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**FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 5, 2018
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

Item 1: Call meeting to order – Chairman Bridges called the March regular board meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Item 2: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Jacques led the invocation and pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

Item 3: Approval of Minutes:

*February 5, 2018 regular board meeting
February 26, 2018 planning session*

*Chairman Bridges said there were two meetings in February that the minutes need to be approved for. He said he appreciated the clerk sending the minutes out for review to the Commissioners. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Jacques made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Dr. Macomson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chairman Bridges asked for a show of hands. The minutes were approved by five (5) **YES** votes to zero (0) **NO** votes. The **YES** votes were Commissioner Franklin, Commissioner Wester, Commissioner Jacques, Dr. Macomson and Chairman Bridges.*

Item 4: Items for discussion:

A. **Public Comment** – Chairman Bridges asked for public comment.

Walter Brown came forward to talk about Aderhold Road. He brought a large piece of gravel to show the Commissioners that he said was used to fill in the culvert. Mr.



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Brown said the large pieces of gravel were put around the culvert with about a foot sticking out into the road. Chairman Bridges said this type of gravel is used primarily to stop washouts. He asked if this was laid out on the road. Mr. Brown stated he did not know what was done. He said Aderhold Road is in the worst shape that he has seen since 1991 when he moved there with ruts that will rattle your jaws.

Chairman Bridges said the Road crew will be asked to go check the road out. Mr. Brown said there are several places that will almost flip your car over. Chairman Bridges asked Mr. Brown if he had reported the road to the County office. Mr. Brown said no. Chairman Bridges told Mr. Brown he appreciated him bringing the issue before the Commissioners but a phone call will put his road on the list for the Road department to look at. Mr. Brown said he rode down Dollie Phillips Road and it is smooth and covered with gravel. He would like for Aderhold Road to receive the same treatment as Dollie Phillips Road and to be in as good of shape.

Mr. Brown asked if anything has been done for the seniors in the County. Chairman Bridges said yes, quite a bit. He encouraged Mr. Brown to visit the Senior Center. Mr. Brown said he knew in neighboring counties that a van will come pick seniors up and take them to a pool and to different things. Mrs. Thomas invited Mr. Brown to come visit the Senior Center. The Center has a van for pickup but it is necessary to come to the Senior Center for signup. Mr. Brown asked what type of programs. Mrs. Thomas said shopping trips and other activities. At this time the seniors are giving ideas on where and what they want to do. Mrs. Thomas invited Mr. Brown to stop by the Senior Center and give his ideas and to come for lunch. Mr. Brown questioned if any exercise options were available for seniors. Mrs. Thomas said there is a treadmill and three bikes. She said her next goal is chair Zumba. Chairman Bridges also extended the invitation for Mr. Brown to visit the Senior Center.

B. Beer & Wine Sales – *Chairman Bridges said there were several individuals asking about beer and wine sales and Franklin County is a dry county. It has been discovered that the property in question is on Hwy 320 at the old Hardee's location which has been annexed into the City of Carnesville so the County will direct the gentlemen to them.*

C. Plumbing Ordinance – *Mrs. Thomas said the State has the codes and ordinances that apply to counties and in one of them it is stated a county shall adopt and enforce the plumbing code to be eligible to receive loans from GEFA. Although the State has adopted this code it is still a requirement for the counties to adopt it. At this time Franklin County is working toward GEFA financing for some of the water expansion therefore the standards portion of the building ordinance specific to low rate on plumbing had to be updated. Mrs. Thomas said this ordinance was issued to the Commissioners after review by the County Attorney. She also asked John Phillips to review for the GEFA criteria. Tonight, is the first reading of the ordinance due to the common practice of the Commissioners of reading twice before approval. **Mr. Samuels** said the ordinance is officially introduced due to the first reading. At the next meeting or a special called meeting the ordinance can be approved.*



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Commissioner Franklin questioned the need for this ordinance because the fixtures are low volume since 1991. He said he does not understand why this has to be done. **Mr. Samuels** said the County does not have to do this because it is already the law and it is statewide. **Commissioner Jacques** said it is a requirement for the GEFA loan. He said this is another ultimate mandate issuing taxpayer dollars back to the counties with strings attached. When this ordinance is adopted it will have to be enforced and that will cost the County. **Mrs. Thomas** said for clarification this code already exists in the Franklin County codes, only a portion is being updated. **Commissioner Wester** questioned if this is the State's way of forcing counties into inspections as it seems like a way to lead to this. **Dr. Macomson** said it seemed more of an environmental issue. **Chairman Bridges** declared the Plumbing Ordinance introduced to take up at the next meeting.

D. **Elections Bid** – Chairman Bridges said the elections bids were talked about at the work session. He asked Mrs. Thomas to give more information on this item. Mrs. Thomas said two bids were received with IBC being the low bid at \$39,575. She said she had hoped for the bids to be around \$30,000. Although the bid from IBC is higher than anticipated Mrs. Thomas gave her recommendation to move forward. She said County staff will work to cut where it is possible. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to accept the bid from IBC for \$39,575. Dr. Macomson made the motion to accept. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Commissioner Wester seconded the motion. There was no 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 Wester, Commissioner Franklin, Commissioner Jacques and Dr. Macomson.

E. **Manager's Contract** – Chairman Bridges said an extension was given to Mrs. Thomas at the first of the year. He asked for a motion to offer Mrs. Thomas a contract for three years; 2018, 2019 and 2020. Commissioner Jacques made the motion. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Commissioner Wester seconded the motion. There was no 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 Commissioner Wester, Commissioner Jacques, Chairman Bridges, Commissioner Franklin and Dr. Macomson.

G. **Announcements:**

Mrs. Thomas said a fund raiser is needed for craft projects at the Senior Center. In honor of National Pi Day on March 14, Mrs. Thomas plans to have a pie in the face contest where all proceeds will benefit the Senior Center craft budget. She said she has the pie but she does not have the faces. Mrs. Thomas asked for volunteers from the Commissioners. She said she would like for this to take place on the last business day of March with the person raising the most money being the one who gets the pie in the face. Mrs. Thomas said she will be the first face for this contest. Commissioner Franklin said he would be glad to do it as it is for a good cause. Commissioner Wester agreed to participate also. Chairman Bridges said he couldn't find a reason to say no.



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Shane Scoggins of the Franklin County Citizen Leader said he will make sure to be there and this will be covered in the paper. Mrs. Thomas said she will next ask the constitutional officers and then department heads as she is seeking 10 volunteers for the pie in the face contest.

Chairman Bridges announced that he, Commissioner Franklin and Mrs. Thomas will be going to the capitol in Atlanta on March 7 for a legislative update to find out what issues the counties will be facing.

Commissioner Wester announced that he qualified today to run for re-election. He asked everyone to keep the Tompkins family in their prayers. They are going through a rough time due to the loss of their child.

Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jacques made the motion. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Dr. Macomson seconded the motion. There was no 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 Commissioner Franklin, Dr. Macomson, Commissioner Wester, Commissioner Jacques and Chairman Bridges. The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Signed on the _____ day of _____, 2018

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