



**FRANKLIN COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**  
**May 1, 2017**  
**5:30 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 May public hearing to order. He expressed his appreciation for everyone's attendance. Chairman Bridges said that the public hearing will be open for 30 minutes to give a chance for opinions to be given, whether pro or con on the five items.*

*The first item is a **variance** for **2245 Athens Road** requested by Mark Phillips. Chairman Bridges asked if anyone would like to speak on this. Don Contreras came forward. Mr. Contreras said that he is opposed to the request based upon the paperwork from the Health Department. He said that Mr. Phillips moved a trailer illegally with no inspection or permits. The power was hooked up illegally and the septic tank was put in wrong. Mr. Contreras said that no perk test or leach test has been done on Mr. Phillips property.*

*Mr. Contreras said that Mr. Phillips took all the trees off the property so it is now basically a mud hole. He said that Mr. Phillips pushed dirt up and set the trailer on top of it with no retaining walls. Mr. Contreras said that his primary concern is the septic because it runs very close to his natural spring which is his secondary source of water and is also the source used to feed his donkeys. He said that after the Health Department came out the report grew but his concern was only for the septic near his natural spring. He also expressed concerns about his property value going down if two dwellings were allowed on a small piece of land.*

*Mark Phillips came forward and showed information to the Commission Board from Louie at the Health Department. He said that this is where he got his perk test.*



Mr. Phillips said that Louie told him today that if the Commission Board will go ahead and do everything that he will let him have a permit. He said that he was told that everything would be okay if he did the perk test.

Chairman Bridges asked if anyone would like on the **variance** for **1122 Pulliam Road** requested by Douglas and Melissa Burns. There was no one who wished to speak for or against the item.

Chairman asked if anyone would like to speak on the **rezoning** for **707 Hudson Terrace** requested by Jane Lunsford. Mark Phillips told the Commission Board that Ms. Lunsford was running late but was on her way. Chairman Bridges said that the public hearing would stay open until six o'clock. If Ms. Lunsford gets here before the end of the public hearing she will be allowed to speak.

Chairman Bridges asked if anyone would like to comment on the **name change** for Hwy 17 in Martin to **Old Hwy 17**. There were no comments or concerns about the name change.

Chairman Bridges asked if anyone would like to speak for or against the **abandonment** for a portion of **Lakota Trail**. Walter Green came forward to speak. He said that he is in favor of the abandonment for a portion of Lakota Trail but he does have a question. His concern is that the rest of the road will not be maintained by the County. Chairman Bridges clarified that it is for a portion. He asked John Phillips to clarify further. Mr. Phillips said that the abandonment is only for the portion that is all within one property owner. The County will still maintain the remainder of the road from Hwy 106 to the abandonment point. Mr. Green said that he is fine with that.

**Jane Lunsford** entered the meeting and spoke for the rezone request for **707 Hudson Terrace**. Ms. Lunsford said that she needed the rezoning because she does not have enough footage to put a house or a doublewide on the property. She said that 707 Hudson Terrace is zoned agriculture and she is requesting that it be changed to residential single family.

There were no further comments on any of the public hearing items. The meeting recessed at 5:45 p.m. but stayed open until 6:00 p.m. to give an opportunity for further comments on the items.



Signed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

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*Chairman J. Thomas Bridges*

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*Robert L. Franklin, District 1 Commissioner*

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*Dr. Jason Macomson, District 2 Commissioner*

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*Elaine H. Evans, County Clerk*