngsville in half.

Commissioner Foy asked about the approximate cost for the project, specifically from Washington, D.C. to Charlotte, North Carolina. Mr. Simmons stated the project would be in excess of \$5.3 billion. Commissioner Foy then asked what the project would accomplish. Mr. Simmons said the system would provide an alternative transportation method for millions of people as the population continues to grow.

Commissioner Swanson inquired about the locations of proposed stops. Mr. Simmons said stops are currently planned in Raleigh, potential new stops in northern North Carolina, Southside Virginia, as well as in Petersburg, Richmond and Washington, D.C.

Commissioner Dunston stated his feeling the benefit of the project is a “no-brainer” because it would bring people into the area which he said at some point would allow the community to flourish.

Commissioner Lancaster commented in thinking progressively, the real question is not necessarily the need for rail, but rather the route the project will take.

Commissioner McGhee asked how the Board could negotiate a stop in Franklin County. She then asked if the County cannot presently negotiate a stop, could a stop be negotiated within five years when the population increases further. Mr. Simmons responded by saying additional customers and economic development would assist in negotiating a stop. Commissioner McGhee then asked if there is a process that other communities have used to add a stop in their area. Mr. Simmons stated an analysis of need must be completed.

Chair McGhee then recognized North Carolina Representative John May who was in attendance. Representative May serves on the Virginia/North Carolina Interstate High Speed Rail Compact Commission.

### **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.

#### **William T. Perdue, 114 Fairview Road, Louisburg**

- Mr. Perdue stated that on May 18, 2009, his son was assaulted by a teacher at Cedar Creek Middle School and that the incident was not properly investigated. He said the teacher now teaches at Franklinton Elementary School. He asked the Board to call for a state and federal investigation. Commissioner Lancaster asked Mr. Perdue if he had addressed the concern with the Franklin County Board of Education. Mr. Perdue stated he did, but felt there was no resolve.

#### **George Halsey, 10 Fleming Forest Drive, Youngsville**

- Mr. Halsey spoke regarding the proposed South East High Speed Rail project. He distributed a petition signed by citizens who preferred Section S NC1 and NC3 of the rail project and opposed Section NC2.

#### **Gregory Duffy, 538 Fleming Road, Youngsville**

- Mr. Duffy also spoke regarding the proposed rail project. He stated he did not want his home disturbed and commented that he opposed Section NC2 of the rail project and felt it would be too disruptive to homes and businesses.

#### **John Davis, 285 Dreamcatcher Trail, Youngsville**

- Mr. Davis stated he is a licensed Soil Scientist. He commented on the proposed high speed rail project. Mr. Davis provided a copy of comments he submitted to the state concerning environmental impacts of the project. He said impacts would be lessened if routes Section S NC1 and NC3 are selected as opposed to NC2.

#### **Tracy McKenzie, 410 Fleming Road, Youngsville**

- Mr. McKenzie also spoke regarding the South East High Speed Rail project. He mentioned concerns such as damaged property values and others.

#### **4. SEHSR DISCUSSION (CONTINUED)**

Mr. Simmons returned to the podium.

Commissioner Lancaster stated he supported the Section S NC1 and NC3 route of SEHSR based on collateral damage expected by Section S NC2.

Commissioner Lancaster then made a motion to support Section S NC1 and NC3, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell.

Commissioner Mitchell inquired about the authority of final decisions regarding the rail project. Mr. Simmons stated team members who have worked on the project will make a recommendation that will be reviewed through the Board of Transportation in North Carolina and Virginia and the VA/NC Interstate High Speed Rail Compact. The final decision will be made by the United States Department of Transportation following its review of federal laws.

Commissioner Mitchell also asked about utilities that may have to relocate due to railroad easements. Mr. Simmons said the project includes an estimate for relocation of utilities.

Commissioner Dunston inquired about citizen input. Mr. Simmons said input is still being accepted and will be investigated. He said citizen's questions would be answered and included in the recommendation report.

For the record, Commissioner Bunn stated he was not at all in favor of the South East High Speed Rail project.

Commissioner Lancaster then restated the motion he made earlier to support Section S NC1 and NC3. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

Commissioner McGhee then made the motion to open one of the suggested closures in the Franklinton community. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lancaster and duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

#### **5. RESOLUTION TO OPT OUT OF CERTAIN PROVISION OF THE PERMIT EXTENSION ACT OF 2009**

The North Carolina General Assembly enacted the Permit Extension Act of 2009, which suspended the expiration of any development approval granted by Franklin County which was current and valid at any point between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2010, extending the same until the end of that calendar year. Subsequently House Bill 683, ratified in the General Assembly on July 10, 2010, amends the previous act and extends the suspension of development approval expiration to December 31, 2011.

The result of these actions was such that Franklin County had to honor the allocations of water and sewer given to such developments until the end of calendar year 2011. The binding effects of this legislation were presented to the Utility Advisory Committee by staff from the Public Utilities Department and Planning Department with a recommendation that the County 'Opt Out' of extending the approvals of expired developments.

Bryce Mendenhall, Public Utilities Director, and Scott Hammerbacher, Planning Director, presented the resolution to the Board which would allow the County to regain control of those allocations and any application for development would be subject to newly adopted regulations. The new regulations as adopted by the Board of

Commissioners required performance based development strategies to maintain water and sewer allocations.

Commissioner Lancaster made the motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

**RESOLUTION TO OPT OUT OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE  
PERMIT EXTENSION ACT OF 2009**

**WHEREAS**, Franklin County is authorized to require development approval prior to development within its jurisdiction pursuant to N.C.G.S. Chapter 153A and other applicable provisions of law; and

**WHEREAS** the North Carolina General Assembly enacted the Permit Extension Act of 2009 (S.L. 2009-406 as amended; referred to hereinafter as the "Act"), which act suspended the expiration of any development approval granted by Franklin County which was current and valid at any point between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2010, extending the same until the end of that point; and

**WHEREAS** House Bill 683, ratified in the General Assembly on July 10, 2010, amends the Act and extends the suspension of development approval expiration to December 31, 2011; and

**WHEREAS** Section 4.1 of House Bill 683 provides that units of local government may by resolution opt out of the time period extension contained in the bill; and

**WHEREAS** the Franklin County Board of Commissioners wishes to resume the normal operation of its development review in as short a time period as by law allowed;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners that S.L. 2009-406, as amended by Section 5.1 of S.L. 2009-484, Section 5.2 of S.L. 2009-550, Sections 2 and 3 of S.L. 2009-572, and by House Bill 683, shall not apply to a development approval issued by Franklin County. A development approval issued by Franklin County that was current and valid at any point between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2010 shall expire as it was scheduled to expire pursuant to S.L. 2009-406, as amended by Sections 5.1 of S.L. 2009-484, Section 5.2 of S.L. 2009-550, and Sections 2 and 3 of S.L. 2009-572 prior to the enactment of this act.

## **6. NC WaterWARN MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT**

Bryce Mendenhall, Public Utilities Director, asked the Board to consider formal action in order for Franklin County Public Utilities to join the NC WaterWARN mutual aid association. He said the agreement had been reviewed by County Attorney Darnell Batton and Emergency Services Director Randy Likens.

Commissioner Lancaster made the motion to approve the NC WaterWARN mutual aid agreement, seconded by Commissioner Dunston. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

## **7. RAY'S CREEK PHASE II, HILL ROAD GRAVITY SEWER EXTENSION**

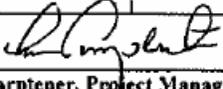
On June 7, 2010, the Board of Commissioners formally granted permission for the Ray's Creek Phase II, Hill Road Gravity Extension. Staff opened formal bids for the project on Tuesday, August 31, 2010 and delivered a certified tab generated by representatives with Hobbs, Upchurch, and Associates on September 3, 2010. Commissioners received a copy of the bid packet after delivery of the certified statement. Based on information contained in the bid packet, the engineers and Bryce Mendenhall, Director of Public Utilities, recommended formal bid award to the low

bidder, Fred Smith Company, in the amount of \$353,810. The bid was approximately \$162,000 under the most recent engineer's estimate of \$516,400.

Mr. Mendenhall stated based on the savings he would be coming back before the Board in the future to ask for utilization of the savings towards Phase III of the Ray's Creek project.

Commissioner Lancaster made the motion to award the bid to Fred Smith Company in the amount of \$353,810, seconded by Commissioner Dunston. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

<b>BID SUMMARY</b> <b>Franklin County Utilities</b> <b>Hill Road Gravity Sewer Extension</b> <b>Franklin County, North Carolina</b>										
CONTRACTOR	ADDRESS	LICENSE	BID	MBF	ADDENDA					TOTAL BID AMOUNT
		NO.	BOND	FORMS	1	2	3	4	5	
Fred Smith Company	Raleigh, NC	43848	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	\$353,810.00
Sanford Contractors, Inc.	Sanford, NC	6301	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	\$357,787.11
Key Constructors, Inc.	Clarksville, VA	51194	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	\$365,463.43
Hall Contracting Corp.	Charlotte, NC	5689	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	\$406,920.00
J.F. Wilkerson Contracting	Morrisville, NC	4499	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	\$418,789.00
H.G. Reynolds Company	Henderson, NC	14149	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	\$424,628.00
Ralph Hodge Construction	Wilson, NC	6271	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	\$440,437.00
Vaughan Grading & Utilities	Wake Forest, NC	57398	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	\$448,380.00
Seaside Environmental Cont.	Raleigh, NC	55044	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	\$452,750.00
Triangle Grading & Paving	Burlington, NC	17456	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	\$471,672.00
Moffat Pipe, Inc.	Wake Forest, NC	54906	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	\$477,320.00
T.A. Loving Company	Goldboro, NC	325	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	\$523,700.00
J&M Grading & Excavating	Louisburg, NC		X	X	X	X	X	X	-	<b>DID NOT READ BID</b>

Bids Opened and Read By:  8/31/10  
 Tim Carptener, Project Manager  
 Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, P.A.

**8. FRANKLIN COUNTY TAX ADMINISTRATION 2009 TAX SETTLEMENT**

Jimmy Tanner, Tax Administrator, presented the 2009 Tax Settlement with the following PowerPoint presentation.

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Franklin County Tax  
Administration  
2009  
Tax Settlement

Presented By:  
Jimmy Tanner, Tax Administrator

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**Franklin County Government** 

Introduction:

Per N.C. General Statute 105-373 the Tax  
Collector must make a report of settlement  
for the fiscal year 2009-2010 and prior years.

This is an overall summary of Collections  
activity for Franklin County in comparison to  
other North Carolina Counties.

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**Franklin County Government**

**2009 LEVY**

<b>Real Property</b>			
<b>Total Billed</b>	<b>Actual Collections</b>	<b>Uncollected</b>	<b>%Collected</b>
\$29,134,995	\$28,504,113	\$ 630,881	97.84%
<b>Personal Property (Including System Property)</b>			
<b>Total Billed</b>	<b>Actual Collections</b>	<b>Uncollected</b>	<b>%Collected</b>
\$ 2,686,781	\$ 2,608,265	\$ 78,516	97.06%
<b>Registered Motor Vehicles</b>			
<b>Total Billed</b>	<b>Actual Collections</b>	<b>Uncollected</b>	<b>%Collected</b>
\$ 3,238,565	\$ 2,763,500	\$ 475,065	85.35%

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**Total Levy**

<b>Total Billed</b>	<b>Actual Collections</b>	<b>% Collected</b>
\$35,060,341	\$33,875,878	96.62%

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**5 Year Comparison By Category**

<b>Real Property</b>				
2005 / 2006	2006 / 2007	2007 / 2008	2008 / 2009	2009 / 2010
98.63%	98.59%	98.08%	96.99%	97.84%
<b>Personal Property (Including System Property)</b>				
2005 / 2006	2006 / 2007	2007 / 2008	2008 / 2009	2009 / 2010
96.42%	97.11%	96.47%	94.68%	97.08%
<b>Registered Motor Vehicles</b>				
2005 / 2006	2006 / 2007	2007 / 2008	2008 / 2009	2009 / 2010
85.55%	86.11%	83.76%	84.15%	85.35%

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**5 Year Comparison Overall Collection Rate**

2005 / 2006	2006 / 2007	2007 / 2008	2008 / 2009	2009 / 2010
96.93%	97.12%	96.41%	95.94%	96.62%

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**Five Year Comparison Prior Year Collections**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Year Ending</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2005 / 2006	6-30-06	\$ 850,441
2006 / 2007	6-30-07	\$ 884,048
2007 / 2008	6-30-08	\$ 681,402
2008 / 2009	6-30-09	\$1,001,978
2009 / 2010	6-30-10	\$ 1,120,171

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**How do we compare with other Counties**

- Comparison using information compiled from population groups as identified by State.
- Comparison using population most similar to Franklin County, +/- five on either side.

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(BASED ON PREVIOUS YEAR (2008) COLLECTION DATA REPORTED TO STATE)

NORTH CAROLINA POPULATION GROUP					50,000 - 99,999				
COUNTY	POPULATION	TAX RATE	RATE	RANKING	COUNTY	POPULATION	TAX RATE	RATE	RANKING
MOORE	85,286	0.4790	99.28	1	WASH	93,861	0.7000	95.90	24
DAVEN	87,757	0.4200	98.10	2	BURKE	89,259	0.5200	95.81	25
SURRY	73,388	0.5820	97.70	3	PENDER	51,053	0.6500	95.81	26
LEE	57,500	0.7500	97.64	4	HAYWOOD	57,108	0.4970	95.69	27
LENORA	74,538	0.5700	97.50	5	CLEVELAND	97,916	0.7200	95.08	28
CHATHAM	60,881	0.6530	97.40	6	SAMPSON	65,396	0.8450	94.99	29
CARTER	63,520	0.2300	97.08	7	DUPUN	53,451	0.7900	94.48	30
ROCKINGHAM	91,691	0.7500	96.85	8	RUTHERFORD	63,555	0.5300	94.42	31
HALIFAX	55,217	0.6800	96.56	9	LENOIR	57,521	0.8400	94.32	32
WILSON	79,917	0.7300	96.51	10	WILKES	67,297	0.5700	94.25	33
GRANVILLE	56,250	0.7500	96.13	11	COLUMBUS	54,758	0.8150	93.56	34
STANLEY	59,714	0.6700	96.00	12	CALDWELL	80,020	0.6500	93.19	35
<b>FRANKLIN</b>	<b>57,923</b>	<b>0.8225</b>	<b>95.93</b>	<b>13</b>	EDGEWATER	51,800	0.8400	93.11	36

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(BASED ON 2008 TAX YEAR COLLECTION DATA REPORTED TO STATE)

NORTH CAROLINA POPULATION GROUP					PLUS/MINUS FIVE IN SIZE				
COUNTY	POPULATION	TAX RATE	RATE	RANKING	COUNTY	POPULATION	TAX RATE	RATE	RANKING
1	LEE	57,500	0.7500	97.64	2	CHATHAM	60,881	0.6530	97.40
3	CARTER	63,520	0.2300	97.08	4	HALIFAX	55,217	0.6800	96.56
5	GRANVILLE	56,250	0.7500	96.13	6	STANLEY	59,714	0.6700	96.00
7	<b>FRANKLIN</b>	<b>57,923</b>	<b>0.8225</b>	<b>95.93</b>	8	HAYWOOD	57,108	0.4970	95.69
9	SAMPSON	65,396	0.8450	94.99	10	RUTHERFORD	63,555	0.5300	94.42
11	LENOIR	57,521	0.8400	94.32					

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Franklin County Government						
(COMPARISON OF LAST YEAR (2008) RANKING TO CURRENT YEAR (2009) RANKING AND PERCENTAGE)						
NORTH CAROLINA POPULATION GROUP			PLUS/MINUS FIVE IN SIZE		55,217 - 65,396	
COLLECTION						
RANKING	COUNTY	POPULATION	TAX RATE	2008 / 2009 COLLECTION RATE	2009 / 2010 COLLECTION RATE	PERCENTAGE DIFFERENCE
1	CHATHAM	60,881	0.6530	97.40	97.58	0.18
2	LEE	57,500	0.7500	97.64	97.56	-0.08
3	CARTARET	63,520	0.2300	97.08	97.06	-0.02
4	FRANKLIN	57,923	0.8225	95.93	96.62	0.69
5	GRANVILLE	56,250	0.7550	96.13	96.22	0.09
6	HALIFAX	55,217	0.6800	96.56	96.21	-0.35
7	STANLEY	59,714	0.6700	96.00	95.91	-0.09
8	HAYWOOD	57,108	0.4970	95.69	95.73	0.04
9	SAMPSON	65,396	0.8450	94.99	94.62	-0.37
10	LENOIR	57,521	0.8400	94.32	94.83	0.51
11	RUTHERFORD	63,555	0.5300	94.42	93.80	-0.62

Franklin County Government	
STATISTICS FROM COLLECTION DATA (FRANKLIN COUNTY –VS- NORTH CAROLINA)	
-0.11%	Average of Collection Rate Change from Last Year, 52 Counties Responding, 45 Counties Reporting Actual Collection Rate Data
29	Number of Counties Reporting a Decrease in Collection Rate From Last Year
23	Number of Counties Reporting an Increase in Collection Rate from Last Year
-0.42%	Average Collection Rate Decrease for 27 Counties That Reported Actual Rate
+0.34%	Average Collection Rate Increase for 18 Counties That Reported Actual Rate
+0.69%	Franklin County, Actual Collection Rate Increase From Last Year

Franklin County Government	
<b>POINTS OF INTEREST</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collected on \$2,758,272 more in levy than last year</li> <li>Bankruptcies equaled \$59,575 or 5% of the uncollected amount</li> <li>Less foreclosures than previous years due to success in collections by personally visiting taxpayers prior to submitting for foreclosure</li> </ul>	

Franklin County Government	
<b>QUESTIONS?</b>	

No action was needed.

**9. MINERAL SPRINGS STREET PROPERTY TRANSFER**

Jimmy Tanner, Tax Administrator, asked the Board to consider authorizing the transfer of County property located on Mineral Springs Street in Louisburg to the Town of Louisburg. Upon transfer, the town will complete the process of cleaning the property at no cost to the County.

Commissioner Lancaster made the motion to authorize the transfer of County property on Mineral Springs Street in Louisburg by deed to the Town of Louisburg. The motion was seconded and duly carried with approval with all present voting “AYE.”

**10. SURPLUS PROPERTY REQUEST/OFFER FOR PURCHASE**

Jimmy Tanner, Tax Administrator, received an offer to purchase letter for property currently owned by Franklin County and located in Bunn at 613 Warren Avenue. The Board was asked to declare the property as surplus and authorize the Tax Administrator to complete the sale of the property by upset bid process to the last and highest bidder.

Commissioner Dunston made a motion to declare the property as surplus and authorize the Tax Administrator to pursue an offer to purchase property located at 613 Warren Avenue in Bunn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and duly carried approval with all present voting “AYE.”

**11. OTHER BUSINESS**

- Old Franklin County Jail: Mrs Harris distributed to the Board a draft proposal from the Franklin County Arts Council for the future use of the Franklin County Historical Jail.
- NCACC Legislative Goals: The Board was asked to consider a resolution detailing Franklin County’s recommendations regarding goals for inclusion in the North Carolina Association of County Commissioner’s 2011-2012 Legislative Goals Package. Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to

approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Commissioner Dunston. The motion duly carried with all present voting "AYE."

- Chair McGhee distributed a copy of a new law passed by the Legislature "behind closed doors" regarding information Counties must release as it pertains to personal information about employees.

**RESOLUTION DETAILING FRANKLIN COUNTY'S RECOMMENDATIONS  
REGARDING GOALS FOR INCLUSION IN THE  
NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (NCACC)  
2011-2012 LEGISLATIVE GOALS PACKAGE**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) organizes a process every two years to develop a legislative goals package; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the package is to develop a consensus of broad support on legislative goals and issues for matters affecting North Carolina counties that may be addressed during the upcoming North Carolina General Assembly sessions during next two calendar years; and

WHEREAS, the goals and issues included in the NCACC package, with their broad support, guide and strengthen NCACC representatives and staff as they converse with individual legislators and committees on legislative matters; and

WHEREAS, NCACC has begun the process to develop its 2011-2012 Legislative Goals Package and Franklin County and all other North Carolina counties have been asked to submit proposed legislative goals for consideration for inclusion in the 2011-2012 Legislative Goals Package by September 15, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County continues to support legislative goals included in past NCACC legislative goals packages such as:

- 1) **Reimbursement, state inmates in county jails** – Seek legislation to reinstate and increase the daily reimbursement rate for housing state inmates in county jails.
- 2) **Court Facilities Fee** – Support legislation to allow counties to collect additional facilities fees to help fund capital, operational and other needs associated with ever-increasing judicial activities.
- 3) **Public School Capital Building Fund** – Support legislation to assure that the Public School Capital Building Fund remains intact and to direct the State Treasurer to report on long-term commitments that are dependent on this fund. Counties and schools should not be deprived of these resources as they were deprived of state support for school utility costs in 1991-92.
- 4) **Community College Governance** – Support legislation to review the process through which members of the various boards of trustees of the several community colleges are appointed to determine whether the system provides for adequate representation from counties responsible for supporting multi-county campuses.
- 5) **Sales Tax Refunds** – Support legislation to allow public school systems to regain access to sales tax refunds.

WHEREAS, Franklin County believes there are other issues of importance to all North Carolina counties that should be included as goals in NCACC's 2011-2012 Legislative Goals Package;

NOW THEREFORE we the Franklin County Board of Commissioners do hereby recommend that NCACC include the following goals in the NCACC 2011-2012 Legislative Goals Package:

- 1) **ADM and Lottery funds** – Support legislation to reinstate ADM funding and restore the North Carolina Education Lottery distribution and formula for the purpose of funding construction of school facilities that counties have previously committed for debt service/school construction based on promised allocation by the state.

## 12. 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 the annual awards banquet of the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments scheduled for September 23, 2010 at the Henderson Convention Center in Henderson.

**Commissioner Lancaster:** Commissioner Lancaster attended the annual conference of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

**Commissioner Mitchell:** No report offered.

**Commissioner Foy:** No report offered.

**Commissioner Bunn:** No report offered.

**Commissioner Dunston:** No report offered.

**Commissioner Swanson:** Commissioner Swanson mentioned he recently toured renovations at Edward Best Elementary.

**Commissioner McGhee:** Commissioner McGhee noted that Commissioner Don Lancaster was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) during the association's annual conference. She encouraged the Board to review the association's "State of the Association" publication and pointed out the document states that by Franklin utilizing NCACC's risk pool, the county over time saved \$16,450. She asked the Finance Director to come back before the Board with additional detail about the County's involvement with the risk pool. The document also graded counties based on the amount of leadership training they participate in. She said Franklin is ranked poorly. Commissioner McGhee also requested that work begin soon on the EMS Incentive Distribution Program that was initiated in 1998. The item will be brought up again in "other business" as part of the Board's agenda. Commissioner McGhee then mentioned news that the Department of Commerce has awarded Franklin a \$500,000 grant from the Industrial Development Fund for Triangle North Franklin Industrial Park utility improvements. She said other grant opportunities are being explored in order to complete the project.

**County Manager Angela L. Harris:**

- Mrs. Harris mentioned the Wellness Committee recently provided a lunch and learn session regarding sleep disorders. The event was hosted by Franklin Regional Medical Center and was free to employees.
- She also mentioned the High Flight Community event scheduled for September 18 and 19, 2010 at the Franklin County Airport.
- Mrs. Harris mentioned a request on behalf of State Employees Credit Union for support of a program that collects items for troops overseas for the holidays. Collection boxes will be placed in various departments.
- Mrs. Harris said an EMS meeting originally set for September 9, 2010 has been rescheduled. The meeting was required in order to draw down federal funding, however she said an opportunity exists to draw down an additional \$2200 if the meeting is postponed until after the federal fiscal year.

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board was asked to consider entering into a closed session pursuant to General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (6), in order for the Board to discuss a personnel matter. Commissioner Swanson made the motion to enter into closed session pursuant to General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (6). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunston and carried 6 to 1, with Commissioner Foy voting "NO."

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

It was announced that no action was taken.

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

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Penny McGhee, Chair

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board