

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

Present: Commission Chairman Thomas Bridges
District 1 Commissioner Robert Franklin
District 2 Commissioner David Strickland
District 3 Commissioner Jeff Jacques
District 4 Commissioner Eddie Wester

Media: Shane Scoggins, Franklin County Citizen

Staff: County Manager, Beth Thomas
County Clerk, Elaine Evans
County Attorney, Bubba Samuels

Item 1 & 2: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Chairman Bridges called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the February regular board meeting. He then asked Commissioner Strickland to lead the invocation and pledge to the American flag. Commissioner Strickland asked everyone to take a moment of silence for the loved ones who were lost in the past month. He then led the invocation and pledge to the American flag.

Item 3: Approval of Minutes:

January 5, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
January 27, 2015 Work Session

Chairman Bridges asked for a motion and a second to approve the minutes from the January board meetings. He then said that he appreciated the good job that County Clerk Elaine Evans does in getting the minutes to the Commission Board on a timely basis for review. Commissioner Jacques made the motion following review to accept the minutes as written. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chairman Bridges asked for a show of hands. The motion passed by five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes. The YES votes were Chairman Bridges; Commissioner Franklin; Commissioner Strickland; Commissioner Jacques; and Commissioner Wester.

Item 4: Items To Be Discussed: -

A. Public Comment – Chairman Bridges asked if anyone would like to make a public comment. There were no comments or concerns from the public. Chairman Bridges expressed his appreciation to County Clerk Elaine Evans for her getting the legislative

information to the Commission Board. Commissioner Strickland said that he is pleased with the job that County Manager Beth Thomas is doing with getting her feet wet with the County business and learning everyone.

B. Mark Phillips – road maintenance – Chairman Bridges said that Mark Phillips came before the Commission Board at the January work session for the County to accept road maintenance on a road that Mr. Phillips had constructed. Commissioner Strickland said that he went to the road in question and talked with Mr. Phillips. He said that the road does not meet the criteria for acceptance per the Franklin County road policy. Commissioner Jacques said that he agreed with this assessment from Commissioner Strickland. He did ask that something be given to Mr. Phillips in writing telling him why the road was not accepted for maintenance. Chairman Bridges asked County Manager Beth Thomas to provide Mr. Phillips with a letter stating that the County did not accept road maintenance per County policy.

C. City/County elections agreements – Chairman Bridges said that the City/County elections agreements have been provided to the Commission Board for review. He then asked County Manager Beth Thomas to explain this item further. Mrs. Thomas said that the agreements between the Cities and the County have expired and all renewal terms have been exhausted. With the assistance of County Attorney Bubba Samuels new agreements have been drafted in anticipation of the upcoming city elections. She asked that approval be given to the Chairman to execute the City/County elections agreements contingent upon the cities acceptance of the proposed documents. Commissioner Strickland asked when the next city elections are. Mrs. Thomas said that the agreements will go into effect July 1, 2015.

Commissioner Jacques asked if there were any deviations from the current elections agreements. County Attorney Bubba Samuels said that there were no significant changes. Commissioner Jacques made the motion to grant authorization to the Chairman to sign the City/County elections agreements contingent upon acceptance by the cities. Commissioner Strickland seconded the motion. Chairman Bridges asked for discussion. County Attorney Bubba Samuels said that the agreements are for a two year term, followed by four successive one year renewal periods which should go through the year 2020. There was no further discussion. Chairman Bridges then asked for a show of hands. The motion passed by five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes. The YES votes were Commissioner Wester; Commissioner Jacques; Commissioner Strickland; Commissioner Franklin; and Chairman Bridges.

D. Joint Development Authority board member positions – Chairman Bridges asked County Manager Beth Thomas to explain this agenda item. Mrs. Thomas said that there are two Franklin County appointees on the Joint Development Authority whose terms have expired. These positions will be advertised and discussed at the next board meeting. The current appointees are willing to continue on the Joint Development Authority but the positions will still be advertised. Chairman Bridges said that is the practice of Franklin County to advertise in case any other citizen is willing to serve as a board member. Commissioner Strickland asked who is on the board now. Mrs. Thomas said that the current members are Gerald Voyles and Vernon Cape. There was no further discussion about the Joint Development Authority appointments.

Chairman Bridges asked if there were any other comments or concerns. There were no

other comments or concerns. The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Signed on the _____ day of _____, 2015

Chairman J. Thomas Bridges

Robert L. Franklin, District 1 Commissioner

David R. Strickland, District 2 Commissioner

Jeff Jacques, District 3 Commissioner

Eddie Wester, District 4 Commissioner

Elaine H. Evans, County Clerk