

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
JANUARY 27, 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

Item 1 & 2: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Chairman Bridges welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. 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 lost lives and tragedies that have occurred in the past month. After the moment of silence, Commissioner Strickland led the invocation and pledge to the American flag.

Item 3: Items to Be Discussed:

A. Public Comment – Chairman Bridges asked if anyone had anything for public comment. There was no public comment.

B. Francis Mansfield – Hwy 59 fire hydrants – Chairman Bridges said that a letter was received from Francis Mansfield concerning the fire hydrants on Hwy 59. Francis Mansfield was not present at the work session. Chairman Bridges asked County Manager Beth Thomas to comment on this item. Mrs. Thomas said that this request from Francis Mansfield is regarding the lack of fire hydrants on Hwy 59. This is a water line that was installed by the City of Carnesville as a connection between the Cities of Carnesville and Lavonia. This water line was leased, then purchased by Franklin County on an as is basis. The installation cost for new fire hydrants would be approximately four to five thousand dollars per hydrant. This would be a significant cash outlay to install additional fire hydrants.

Commissioner Strickland asked was this on Allen Farm Road, that he thought the County had placed fire hydrants every quarter of a mile or so. Mrs. Thomas said that this was the connection from the City of Carnesville to about Allen Farm Road. She then said that the standard now followed by Franklin County for new water line installation is to place fire hydrants every one thousand feet. The water line in question is an existing line that Franklin

County did not install. The water line in question is only a connection line.

C. Mark Phillips – Road maintenance request – Chairman Bridges asked Mark Phillips to come forward and speak about his road maintenance request. Mr. Phillips said that there are four residences on the road that he is requesting maintenance on. He said that he wants this road to be County maintained. He said that he pays a lot of taxes. Commissioner Strickland asked what the name of the road is. Mr. Phillips said that this road is off of Hwy 106 below the church near Nails Creek. He said that currently he is maintaining the road, that he spent five thousand dollars on pipe to go under the road. Chairman Bridges asked Mr. Phillips if he created the road. Mr. Phillips said that he built the road. It is a good road; he just wants the County to maintain it for him.

Commissioner Strickland asked Mr. Phillips if there were about four houses on this road. He said that there were four property owners. Commissioner Jacques said that the area only shows a single residence. Mr. Phillips said that there is one house on the very end of the road. Commissioner Strickland asked who owns each side of the road. Mr. Phillips said that he owns part; someone else owns another part and Frank Roberts is in the process of buying part of the land. Commissioner Strickland then asked Mr. Phillips if this was a road or a driveway. Chairman Bridges asked Mr. Phillips if he lived on this road. Mr. Phillips said no that he rents the house on this road, that he lives on Phillips Road. Commissioner Strickland asked the length of the road. Mr. Phillips said that it was not far. Mrs. Thomas said that it is fourteen hundred feet.

Chairman Bridges told the Commission Board to look this request over and be ready to take action at the February regular board meeting. He thanked Mr. Phillips for coming before the Commission Board to present his request. Chairman Bridges told Mr. Phillips that the County ordinance will be reviewed before action is taken on this request. Commissioner Strickland said that he will look at the road. Mr. Phillips said that he would appreciate it if the County will take this road over for maintenance.

D. Road Sale – Lavonia Roads – Chairman Bridges asked County Manager Beth Thomas to speak about the sale of the Lavonia roads. Mrs. Thomas said that the Industrial Building Authority approved the sale of the roads in the City of Lavonia, specifically the roads off of Clear Creek Drive and Ross Place which is owned by the County. She then asked that the Commission Board approve the sale of the roads to the Industrial Building Authority due to the date of the sales agreement between the IBA and Franklin County. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to move forward with the sale of the roads to the IBA. Commissioner Strickland made the motion to sale the roads. Commissioner Jacques seconded the motion based on a discussion with the County Attorney who reviewed the intergovernmental agreement and recommended moving forward with it. There was no further 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.

E. City/County Elections agreement – Chairman Bridges asked County Manager Beth Thomas to give update on the city/county elections agreement. Mrs. Thomas said that the original intergovernmental agreements between several of the cities and Franklin County

was dated July 2009, and included a number of extension periods. The intergovernmental agreements need to be updated. The original documents were created by County Attorney Bubba Samuels. Mrs. Thomas will send the intergovernmental agreements for Mr. Samuels to check for completeness before the execution between the cities and Franklin County. She then asked that this be voted on at the February regular board meeting. Commissioner Jacques asked if the documents are available for review. Mrs. Thomas said that she would email the documents to the Commission Board for their review along with her notes.

Chairman Bridges asked if there was any other discussion. There were no other comments or concerns. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 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