

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
December 7, 2015
5:30 P.M.**

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

Media: None

Staff: County Manager, Beth Thomas
County Clerk, Elaine Evans
County Engineer, John Phillips

Chairman Bridges called the public hearing to order and welcomed everyone. He said that there are three public hearing items for the 30 minute time limit.

The first item for discussion was a conditional use for a poultry farm for **Pi Van Trinh**. Chairman Bridges asked if anyone wanted to talk in favor of the poultry farm. Mr. Trinh came forward to speak for the poultry farm. He said that he is proposing to put four houses on sixty acres. The houses will be located at the back of the property to contain the smell and intrusiveness to the neighbors. Mr. Trinh asked that the Commission Board approve his request. Chairman Bridges thanked Mr. Trinh for bringing his request to the Commission Board. He asked if anyone was opposed to Mr. Trinh's request. There was no opposition.

The second item for discussion was a conditional use for a poultry farm for **Elbert and Rhonda Nichols**. Mr. Nichols came forward with his request. He said that they are proposing to build two breeder hen houses. He said that he is here to see if they can get things going. Chairman Bridges asked Mr. Nichols if this is approved when he plans to start. Mr. Nichols said that they are doing a little bit of grading now but they are waiting on the permit and approval. Fieldale has a bird date scheduled for mid - March 2016 depending on the weather. Chairman Bridges thanked Mr. Nichols for coming before the Commission Board with his request. He asked if anyone wished to speak against the breeder hen houses. There was no opposition.

The third item for discussion was a conditional use for a truck terminal from **Waste Management**. Marla Prince came forward and made the request. Ms. Prince said that Waste Management is seeking permission to locate a division on a property in

Carnesville, Georgia. The division to be located here is the Waste Management National Transportation Services. Ms. Prince then presented a slide show showing the proposal from Waste Management. The proposed location for the new site is the former location of Sterling RV at Georgia Hwy 51 and Sandy Cross Road. This location is south of Carnesville, east of I-85 exit 160. This is in a rural, undeveloped, vacant area.

Ms. Prince said that Waste Management National Transportation Services is headquartered in Texas with three operating locations. The three operating locations are Pittsburg, TX; Lagrange, TX; and Belton, SC. The primary business offering of Waste Management National Transportation Services is the hauling of coal ash for utility customers.

The existing building on the former Sterling RV site will be used for offices. Waste Management is proposing to make improvements including repair of existing fencing; placement of additional gravel for employee parking; placement of additional gravel for truck parking; and an addition of modular office space for training and employee use. Future plans are for a fueling station and possibly a wash bay.

The fleet includes 75 new 18-wheeler trucks. The trucks are tarped at all times, when in transit and when parked. The contract for the Carnesville location involves movement of 1.5 million tons of coal ash from an electric utility site in Arden, NC, just outside of Asheville. The total round trip is 296 miles with approximately 270 miles on the expressway. This facility could possibly support another contract from Belton, SC. The current contract is for two years. The estimate is for 80 Waste Management jobs to come to Carnesville, Georgia. Two recruiting events have already been held for professional drivers. The qualifications for the jobs include a Class A CDL; 21 years of age and minimum skills requirement.

Chairman Bridges asked what the start date will be if the request is approved. Mike Rich came forward and answered December 14th. He said that they are hoping to move forward with the approval. They are investing capital into the site. Chairman Bridges thanked Waste Management for coming to the Commission Board with their request. He asked if there was anyone who opposed the request from Waste Management. There was no opposition. The meeting stayed open until the start of the regular board meeting at 6 p.m. to give additional opportunity for comments or concerns from the public.

Signed on the _____ day of _____, 2016

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