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**FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 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
County Attorney Bubba Samuels*

Item 1: **Call meeting to order** – *Chairman Bridges closed the public hearing and called the July regular board meeting to order. He expressed his appreciation to those in attendance.*

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

Item 3: **Approval of Minutes**

*June 4, 2018 regular board meeting
June 12, 2018 public hearing
June 26, 20108 public hearing
June 26, 2018 work session*

*Chairman Bridges said the minutes for June were sent to the Commissioners for review by the Clerk. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Jacques made the motion to approve the minutes, inclusive of all the minutes for June. Chairman Bridges asked for a 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 Franklin, Commissioner Wester, Dr. Macomson, Commissioner Jacques and Chairman Bridges.*

Item 4: **Items for discussion**

A. **Public Comment** – *There was no public comment.*



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B. Public Hearing items

Conditional use for Mary and Tuong Nguyen – Chairman Bridges asked Mrs. Thomas to give the recommendation from the Planning Commission for Mary and Tuong Nguyen. Mrs. Thomas said the Nguyen's came before the Planning Commission and requested a conditional use for an addition to their poultry farm. They currently have two houses and have requested two more. Mrs. Thomas said the Planning Commission approved the conditional use request with the stipulation of the property owners having a surveyor stake off the two hundred feet mark and ensure the homes meet the appropriate setbacks. The Planning Commission also recommended after the homes are built to provide documentation from the surveyor that they meet the setbacks.

Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to accept the recommendation from Mrs. Thomas and the Planning Commission. Dr. Macomson made the motion to accept the recommendation from Mrs. Thomas. 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 Commissioner Wester, Commissioner Jacques, Chairman Bridges, Dr. Macomson and Commissioner Franklin.

Conditional use for Charles Henry Adams – Chairman Bridges asked Mrs. Thomas to give the recommendation for Charles Henry Adams. Mrs. Thomas said Mr. Adams came before the Planning Commission and requested a conditional use and variance of poultry setbacks for one poultry house for pasture raised chickens. Mr. Adams does not meet the setbacks on his sole owned property. He co-owns the neighboring parcel with his mother and is the sole descendant. At the Planning Commission meeting Mr. Adams' mother gave permission to allow the variance. This was also given in writing to allow Mr. Adams to use the land however necessary. Mrs. Thomas said the recommendation from the Planning Commission is for approval of the conditional use and the variance.

Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to accept the recommendation given by Mrs. Thomas for Mr. Adams. Commissioner Jacques made the motion to approve the conditional use and variance for Mr. Adams. 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.

Conditional use for Best Propane Gas, LLC – Chairman Bridges said the conditional use for Best Propane Gas has been tabled. He asked Mrs. Thomas to give the information from the Planning Commission. Mrs. Thomas said an application was made by Best Propane Gas and was scheduled to have two public hearings. Prior to the first public hearing with the Planning Commission it was decided that Best Propane Gas would revise their application. Mrs. Thomas said the application was revised and



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the property has been reposted and two public hearings will be held for a rezoning and a conditional use.

C. Board Appointments

Department of Family and Children Services – Chairman Bridges asked Commissioner Wester to give the recommendation for the Department of Family and Children Services Board. Commissioner Wester recommended Mrs. Margaret Ayers to continue her position on the Department of Family and Children Services Board. He said several requests were received from other members of the DFCS Board to allow Mrs. Ayers to continue her service. Chairman Bridges asked for a 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 Chairman Bridges, Commissioner Wester, Commissioner Jacques, Commissioner Franklin and Dr. Macomson.

Library – Chairman Bridges asked Dr. Macomson to give the recommendation for the Library Board. Dr. Macomson recommended the incumbent Cindy Bryant be reappointed based on the recommendation from the Library Board. 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, Commissioner Wester, Commissioner Jacques, Dr. Macomson and Chairman Bridges.

The Commission Board expressed thanks to Mrs. Ayers and Ms. Bryant for their willingness to serve Franklin County.

D. Announcements

Mrs. Thomas announced the County offices will be closed for the 4th of July holiday. She wished everyone a safe and happy holiday and also recognized the EMS, E911 and Sheriff employees who will work that day.

Chairman Bridges gave information about the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission, directing everyone to their website gmrc.ga.gov to show all their functions. He said they assist 13 counties including Franklin County.

*There was no further discussion. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jacques made the motion. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Dr. Macomson 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, Commissioner Jacques, Dr. Macomson and Chairman Bridges. The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.*



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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