



**FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 7, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

BOC: *Commission Chairman Thomas Bridges
District 1 Commissioner Robert Franklin
District 2 Commissioner Dr. Jason Macomson
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
County Engineer John Phillips*

Chairman Bridges called the regular board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Item 2: **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** – *Dr. Macomson led the invocation and pledge of allegiance to the American flag.*

Item 3: **Approval of Minutes:**

*July 10, 2017 Public Hearing
July 10, 2017 Regular Board Meeting
July 25, 2017 Public Hearing
July 27, 2017 Public Hearing
July 31, 2017 Public Hearing
July 31, 2017 Work Session*

*Chairman Bridges said there are six sets of minutes that need to be approved. He said the Commissioners have been involved heavily in July and he thanked Mrs. Evans for sending them out for review. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to accept all the July minutes. Commissioner Jacques made the motion to approve as written and distributed by our very busy Clerk Elaine. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Dr. Macomson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The minutes were approved by five (5) **YES** votes to zero (0) **NO** votes. The YES votes were Commissioner Franklin, Dr. Macomson, Chairman Bridges, Commissioner Jacques and Commissioner Wester.*



Item 4: Items for discussion:

A. Public Comment – Chairman Bridges asked if anyone would like to speak in public comment. Angie Sheriff came forward to speak about Colston Drive. She said the last time she spoke to the Commissioners about Colston Drive it was requested that the County maintain the road. Ms. Sheriff said that all parties are clear that County equipment is not allowed to go over the dam until it is up to specs. She said when she came before the Commission Board previously she was missing an easement paper but now has all papers for the County to maintain from Williams Bridge Road to the dam.

Ms. Sheriff requested that the County adopt the rest of the road for a little bit of gravel. She said there are school buses that travel this road along with elderly neighbors. Ms. Sheriff asked that maintenance on Williams Bridge Road to the dam be started. She expressed her appreciation for any help that can be given. Chairman Bridges thanked Ms. Sheriff for coming and asked her to give her documents to the management team.

B. Public Hearing item:

1. Conditional use for poultry farm – Chairman Bridges asked John Phillips to give information on the request for a conditional use for a poultry farm. Mr. Phillips said the Nguyen's have asked for an application for a conditional use for a poultry farm. This is a 79 acre tract located at 540 Burroughs Road. The recommendation from the Planning Commission after review of the application is approval. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to approve the recommendation from the Planning Commission. Commissioner Jacques made the motion to approve the conditional use permit as recommended by the Planning Commission. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Commissioner Wester seconded the motion. Chairman Bridges asked for discussion. Commissioner Jacques said as usual it is a very thorough job by the Planning Commission. 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 Commissioner Wester, Commissioner Jacques, Chairman Bridges, Commissioner Franklin and Dr. Macomson.

C. IBA Millage – Chairman Bridges said the IBA Millage was tabled from last week's meeting. He asked Mrs. Thomas to explain this item. Mrs. Thomas said at the July 31 meeting the Commissioners approved Items 1, 2 and 4 on the Tax Resolution and Item 3 was tabled. Mrs. Thomas said she forwarded the local legislation on the IBA to the Commissioners. The State authorizes the levy of up to one mill for the IBA. The IBA is not a levying authority that is why it is up to the Board of Commissioners to approve. Mrs. Thomas said economic development goes beyond just bringing in new business. A lot of the work of the IBA is retaining what is already in the County.

Mrs. Thomas said it is important that this be voted on tonight to approve the Tax Resolution. The vote will be a nunc pro tunc "now for then" vote to be dated July 31. Chairman Bridges asked for discussion. He said Mayor Little the Chairman of the IBA is in attendance to answer questions. Commissioner Wester said he had talked



with Mayor Little and he is good with the information he received. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to approve the millage rate for the IBA. Dr. Macomson made the motion to approve. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Commissioner Wester seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Chairman Bridges asked for a show of hands. The motion passed by four (4) **YES** votes to one (1) **NO** vote. The YES votes were Dr. Macomson, Commissioner Wester, Commissioner Franklin and Chairman Bridges. The NO vote was Commissioner Jacques.

D. Executive Session – personnel – Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to close the regular session to go into executive session for the discussion of personnel. He said that there are two personnel that the Commissioners work with daily, the Clerk Mrs. Elaine Evans and the Manager Mrs. Beth Thomas. Commissioner Jacques made the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussion of personnel. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Commissioner Wester seconded the motion. 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 Commissioner Franklin, Dr. Macomson, Chairman Bridges, Commissioner Jacques and Commissioner Wester. Chairman Bridges said Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Thomas would be called back individually for evaluations. The regular session closed at 6:08 p.m.

Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to close the executive session and go back into regular session. Commissioner Jacques made the motion to come out of executive session and go back into regular session and authorize the Chairman to sign the closed meeting affidavit in which personnel was discussed. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Dr. Macomson seconded the motion. 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 Commissioner Wester, Commissioner Franklin, Commissioner Jacques, Dr. Macomson and Chairman Bridges. The regular session resumed at 8:10 p.m.

E. Announcements – There were no announcements.

Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jacques made the motion to adjourn. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Commissioner Wester seconded the motion. 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 Commissioner Jacques, Dr. Macomson, Commissioner Wester, Commissioner Franklin and Chairman Bridges. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Signed on the _____ day of _____, 2017

Chairman J. Thomas Bridges

Robert L. Franklin, District 1 Commissioner

Dr. Jason Macomson, District 2 Commissioner

Jeff Jacques, District 3 Commissioner

Eddie Wester, District 4 Commissioner

Elaine H. Evans, County Clerk