

Franklinton Board of Commissioners  
Special Called Meeting  
Franklinton Town Hall Annex  
April 28, 2009

Mayor Elic Senter called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Those present were Mayor Elic A. Senter, Commissioner Al Barbour, Art Wright, James Worley and Town Clerk Kim Worley. Commissioners Joe Cutchins, Jr., Anita Fuller and Town Manager Larry Carver were absent.

Present from the Franklinton ABC store was Darrell Chalk and Beverly Ramey.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion Related to ABC Board and ABC Store

Mayor Senter stated that the board just wanted to understand how the store and its budget work. Darrell Chalk told the board that 70% of the liquor sales go to the State and the store has to operate on the remaining 30%.

Mayor Senter asked what the building fund at the store was for. Mr. Chalk stated a few years ago the board voted to put back \$350 a month for repairs to the building and for updated equipment. He noted that when the time comes to replace the cash registers the cost is going to be around \$30,000.

Consideration of ABC Resolution

Mayor Senter told the board that the State wants to modernization the ABC system, and that would require all of the boards in a county to merge, allowing the State ABC Commission to merge county-wide boards into regional boards, require the ABC Commission to develop performance standards, allow the ABC Commission to close or merge ABC Boards, close ABC stores with low profitability. He stated that it would take all of the stores away from cities and counties and make them part of the State. This would mean a loss of profits to the municipalities.

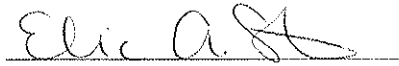
Mayor Senter stated that the resolution is stating that the Town is against modernization of the ABC system and desires to retain control over the sales of spirits and to continue to make spirits available to its citizens through its own ABC store.

Commissioner Worley made the motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wright and accepted unanimously.

Mr. Chalk asked if the board would send an extra letter from the Mayor along with the resolution concerning the effect of the impact it will have on the town's budget. Mayor Senter stated he planned to do that.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:



ELIC A. SENTER  
MAYOR



KIM WORLEY  
TOWN CLERK



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## **RESOLUTION**

*WHEREAS*, the citizens of Franklinton voted to permit the sale of spirituous liquor through the establishment of the Franklinton ABC Board, which is a part of North Carolina's state control system; and

*WHEREAS*, **SB 839/HB 768 – Modernization of the ABC System** would require all ABC Boards in a county to merge, allow the State ABC Commission to merge county-wide boards into regional boards, require the ABC Commission to develop performance standards, allow the ABC Commission to close or merge ABC Boards, close ABC stores with low profitability, contract directly with agency stores for the sale of spirits where ABC stores are authorized but not in operation, and require an ABC Board to contract with an agency store; and

*WHEREAS*, it is a local decision to establish and operate an ABC store, and any decision to merge an ABC Board should be made by the local government based on local circumstances, and not by the State; and

*WHEREAS*, a local government balances control, profits and availability of spirits in operating ABC stores; and


*WHEREAS*, the decision by local government to operate with a low profit margin does not reduce the amount of liquor excise tax received by the State, so the State does not have a financial interest in the profitability of ABC stores; and

*WHEREAS*, an "agency store" is a private retail seller, and the citizens of Franklinton, when voting to permit the operation of ABC stores, did not vote to allow liquor to be sold in such private off-premise retail establishments; and


*WHEREAS*, sale of liquor may not be well-regulated in agency stores, thereby potentially creating law enforcement and other problems, Franklinton desires to retain North Carolina's control system over the sales of spirits and to continue to make spirits available to its citizens only through its ABC store;

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*** by the Franklinton Board of Commissioners that the establishment and operation of the Franklinton's ABC store through a control system should be a local decision and that the Board opposes any State mandate to merger ABC Boards, mandate the merger or closing of ABC stores and opposes the establishment of agency stores.

Adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2009.

  
Elic A. Senter, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Kim Worley, Town Clerk