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**FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 2, 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*

Item 1: **Call meeting to order** – *Chairman Bridges closed the public hearing and called the regular board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.*

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

Item 3: **Approval of Minutes:**

*March 5, 2018 regular board meeting
March 27, 2018 work session*

*Chairman Bridges said there were two meetings in March. The minutes were typed up and sent to the Commissioners for review by the Clerk. 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 second. Commissioner Franklin 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, Dr. Macomson, Commissioner Franklin and Chairman Bridges.*

Item 4: **Items for discussion:**

A. **Public Comment** – *Chairman Bridges asked for public comment. Susan Harris of Hearts for Families came forward to speak. Ms. Harris said Hearts for Families is a non-profit foundation that serves Stephens County and Franklin County. She said Hearts for Families is doing an underage drinking project and awareness of underage drinking will be promoted in the County. Ms. Harris said the goal is to help the youth make better decisions and have better outcomes for their*



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futures. Another part of the underage drinking program is for parents and business owners to participate in the Safe Home campaign which is to publicly state this is a safe place for children and youth with no alcohol or tobacco or other substances given. There is a pledge card to be signed for the Safe Home program with a decal given to go in the window showing this is a safe place for children and youth. Ms. Harris gave brochures and pledge information to the Commissioners.

B. Public Hearing items

1. Conditional Use – Crystal Williams and Phil Parten

Chairman Bridges asked Mrs. Thomas to give the recommendation for the conditional use for Crystal Williams and Phil Parten. Mrs. Thomas said Ms. Williams and Mr. Parten have applied for a conditional use for a poultry farm on about 122 acres off of Old Stagecoach Road. She said Ms. Williams and Mr. Parten attended the Planning Commission public hearing as well as the Commissioners public hearing. The recommendation from the Planning Commission is for approval with a buffer subject to approval of legal counsel further clarified as 100 feet of undisturbed buffer beginning in the north/northwest corner touching Old Stagecoach Road wrapping counterclockwise along the property line and continuing to the south/southeast corner for the entire portion of the property adjacent to Parcel 028-080-A.

Mrs. Thomas told Mr. Parten and Ms. Williams to clarify that are in agreement with the 100 feet undisturbed buffer. Mr. Parten and Ms. Williams said absolutely. Mrs. Thomas then gave her recommendation to approve the conditional use for Ms. Williams and Mr. Parten. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to accept the recommendation for the conditional use for Ms. Williams and Mr. Parten. Commissioner Jacques made the motion to approve the conditional use for the poultry farm with the recommendation from the Planning Commission for the 100 feet buffer. 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 Franklin, Dr. Macomson, Commissioner Wester, Commissioner Jacques and Chairman Bridges.

2. Conditional Use – Daniel Litwiller

Chairman Bridges asked Mrs. Thomas to go over the conditional use for Daniel Litwiller. Mrs. Thomas said Mr. Litwiller applied for a conditional use for his property off of South Fairview Road. This conditional use is for four pullet houses of which three are already constructed. Mrs. Thomas said Mr. Litwiller has gone through the proper process and the Planning Commission recommendation is for approval for the four poultry houses. Upon the approval by the Commissioners, Mrs. Thomas will release the cease and desist order so Mr. Litwiller will be free to move forward. His applications for the three houses are already in order and the fourth one can be done within one year of the conditional use approval. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion



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*to approve the recommendation from the Planning Commission and Mrs. Thomas. Dr. Macomson made the motion to approve the conditional use permit for Mr. Litwiller. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Commissioner Jacques 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 Franklin, Dr. Macomson, Commissioner Wester and Commissioner Jacques.*

*C. **2018 LMIG** – Chairman Bridges said the 2018 LMIG projects were discussed at the March work session. He asked Mrs. Thomas to go over the recommendation for this item. Mrs. Thomas gave her recommendation to accept the lowest bid for the 2018 LMIG project from Stratton & Sons Construction in the amount of \$694,686.92. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to accept the recommendation from Mrs. Thomas. Commissioner Wester made the motion to accept the bid from Stratton & Sons. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Dr. Macomson seconded the motion. Commissioner Jacques noted that Stratton & Sons were almost \$250,000 cheaper than the next bid and their bid is from a local contractor. 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 Dr. Macomson, Commissioner Jacques, Commissioner Franklin, Commissioner Wester and Chairman Bridges.*

*D. **Plumbing Ordinance** - Chairman Bridges said there have been two readings of the Plumbing Ordinance. He asked Mrs. Thomas to give further information on this. Mrs. Thomas said this is a requirement for the GEFA loan application. The plumbing ordinance updates the low rate restrictions on plumbing fixtures. Mrs. Thomas said this ordinance is identical to the State codification and is being adopted with no additional changes. She gave her recommendation to the Commission Board to approve the ordinance update. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to accept the recommendation from Mrs. Thomas. Dr. Macomson made the motion to accept the recommendation to approve the plumbing ordinance. 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 Franklin, Dr. Macomson, Commissioner Wester, Commissioner Jacques and Chairman Bridges.*

E. Announcements:

Mrs. Thomas expressed her thanks to everyone for the support of the Senior Center fundraiser. The donations through Thursday were \$847. Mrs. Thomas said after the fundraiser ended an anonymous donor put the total to \$1,002.80. She said this will bring great joy to the Senior Center participants as they do their projects. This money will be deposited into the General Fund then a budget modification will be presented to the Commissioners by Mrs. Thomas to authorize the money to go specifically for the Senior Center supplies. Mrs. Thomas announced she will be out of the office Wednesday through Friday this week and will be traveling to New York on a 14-hour charter bus with the high school.



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Commissioner Wester thanked Mrs. Thomas for organizing the Senior Center fundraiser and for the publicity. He said he, Chairman Bridges and EMS Director Terry Harris are great at telling everyone who the money needs to go.

*Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jacques made the motion. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Commissioner Wester seconded the motion. 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, Commissioner Wester, Dr. Macomson, Commissioner Jacques and Chairman Bridges. The meeting adjourned at 6:21 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