



FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday August 17, 2015
County Administration Building
113 Market Street
Louisburg, NC

6:55 P.M. - Season of Prayer – Commissioner Harry Foy

Pledge of Allegiance

7:00 P.M. – Regular Meeting Begins - Call to Order

ITEM 1. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. August 3, 2015 Minutes
- B. Releases, Adjustments, Refunds, and Tax Collection Report
- C. Update: CDBG Plans
- D. Budget Ordinance Amendment #1 (Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 159-15, the County Finance Officer is requesting a budget ordinance amendment in the amount of \$6,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 to increase funding for Epsom Fire Department.)

ITEM 2. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

ITEM 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Rezoning Request – Travian Greene

The Board is asked to consider a request for rezoning by Travian Greene of a property at PIN 1854-33-2533 at Penders Loop on 1.6 acres from Heavy Industrial (HI) to Highway Business (HB) in the Youngsville Township.

ACTION REQUESTED: Conduct public hearing and consider approval.

ITEM 4. FRANKLINTON WATER LINE PROJECT

Bids for the Franklin water lines project were received and opened on April 9, 2015. Four bids were received. The bid price for the base bid (excluding alternates) was above the amount of available funds. Engineers began negotiations with the low bidder (Central Builders of Rocky Mount, NC) to

reduce the scope of the project to get the work within the available funds. The low bidder declined the negotiation. Engineers then moved to the second low bidder (Ralph Hodge Construction Company of Wilson, NC) which accepted the reduced scope at the negotiated price of \$997,318.75. Staff recommends awarding the contract to Ralph Hodge Construction Company.

ACTION REQUESTED: Consider awarding construction contract to Ralph Hodge Construction Company in the amount of \$997,318.75.

ITEM 5. OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM 6. BOARD, MANAGER AND CLERK'S COMMENTS

This is 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.

ITEM 7. CLOSED SESSION

A. NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(3) – Attorney-Client Privileged Communication

August 3, 2015

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: Chairman Sidney E. Dunston, Vice-Chairman E. Shane Mitchell, Commissioners Don Lancaster Cedric K. Jones, John M. May, Harry L. Foy, Jr. and David T. Bunn.

Chairman Dunston called the meeting to order and asked the Board to consider approval of the consent agenda.

Commissioner Foy made a motion to remove Item I-F from the consent agenda for further discussion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bunn and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

Commissioner Foy made a motion to approve the remainder of the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

The items approved are as follows.

- 1. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. March 2, 2015 Minutes
 - B. May 18, 2015 Minutes
 - C. May 27, 2015 Minutes
 - D. July 6, 2015 Minutes
 - E. Consider TDA (Tourism Development Authority) request to fund a \$3,000 grant for the Johnson Street Public Art Project
 - ~~F. Consider TDA (Tourism Development Authority) request to fund a \$5,000 grant for the 2015 Fall Harvest and Pumpkin Festival at Hill Ridge Farms~~
 - G. Consider TDA (Tourism Development Authority) request to fund a \$5,000 grant for the Allen de Hart Concert Series
 - H. Surplus of 2004 Dodge Durango, VIN #104HB38NO4F237673
 - I. Resolution Approving Conveyance of Property (2004 Dodge Durango, VIN #104HB38NO4F237673) to Bunn Rescue & EMS
 - J. Surplus of K-9 Hanz and Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Personal Property Worth Less Than \$30,000
 - K. Surplus of K-9 Dino and Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Personal Property Worth Less Than \$30,000

Item I-I

**Resolution Approving Conveyance of Property to
A Nonprofit Organization
Pursuant to G.S. 160A-279**

WHEREAS, the County of Franklin owns a 2004 Dodge Durango (VIN #104HB38NO4F237673); and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 160A-279 authorizes a city or county to convey real or personal property by private sale to a nonprofit corporation if the city or county is authorized by law to appropriate money to the corporation; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County Sheriff Kent Winstead has asked to surplus this vehicle and convey it to Bunn Rescue & EMS.; and

THEREFORE, THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLVES THAT:

1. The board chairman of Franklin County is authorized to execute all documents necessary to convey the vehicle:

2. The vehicle is to be used by Bunn Rescue & EMS., a nonprofit organization, for public use:

Item I-J

**Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Personal Property
Worth Less Than \$30,000 (G.S. 160A-266; 267)**

WHEREAS, Franklin County owns certain items of personal property that have become surplus for its current needs; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office has a K-9 named Hanz that has reached the age and work life for a law enforcement K-9; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 160A-266 permits the county to sell such property by private sale, upon authorization by the Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting and notice to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners is convened in a regular meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners that:

1. The Board of Commissioners authorizes the Sheriff to sell by private sale this K-9 "Hanz" according to North Carolina General Statute 160A-266, and make this K-9 available to Deputy Dylan Moore, who will be responsible for all further medical and housing expenses once K-9 "Hanz" is retired.
2. The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners shall publish a notice summarizing this resolution, and no sale may be executed pursuant to this resolution until at least 10 days after the day the notice is published.

Item I-K

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WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners is convened in a regular meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners that:

1. The Board of Commissioners authorizes the Sheriff to sell by private sale this K-9 "Dino" according to North Carolina General Statute 160A-266, and make this K-9 available to Deputy Duane Barrett, who will be responsible for all further medical and housing expenses once K-9 "Dino" is retired.
2. The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners shall publish a notice summarizing this resolution, and no sale may be executed pursuant to this resolution until at least 10 days after the day the notice is published.

Regarding Item I-F, Commissioner Foy stated he does not support giving tax money to private businesses such as Hill Ridge Farms.

Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to approve Item I-F (Consider Tourism Development Authority request to fund a \$5,000 grant for the 2015 Fall Harvest and Pumpkin Festival at Hill Ridge Farms), seconded by Commissioner Dunston. The motion was approved with a 6 to 1 vote, with Commissioner Foy voting "NO."

2. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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Susan Dobie, 201 Winston Street, Franklinton, NC

- Ms. Dobie asked the Board to consider supporting the Sterling Cotton Mill Park project scheduled for discussion later in the meeting. Ms. Dobie feels the dog park will be an asset to the area and encouraged the Board to approve Recreation in Lieu funding.

Bruce Allen, 992 Mays Crossroads Road, Franklinton, NC

- Mr. Allen stated he feels the Sterling Cotton Mill Park project is not a viable project at this time.

Elic Senter, 12 Vine Street, Franklinton, NC

- Mr. Senter serves as Mayor of the Town of Franklinton. He was joined by Franklinton Commissioners John Allers and Johnny Wayne Mitchell. All were present to show favor for the Sterling Cotton Mill Park project. Mayor Senter said approving the park would allow for a county park within the corporate limits of Franklinton offering a significant positive impact on the community.

3. PUBLIC HEARING – CDBG UPDATED APPLICATION SUBMITTAL FOR FRANKLINTON WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

In order to formally transfer the existing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant formerly held by the Town of Franklinton prior to the County's acquisition, the North Carolina Department of Commerce requires a public hearing be conducted to notify the general public of the change. In addition the Board was asked to approve the submittal of an updated CDBG application along with signed statements included in the agenda packet.

Public Utilities Director Bryce Mendenhall anticipates the bid for water system improvements will be awarded on August 17, 2015.

Chairman Dunston opened the public hearing at approximately 7:14 P.M.

Bruce Allen, 992 Mays Crossroads Road, Franklinton, NC

- Mr. Allen stated he is pleased the County has taken over Franklinton's water system. He encouraged the Board to approve the CDBG application and hopes quality water will be provided to citizens at a reasonable price.

Mr. Mendenhall said activities for the project include improvements to the water plant, water line replacement and installation of fire hydrants. The total CDBG grant amount is \$750,000. He said the Town of Franklinton had used in excess of \$319,000 of the grant before it was signed over to the County. The County is updating the grant application accordingly under the direction of the Department of Commerce and represents \$430,000 for remaining water system improvements.

With no further public comments, Chairman Dunston closed the public hearing at 7:17 P.M.

Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to approve submittal of an updated CDBG application including the required statements. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

4. BACK-UP PSAP REQUIREMENT

Emergency Communications Director Christy Shearin provided an update regarding the Back-Up PSAP (public-safety access point) Requirement and progress to meet this requirement. The PowerPoint presentation follows.

Back-Up PSAP

AUGUST 3, 2015

Current Legislation

§ 62A-46. Fund distribution to PSAPs

(e) Compliance. - A PSAP, or the governing entity of a PSAP, must comply with all of the following in order to receive a distribution under this section:

- (4a) A PSAP must have a plan and means for 911 call-taking in the event 911 calls cannot be received and processed in the primary PSAP. The plan must identify the alternative capability of taking the redirected 911 calls. This subdivision does not require a PSAP to construct an alternative facility to serve as a back-up PSAP.

SECTION 1.4. Sections 1.1 through 1.4 of this act are effective when this act becomes law and apply to distributions made on or after July 1, 2016

Pending Legislation

SECTION 1. G.S. 62A-46(e)(4a) reads as rewritten:

"(4a) A-By July 1, 2016, a PSAP must have a plan and means for 911 call-taking in the event 911 calls cannot be received and processed in the primary PSAP. If a PSAP has made substantial progress toward implementation of the plan and means, the 911 Board may grant the PSAP an extension until July 1, 2017, to complete implementation of the plan and means. The plan must identify the alternative capability of taking the redirected 911 calls. This subdivision does not require a PSAP to construct an alternative facility to serve as a back-up PSAP."

Requirements

- Shall be capable, when staffed, of performing the emergency functions performed at the primary PSAP
- Shall be separated geographically from the primary PSAP at a distance that ensures survivability of the alternate center

Benefits

- Continuity of Operations
 - Catastrophic Event
 - Evacuation
- Able to Relocate staff during equipment upgrades
- Additional staffing could be brought in to help during disasters by utilizing the primary and the back-up

Options

- Option 1: Collocate in an existing building
 - Possible collocation with CenturyLink
 - Explore other Buildings for possible collocation
- Option 2: Mobile Solution utilizing RV
 - RV was inspected for any mechanical issues
 - Brakes and Hydro boost need repairs = \$3,294.78

Within the presentation, Mrs. Shearin stated she is pursuing two options including possible collocation in an existing building and/or a mobile solution utilizing an RV (recreational vehicle) transferred from the Sheriff's Office. Mrs. Shearin is examining the possibility of collocating with CenturyLink.

Mrs. Shearin could not provide cost estimates at this time, but offered items such as equipment and furniture (for either location) are eligible for 911 funding. Renovation and construction costs are not eligible for 911 funding unless a grant is awarded by the 911 Board.

Commissioner Mitchell said he would like to pursue collocation with CenturyLink and feels an RV may not be a reliable location for a PSAP.

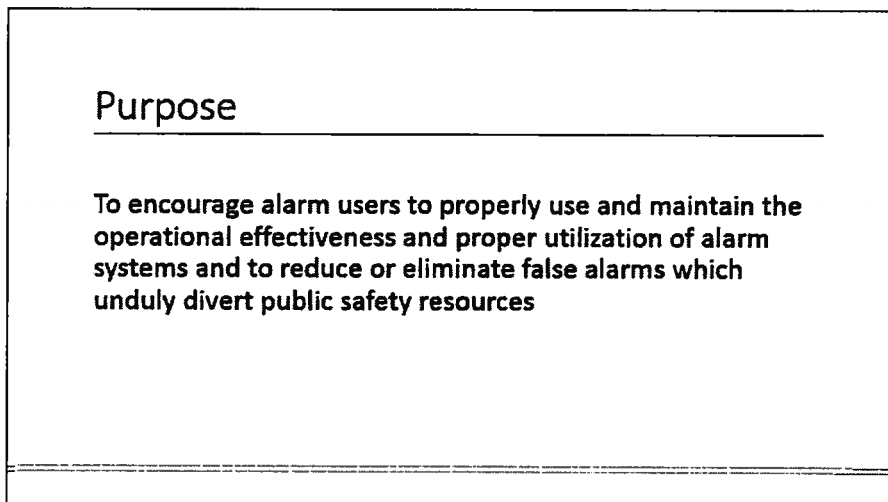
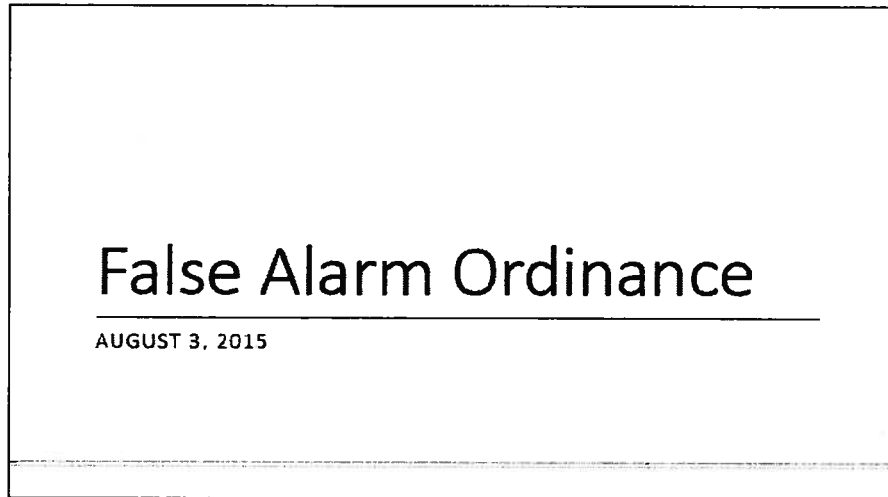
Mrs. Shearin will continue to examine both options moving forward. She noted discussions with Century Link are in process.

No action was requested or taken by the Board.

5. FALSE ALARM ORDINANCE

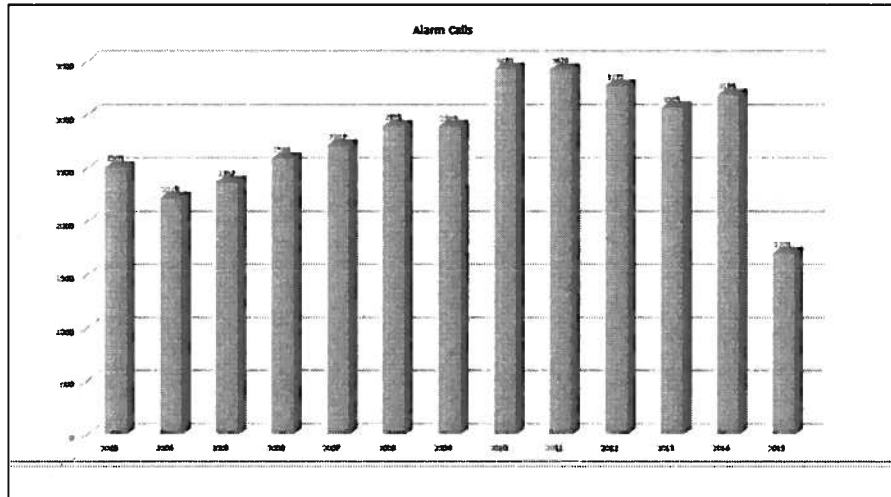
The Board was asked to consider possible adoption of a False Alarm Ordinance presented by Emergency Communications Director Christy Shearin.

Mrs. Shearin provided the following presentation highlighting the proposal.



False Alarm Causes

- Error or Mistake
- Malfunction
- Intentional Misuse
- Failure to Respond by Key Holder
- Alarms that will not be considered false:
 - A natural or man-made catastrophe, or other "Act of God" such as tornadoes, floods, earthquakes, or other similarly violent conditions
 - Vandalism causing physical damage to the property
 - Attempted entry of a location causing visible, physical, or other evidence of damage to the location which has caused the alarm to sound
 - Severe weather or failure of electrical power not caused by subscriber
 - The test of a local alarm system by an authorized alarm agent or alarm company employee who is present at the premise inspecting, servicing, repairing, or installing the alarm



False Alarms

Total Alarm Calls for 2014 = 3,186

Alarm Type	Total Alarms	Response
Medical Alarm	99	Rescue/EMS – Law Enforcement
Residential Fire Alarm	121	2 to 3 Fire Depts – Rescue/EMS – Law Enforcement
Commercial Fire Alarm	221	2 to 3 Fire Depts – Rescue/EMS – Law Enforcement
Residential Burglar Alarm	1531	Law Enforcement
Commercial Burglar Alarm	1214	Law Enforcement

* Most of the 3,186 alarm calls were false alarms

False Alarms -2014

Business	Number of Alarms	Residential	Number of Alarms
LOUISBURG HIGH SCHOOL	41	BEASLEY RD	11
TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY	40	US 401 HWY S	11
BUNN MIDDLE SCHOOL	27	N CHEATHAM ST	10
FRANKLINTON HIGH SCHOOL	25	NC 581 HWY	9
LOUISBURG SENIOR VILLAGE	25	FLAGSTONE CT	9
BUNN HIGH SCHOOL	24	PEARCES RD	9
LONG MILL ELEM SCHOOL	24	MISTY WAY	8
FRANKLIN OAKS	23	S CHEATHAM ST	8
ROYAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	22	KENMORE AVE	8
EDWARD BEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	22	E F COTTRELL RD	8

		False Alarms - 2014
Bunn Elementary School	20	3% (8) Alarm Calls were NOT false
Edward Best Elementary School	22	
Youngsville Elementary School	2	
Royal Elementary School	23	
Louisburg Elementary School	8	
Long Mill Elementary School	24	
Laurel Mill Elementary School	4	
Franklinton Elementary School	17	
Bunn Middle School	27	
Franklinton Middle School	21	
Cedar Creek Middle School	8	
Terrill Lane Middle School	14	
Bunn High School	24	
Franklinton High School	25	
Louisburg High School	41	
Board of Education (Main Office)	4	
Creative Educational Center	4	
Franklin County School Bus Garage	8	
Franklin County School Surplus	5	
Franklin County Schools Central Office	8	
Total	307	

Alarm Permits

- All Alarm Systems shall be registered.
- Permitting Fees:

	Initial Permit	Renewal Permit
Residential	\$25	\$5
Commercial	\$50	\$10

- Permits expire one (1) year from the date of issuance.
- To renew a permit – an updated application and the renewal fee must be submitted.
- Permits are not transferable
- A Permit is required for each structure and/or tenant

Fines/Fees

- False Alarms within a 12 month period:

Business		Residential	
Up to 2	None	Up to 2	None
3 to 4	\$100	3 to 4	\$50
5 to 6	\$200	5 to 6	\$100
7 or more	\$500	7 or more	\$250

- Operating an alarm system without a permit: \$100 fine per alarm call
- Payments must be received within 30 days or a \$25 late fee will be added
- User can appeal within 10 days of notification of a false alarm

Use of Funds

- Revenue generated by this ordinance shall be deposited into a special fund to be used for the following:
 - To help fund the lease, purchase or maintenance of the existing public safety radio system of Franklin County.
 - To help fund any upgrades needed to improve the public safety radio system of Franklin County.
 - To cover any associated administrative costs related to the enforcement of this ordinance.
 - Any other use recommended by the Franklin County Emergency Communications Director and approved by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners.

False Alarm Ordinance

Potential Revenue based on Alarms from 2014:

	Registration/Permit	Renewal	False Alarms
Business (504)	\$25,200	\$5,040	\$276,100
Residential (1586)	\$39,650	\$7,930	\$28,450

Effective Date - ??

- Staff recommends an effective date of January 2, 2016

Commissioner Mitchell inquired of the implementation process. Mrs. Shearin stated software is needed to handle/generate permits and data. She expects implementation in January, 2016, which would allow time to conduct a mass public information/education campaign.

Commissioner Lancaster asked how the policy would pertain to school systems and if they too would be required to adhere to the ordinance. Commissioner Jones asked if Mrs. Shearin had

any discussions with the school system as it seems to be the largest violator of false alarm calls. Mrs. Shearin said there have been "beginning discussions."

Commissioner Dunston asked who would manage the administrative portion of the ordinance. County Manager Angela L. Harris suggested neither staff nor space existed within the Emergency Communications department. An option is to accept fees via the Finance Department with part-time staff that could also manage the front desk. Other options are being pursued.

According to the proposed ordinance, Mrs. Shearin said citizens with existing alarms would have six months to register and pay for the permit.

Commissioner Bunn asked why citizens should be required to pay a registration fee as well as fines. Mrs. Shearin said the ordinance could be altered to the Board's liking. She said registration fees assist with obtaining updated data to include current key holder information.

Commissioner Bunn inquired about software needed to manage the data. Mrs. Shearin said there would be a report from the CAD (computer aided dispatch) system that is automatically generated. She said the CAD vendor offers the desired software as an enhancement at a cost of \$10,000.

Commissioner Foy said he doesn't take issue with imposing fines for repeat false alarm offenses, but preferred to eliminate registration fees.

Commissioner May reminded the Board of the amount of resources used to investigate false alarm calls. He feels the suggested penalties are reasonable when the cost of the county's emergency resources is considered. He feels the ordinance should be approved.

Commissioner Dunston said he is most concerned about the administrative component of imposing the ordinance.

Mrs. Shearin said the way the ordinance is written, collected funds would go into an account to be used for maintenance, purchase of implements for the radio system, upgrades to cover administrative costs of the ordinance and any other use recommended by her to the Board.

Commissioner Mitchell said he did not feel the intent of the ordinance was to generate revenue but to rather reduce the number of false alarms that tax the county's emergency resources.

Mrs. Shearin agreed with Commissioner Mitchell and said the ordinance was not designed to be a revenue source for an extended amount of time. Surrounding counties have similar ordinances which have helped to reduce false alarm calls by 60% within the first year of ordinance implementation.

Commissioner Lancaster stated he is in favor of imposing fines and penalties, but not in favor of requiring registration fees.

Commissioner Mitchell suggested the ordinance be approved without the purchase of suggested software. He also suggested revisiting the matter if it seems the County is not achieving desired results.

Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to adopt the false alarm ordinance (to exclude registration fees), seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

6. DISCUSSION: TRIANGLE NORTH FRANKLIN

Economic Development Director Ronnie Goswick indicated the Kerr-Tar Regional Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors voted to employ Scott Hadley, of NAI Carolantic Realty, to market the four parks of Triangle North. Mr. Hadley's recommendation is to price the

property at \$25,000 per acre from its current price of \$35,000, with Franklin receiving the first \$20,000, plus 60% of the balance and KTREDC receiving the balance of 40%. Staff recommends reducing the price to \$25,000 per acre, with Franklin County receiving the first \$15,000, plus 60% of the balance and KTREDC would receive the balance of 40%.

Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to adjust the listing price per acre per staff's recommendation to \$25,000 per acre, with Franklin County receiving the first \$15,000, plus 60% of the balance and KTREDC would receive the balance of 40%. The motion was seconded by Commissioner May and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

7. STERLING COTTON MILL PARK PROJECT

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board approved the use of Recreation in Lieu funding for the Sterling Cotton Mill Park project. The funding requested is \$115,402 and will be used to construct a playground, walking trail and dog park.

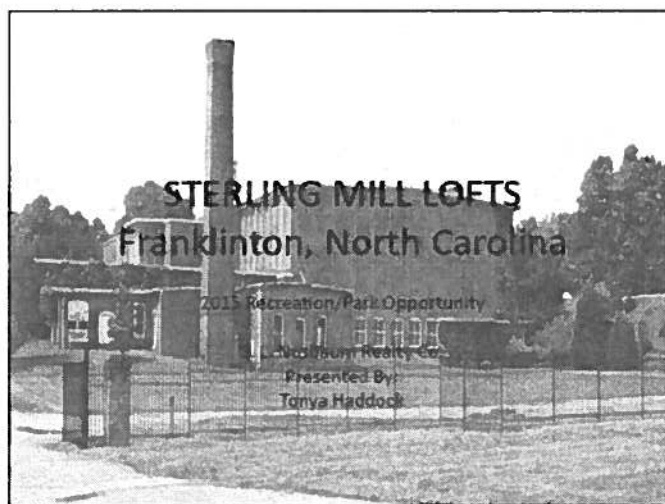
Parks and Recreation Director Oliver Greene stated the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board voted 3 to 1 in favor of the recommendation to fund the project with \$115,000 of Rec in Lieu funding designated for the Franklinton School District.

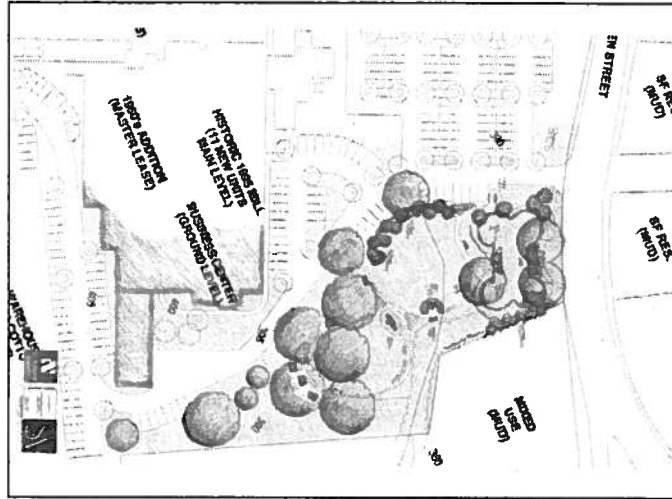
Tonya Haddock, S.L. Nusbaum Realty Corporation, was in attendance. Due to restrictions on the property she said the company intends to ground lease the property to the county for one dollar in perpetuity. She said Nusbaum would maintain grounds maintenance, but noted playground equipment would be considered county property.

Commissioner Mitchell asked if there was space at the existing Franklinton park for a dog park. Mr. Greene confirmed there is available space.

Commissioner Bunn inquired about liability of the park and whether it would fall on the shoulders of the county or S.L. Nusbaum. Mrs. Haddock stated the county would be responsible.

Mrs. Haddock indicated S.L. Nusbaum is investing \$92,000 into the project.

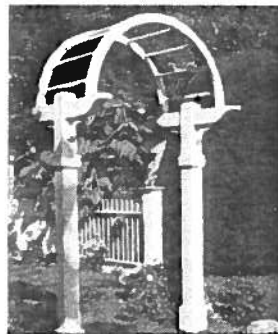




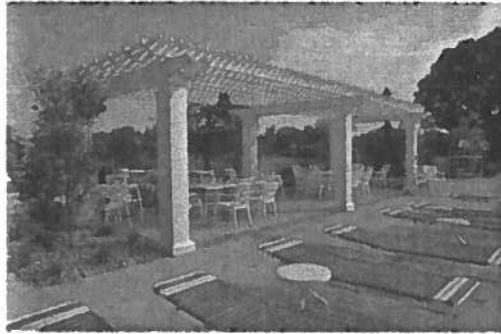
Example of Planted Edge at Parking Area



Example of Entry Arbor



Example of Pergola Area at Dog Park



Examples of Dog Park Equipment



Example of Playground Equipment



Commissioner Mitchell asked if the project would be discontinued if the Board did not approve Rec in Lieu funding. Mrs. Haddock said the only thing that would stop the project is failure to secure tax credits.

Commissioner May stated the county had already assisted the project with incentives. He said he likes the project but is fearful of promoting private enterprise.

Franklinton Mayor Elic Senter encouraged the Board to consider approval and noted security of the park would be monitored by town police.

Commissioner May asked if the Town of Franklinton had invested in the project. Mrs. Haddock said staff had worked to secure grant funding for the project, but no financial investments have been made on behalf of the town.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the Recreation in Lieu funding to assist with the Sterling Cotton Mill Park project, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster. The motion failed with a 5 to 2 vote with Commissioners May, Mitchell, Dunston, Foy and Bunn voting "NO."

8. STATE OF THE COLLEGE OVERVIEW - VANCE GRANVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Vance Granville Community College President Dr. Stelfanie Williams and Ms. Bobbi Jo May, Dean of the Franklin County Campus, provided an update on college activities and achievements for 2014/2015. The update is provided.

(see following page)

Presentation to the Franklin County

Board of Commissioners

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2014-2015 Data (pending final review by NCCCS)

Enrollment Estimates (Summer 2014, Fall 2015, and Spring 2015):

- Curriculum – 4,552
- Basic Skills – 1,625
- Continuing Education – 5,714

Graduates Estimates (Summer 2014, Fall 2015, and Spring 2015):

Curriculum:

- Associate Degrees – 449
- Diplomas – 64
- Certificates – 193

Adult High School:

- Campus and Kittrell Job Corps – 110

High School Equivalency:

- Campus – 24
- Prisons - 93

Average Class Size – 16

Student to Faculty Ratio – 16:1

In-state Tuition/Credit Hour - \$72.00

In-state Tuition Full-time - \$1,152.00

(Per semester; based on 16 hours)

Out-of-State Tuition/Credit Hour - \$264.00

Out-of-State Tuition Full-time - \$4,224.00

Curriculum Students Residence Profile

- Granville County – 28.47%
- Vance County – 24.47%
- Franklin County – 19.95%
- Warren County – 10.65%
- Adjacent Counties – 14.52%
- Other NC Counties – 1.69%
- Non-NC Residents – 0.24%

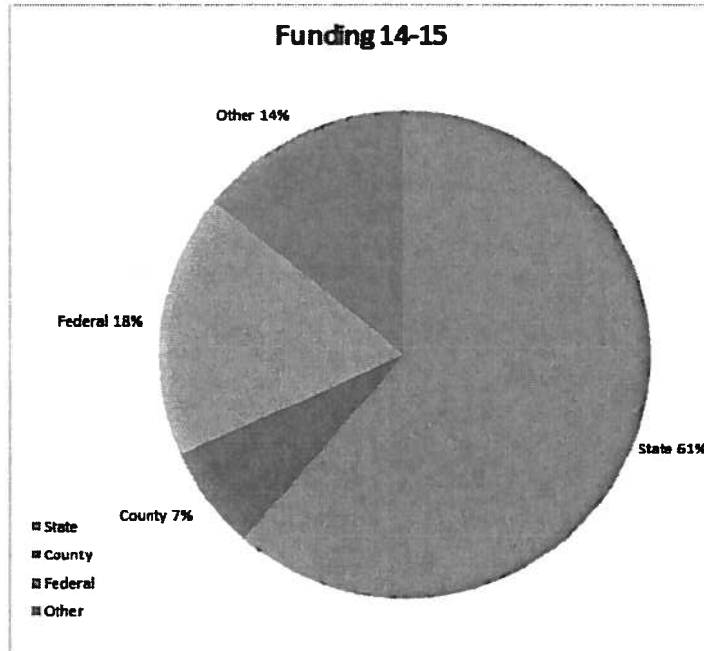
Faculty & Staff

- Instructors, Full-Time – 128
- Instructors, Part-Time – 123
- Staff, Full-Time – 168
- Staff, Part-Time – 159
- Total – 578

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2014-2015 Funding*

State	\$23,281,505
County	2,643,953
Federal	6,646,612
Other	5,376,041
Total	<u>\$37,948,111</u>



*Funding received to date as of 6/29/2015.

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Vanquard Vision: VGCC Strategic Plan 2014-2019

***Educational Excellence* from Access to Success**

- 1.1 Increase student achievement through student centered teaching.
- 1.2 Increase student completion through effective academic advising.
- 1.3 Facilitate college growth.
- 1.4 Cultivate a college-wide culture of support for a diverse community of learners.
- 1.5 Provide resources and experiences to empower students and prepare them for work or higher education.

An *Organizational Culture* of Quality, Cooperation, and Engagement

- 2.1 Recruit and hire exceptional employees.
- 2.2 Retain qualified employees.
- 2.3 Foster participation in meaningful professional development opportunities.
- 2.4 Enhance open communication.
- 2.5 Develop a campus community valuing health, safety, and quality of life opportunities.

A Learning Community of *Continuous Improvement*

- 3.1 Develop a culture that prioritizes individualized service to students.
- 3.2 Develop a culture of continuous quality improvement and best practices.
- 3.3 Institute leadership development that supports and empowers all employees.

One College Experience

- 4.1 Enhance support services.
- 4.2 Foster student and employee engagement in college life.
- 4.3 Partner with community organizations to support the college mission.
- 4.4 Improve, maintain, and utilize adequate technology.

Institutional Stewardship: Securing and Sustaining Our Resources

- 5.1 Secure new and innovative resources to support institutional goals.
- 5.2 Implement risk assessment and management at the college.
- 5.3 Advance environmentally-friendly practices at the college.

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2014-2015 Selected Highlights

- Class of 2015 is the largest graduating class in history of the college
- 123 students completed high school and 80 earned degrees from early colleges on all four campuses
- Established new degree programs including Human Services-Gerontology track and Welding Technology associate degree-level credential
- Selected again as a North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) Mentor College for success on state performance measures.
- No audit exceptions in the annual program audit
- In calendar year 2014, secured \$1.3 million in grants (calendar year 2013 included more than \$2.7 million)
- Initiated Advanced Manufacturing Training Alliance with four public school systems and partnered with schools systems on projects throughout the year including Manufacturing Day and school-aged camps in science, writing, biotechnology, transportation trades, and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Partnered with NC Tobacco Trust Fund, NC REAL, the Regional Farmers' Market, and the four county Chambers to establish Agri-business entrepreneurship certificate, first of its kind in NC
- Awarded 319 scholarships and held highest fundraising golf tournament for fourth year in a row generating \$100,318
- Provided community service alternate summer schedule for employees to perform volunteer service
- Students and clubs participated in service learning including Operation Medicine Drop Take Back Event; food drive benefitting Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC; Adopt-a-Child; Talk, Test, Protect with Granville-Vance Health Department; Adopt-a-Highway, and other community events
- Held numerous expos including: Business Technologies Fair; Employ-a-Veteran Career Fair, Small Business Summit, Plus 50 Workshop, Construction & Logistics Job Expo, and Career Day
- 59 inductees into Phi Theta Kappa academic honor society
- Student Geoffrey Arnott recognized by NC Community College System for Academic Excellence
- Held third annual Dinner Theater, fall production, and community band concerts for the community

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Selected 2014-2015 Strategic Successes at Franklin County Campus

- In collaboration with Franklin County Schools Career Technical Education Program, VGCC developed the Manufacturing Careers Pathways Project which allows high school students to enroll in college programs. The college will offer the Electronics Engineering Technology Certificate at Bunn H.S. and Welding Technology Diploma at the Franklin Campus.



- In partnership with The Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce and local businesses, two Early College High School students were selected to participate in this year's Leadership Franklin Youth Program. Matthew Carter Lewis and Ricardo Herrera were selected to participate in the inaugural program designed to foster leadership and business skills.



- Kimberly Brook Allen graduated from VGCC and Franklin County ECHS in 2013 with both a high school diploma and Associate in Arts degree. This May she graduated from Barton College with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.



- The Paralegal Technology Associate degree received NC State Bar designation, permitting our students to test for the NC State Bar paralegal certification. Megan Finch, one of seven students in the first graduating class, co-authored the Practitioner's Civil Superior Court Handbook.



- James Small began the HVAC certification program at the age of 70 after challenging circumstances including incarceration. He completed the program and started a Heating and Air Conditioning business.



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Economic Impact of VGCC

How Students Benefit:

- For every \$1.00 the student invests in a VGCC education, he or she will receive approximately \$7.70 in higher future earnings over the course of a working career.
- Associate degree graduates in the VGCC Service Area earn \$318,500 more than someone with a high school diploma.
- Students enjoy an attractive 24.5% rate of return on their VGCC educational investment.

How Taxpayers Benefit:

- State and local governments receive a rate of return of 9.3% on their investments in VGCC.
- Higher student earnings and associated increases in property income generate about \$2.5 million in added tax revenue each year.
- The state saves an estimated \$1.6 million per year from VGCC's impact on improved health and reduced public assistance, unemployment, and crime.

How Our Economy Benefits:

- An estimated 99% of VGCC students remain in North Carolina and contribute to economic growth.
- The increased productivity of workers and businesses due to education from VGCC contributes approximately \$271.3 million in added income each year.
- VGCC accounts for 6.4% of the overall "gross regional product".

Thank you Commissioners for your support for VGCC.

No action was requested by the Board.

9. APPOINTMENTS

A. Agricultural Advisory Board

The Board was asked to appoint/reappoint members to the Agricultural Advisory Board.

The Board was asked to appoint Tony Horton (Dunn Township) and Bob Gardner (Cedar Rock Township) for a three-year term and reappoint John Conyers (Youngsville Township) and Linda Maggio (Sandy Creek Township) for a three-year term.

Commissioner May made a motion to appoint Tony Horton (Dunn Township) and Bob Gardner (Cedar Rock Township) for a three-year term and reappoint John Conyers (Youngsville Township) and Linda Maggio (Sandy Creek Township) for a

three-year term. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bunn and duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Relative to the earlier discussion regarding a park in Franklinton, Commissioner Mitchell asked Parks and Recreation Director Oliver Green if he felt another park was needed in the Franklinton area. Mr. Greene stated he did not see the benefit as there is already a playground on Park Avenue in Franklinton as well as Franklinton Elementary School.

Commissioner Dunston reminded the Board the County has a number of antiquated buildings it is responsible for and encouraged the Board to consider directing staff to look at making future facility plans. He suggested discussions with the Town of Louisburg regarding possibilities for a county complex in downtown Louisburg.

11. 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: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Bunn: No comments were offered.

Commissioner May: Commissioner May attended the annual conference of the National Association of Counties held in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Commissioner Jones: Commissioner Jones attended the annual conference of the National Association of Counties held in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Commissioner Mitchell: No comments were offered.

Commissioner Dunston: Commissioner Dunston attended the annual conference of the National Association of Counties held in Charlotte, North Carolina. He stated the main focus of the conference was on transportation needs and how needs will be funded.

Commissioner Lancaster: Commissioner Lancaster attended a recent meeting of the Economic Development Commission in which Triangle North Executive Airport was discussed. He said the committee will be looking at new ways to assist with marketing the airport. Commissioner Lancaster also attended a Senate press conference to discuss the new funding strategy for sales tax. He said he was able to give remarks on behalf of the County. He said the County could stand to receive \$14 million in initial revenue over a five-year period if the strategy is approved. He suggested the money could be used to reduce property taxes and encouraged fellow Board members to contact legislators.

County Manager Angela L. Harris: Mrs. Harris noted the following:

- Mrs. Harris updated the Board on a recent concern at the Health Department where standing water was discovered in a clinical area over the weekend. The Maintenance Department as well as Builder Services responded and determined a hot water heater had burst. The area was sanitized and the affected area was closed to the public for a period of time.
- Existing Industry Coordinator Richie Duncan and Information Technology Director Coy Floyd provided an update on the success of the county's updated website since its May, 2011 launch. Since the updated site came online, it has seen a 30% increase in visitors

and 16% increase in page usage. Mrs. Duncan and Mr. Floyd noted the project's goals have been accomplished and commented the cost of site maintenance and hosting is minimal at under \$900 per year.

- Mitchell Robinson, Assistant County Manager of Finance, commented on a rate modification on approximately \$6.7 million in loans. He said doing so would save the county over \$315,000 over the next ten years, \$41,000 for the following four years and \$25,000 in the fifth through the tenth year of the loan. He said there is another opportunity to refinance other debt as well. Preliminary estimates are being gathered with the expected savings of \$100,000.
- Scott Hammerbacher, Planning and Inspections Director, asked the Board to consider elevating a part-time administrative position to full-time. Mr. Hammerbacher said the full-time position was needed to better serve the public and stated he would forfeit his current request for a departmental vehicle in order to fund the position. Mr. Hammerbacher stated \$22,500 was budgeted for the vehicle. The full-time position would come at a cost of \$38,950 with benefits. Commissioner Lancaster made the motion to approve the full-time administrative position for Planning and Inspections, seconded by Commissioner May. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

12. CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to the following North Carolina General Statutes:

- A. NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) – Real Property Purchase/Contracts/Leases
- B. NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(3) – Attorney-Client Privileged Communication

The motion was seconded by Commissioner May and was approved 6 to 1, with Commissioner Foy voting "NO."

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

No action was taken.

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

Sidney E. Dunston, Chair

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board



County of Franklin

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Office of Tax Collector

MEMORANDUM

TO: Franklin County Commissioners

FROM: Bobbie G. Tharrington, Deputy Tax Collector *Bgt*

DATE: August 17, 2015

SUBJECT: Releases, Adjustments, Refunds, and Tax Collection Report

Please review and approve the below report of the July releases, adjustments, refunds, and tax collection report.

Total release amount for July, 2015 - \$9,123.41
(Total release amount for July, 2014 - \$10,463.59)

Total adjustment amount for July, 2015 - \$1,596.84
(Total adjustment amount for July, 2014 - \$1,110.03)

Total refund amount for July, 2015 - \$3,854.14
(Total refund amount for July, 2014 - \$4,170.62)

Attached is a summary of the Tax Collection Report as of July 31, 2015.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Tax Collector's Office if you desire more detailed information.

BGT

Attachment

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FRANKLIN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE SUMMARY REPORT

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BILL YEARS: 2015 to 2015
AR CATEGORIES: 20 - REAL ESTATE to 30 - MOTOR VEHICLE
ENTRY DATE RANGE: 01/01/2015 to 07/31/2015
INCLUDING CHARGES: 'FCO'

CHG CD	BEG RECEIVABLE	ORIGINAL BILL PAYMENTS	EXCLUDED BILL REFUNDS	ABATEMENTS DISCOUNTS	ADJUSTMENTS WRITE-OFFS	ADJUSTED BILL ADJ PAYMENTS RECEIVABLE	INTEREST PAID ADJ PMTS + INT	%PAID
YEAR 2015, CATEGORY 20 - REAL ESTATE								
FCO	.00	33,842,610.53 340,125.76	.00 8.46	7,045.16 1,649.37	1,571.71 10.91	33,837,137.08 341,777.58 33,495,359.50	2,109.52 343,887.10	1.01
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YEAR 2015, CATEGORY 25 - PERSONAL PROPERTY								
FCO	.00	2,240,372.81 3,549.40	.00 .00	2,399.06 16.78	25.13 11.07	2,237,998.88 3,577.25 2,234,421.63	.00 3,577.25	0.16

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SUBTOTAL FOR YEAR 2015								
	.00	36,082,983.34 343,675.16	.00 8.46	9,444.22 1,666.15	1,596.84 21.98	36,075,135.96 345,354.83 35,729,781.13	2,109.52 347,464.35	0.96

TOTAL	.00	36,082,983.34 343,675.16	.00 8.46	9,444.22 1,666.15	1,596.84 21.98	36,075,135.96 345,354.83 35,729,781.13	2,109.52 347,464.35	0.96

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