

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2014
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 Clint Harper

Media: Shane Scoggins, Franklin County Citizen
MJ Kneiser, WLHR

Staff: County Manager, John Phillips
County Clerk, Elaine Evans

Item 1 & 2: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance - Chairman Bridges called the regular board meeting to order. He welcomed everyone for their attendance and then led the invocation and pledge to the American flag.

Item 3: Approval of Minutes – Chairman Bridges asked for a motion and second to approve the minutes from the following meetings:

October 6, 2014 Public Hearing Minutes
October 6, 2014 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2014 Work Session Minutes

Commissioner Strickland made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed by five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes. The YES votes were Chairman Bridges; Commissioner Harper; Commissioner Jacques; Commissioner Strickland; and Commissioner Franklin.

Item 4: Items to be Discussed:

A. Public Comment – Chairman Bridges asked if anyone had anything for public comment. There was no one who wished to speak in public comment.

B. Hazardous Waste Trust Fund Resolution – Chairman Bridges asked County Manager John Phillips to comment on the hazardous waste trust fund resolution agenda item. Mr. Phillips said that last year Franklin County requested reimbursement for costs associated with monitoring of the closed landfill. This request has been approved for the amount of \$30,068.80; pending approval of the hazardous waste trust fund resolution. Mr. Phillips asked the Commission Board to approve this resolution so that Franklin County can receive this funding. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion and a second to approve the hazardous waste trust fund resolution. Commissioner Jacques made the motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Strickland seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The

motion passed by five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes. The YES votes were Chairman Bridges; Commissioner Franklin; Commissioner Jacques; Commissioner Strickland; and Commissioner Harper.

C. FY 2015 LMIG – Chairman Bridges asked County Manager John Phillips for an update on the FY 2015 LMIG. Mr. Phillips said that it is time for Franklin County to submit an application to the Georgia Department of Transportation for FY 2015 LMIG funding. Based on the funding formula, Franklin County is scheduled to receive \$393,518.60. Franklin County is required to provide a 30 percent match to be eligible for these funds. The project total to be submitted to DOT is approximately \$563,000. A list of eleven roads for potential asphalt paving; deep base patching; and leveling and striping have been identified by county staff. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion and a second to accept these roads for the LMIG project. Commissioner Harper made the motion to accept the roads. He said that this is a very good project which will come close to the grant amount. Commissioner Jacques seconded the motion with the request that Mr. Phillips go over the list of roads before the vote by the Commission Board. Mr. Phillips identified the roads as:

- Green Branch Road from Dovetown to the end
- Freeman Road from the Stephens County line to the end of the pavement
- Bowersville Road from Carnesville city limits to Stone Bridge Road
- Roach Road from Salem Road to Hale Crossing Road
- Higginbotham Road from Van Brown Road to the Hart County line
- Van Brown Road to Old Royston Road to the Hart County line
- Rue Chalet from Gumlog Road to Normandy Trail
- New Hope Extension from New Franklin Church Road to the end
- Jimmy Parish Drive from Gus Whiting Road to the end
- Jimmy Parish Court from Gus Whiting Road to the end
- Gus Whiting Road from Old Chism Trail to the end

Chairman Bridges asked what the time table is for this project. Mr. Phillips said that after approval the project list will be submitted to DOT. After DOT approval, the funding amount is sent to the County. This project should be put out to bid in the spring of 2015. Chairman Bridges then asked for a vote by a show of hands. The motion passed by five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes. The YES votes were Chairman Bridges; Commissioner Harper; Commissioner Jacques; Commissioner Strickland; and Commissioner Franklin.

D. Water Line Installation – Chairman Bridges asked County Manager John Phillips to give an update on water line installation. Mr. Phillips said that the approved water line installation by county staff on Hale Crossing between Sandy Cross Road and Salem Road is almost complete. The next water line installation project for county staff needs to be identified and approved. County staff has suggested that the next project be Hale Crossing Road to Salem Road to Roach Road and include Roach Road to Hale Crossing Road. Reno Road is also to be included as part of this project. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion and a second to move with these recommendations. Commissioner Strickland made the motion to move forward. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion. Chairman Bridges asked if there was any discussion. Commissioner Harper said that he thought this was a desirable project that will serve a lot of people. 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 Harper; Commissioner Jacques; Commissioner Strickland; and Commissioner Franklin.

E. Jail Expansion – Chairman Bridges said that the jail expansion has been talked about for a considerable amount of time. He said that a plan to move forward with the jail expansion had been talked about at the previous work session. Chairman Bridges then asked County Manager John

Phillips to explain what was discussed at the work session. Mr. Phillips said that several conversations have taken place with contractors and architects as to the best way to proceed with the jail expansion. He asked that the Commission Board move forward with the jail expansion by setting a project limit before sending out for bids. This would allow the County to talk with qualified contractors and obtain firm prices before beginning construction. The County would be able to make changes as needed with the approval of Sheriff Thomas and his staff. Mr. Phillips said that the best way to do this would be to request proposals from qualified contractors for the amount approved by the Commission Board. The County and Sheriff Thomas would be able to approve or disapprove of the necessary changes as well as the bids. Chairman Bridges asked Mr. Phillips to confirm the project amount limit. Mr. Phillips said that from previous meetings with the Commission Board that it is his understanding that the project amount limit is 1.5 million dollars. Commissioner Jacques said that with the design build concept that there is latitude for a schedule for both design and construction. Chairman Bridges then asked for a motion and a second to move forward with the bids for the jail expansion. Commissioner Strickland made the motion to move forward. Commissioner Jacques seconded the motion. Chairman Bridges asked for a show of hands. There was no further discussion. The motion passed by five (5) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes. The YES votes were Chairman Bridges; Commissioner Harper; Commissioner Jacques; Commissioner Franklin; and Commissioner Strickland.

Chairman Bridges asked for a motion and a second to adjourn. Commissioner Strickland made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jacques seconded the motion. 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 Harper. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Signed on the _____ day of _____, 2014

Chairman J. Thomas Bridges

Robert L. Franklin, District 1 Commissioner

David R. Strickland, District 2 Commissioner

Jeff Jacques, District 3 Commissioner

Clint Harper, District 4 Commissioner

Elaine H. Evans, County Clerk