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**FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 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 September regular board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for showing an interest in the County.

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

Item 3: Approval of Minutes

August 6, 2018 public hearing
August 6, 2018 regular board meeting
August 28, 2018 work session

Chairman Bridges thanked the Clerk for sending the minutes to the Commissioners for review. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes, all three as a whole. Commissioner Wester made the motion to accept all three August minutes. 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, Chairman Bridges, Commissioner Jacques and Commissioner Wester.

Item 4: Items for discussion

A. **Public Comment**

Chairman Bridges stated the Commissioners invite and welcome comments from the public. He asked if anyone would like to speak to the Commissioners.



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Michael Steger came forward to address three issues. The first issue is with the services provided by American Pest Control at the Senior Center. Mr. Steger said he is a volunteer at the Senior Center and has observed the job done by American Pest Control which was not completed. He said he walked outside to tell the employee there was another half of the building and overheard the manager tell the employee to not spend more than five minutes in any building in this County period, even if it wasn't finished for him to leave. Mr. Steger said the County is being "ghosted" by American Pest Control and his opinion is their services are not needed.

The second issue discussed by Mr. Steger is the water leak in the kitchen at the Senior Center which he has brought to the attention of the Director several times. He said the Director called the maintenance department and they came and looked at the leak. The maintenance man said if the leak continues to let him know. Mr. Steger said he did a calculation and between 3,000 to 4,000 gallons of water per month is being lost through this one faucet. The calculation was performed by placing a gallon container under the leaking faucet and timing it. Mr. Steger said this was not fixed and issues like this cause budget problems for the County.

The last issue brought to the Commissioners by Mr. Steger was roads and it is not a request for paving. Mr. Steger said he has contacted Chairman Bridges, Dr. Macomson and Mrs. Thomas by email with his road concern and has contacted Road Superintendent Ralph Herren four or five times by phone and several times by email. After communication, Mr. Herren agreed to come out and rebuild the roads in Mr. Steger's neighborhood. Chairman Bridges asked Mr. Steger what the name of the road is. Mr. Steger said the road in question is Lake View Drive. He said he drives a truck and has to put his truck into four-wheel drive and not go over four miles per hour to be able to go up Lake View Drive because of the ruts. Mr. Steger said Mr. Herren graded Lake View Drive but no crush and run gravel was put on it. Every other road in the neighborhood received gravel except for Lake View Drive which Mr. Steger had contacted Mr. Herren about. Mr. Steger asked that crush and run be placed on Lake View Drive. Chairman Bridges thanked Mr. Steger for bringing his concerns to the Commissioners.

B. Public Hearing item

Conditional use for Elizabeth Grizzell – Chairman Bridges asked Mrs. Thomas to give the recommendation from the Planning Commission for the public hearing item. Mrs. Thomas said the applicant filed for a conditional use permit although the land is zoned appropriately. Per the zoning regulations of Franklin County, auto and truck repairs require a conditional use permit. Mrs. Thomas said the applicant came to the Planning Commission meeting at which public comment was received with no statements against the request. The recommendation from the Planning Commission is for approval of the conditional use permit. Mrs. Thomas said the building already exists. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to approve the conditional use permit for Ms. Grizzell. Commissioner Wester made the motion to approve the conditional use permit. Chairman Bridges asked for a second.



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*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, Commissioner Franklin, Dr. Macomson and Chairman Bridges.*

C. 911 Resolution

*Chairman Bridges said the 911 resolution was discussed at the work session. He asked Mrs. Thomas to go over this item. Mrs. Thomas said the 911 resolutions came about due to changes in the State legislation. She said a Georgia Emergency Communications Authority has been created and the monies collected will now go to this authority. Beginning January 1, 2019, the authority will retain 1% of the collections and then remit to the counties. Mrs. Thomas gave her recommendation to move forward with the resolutions. She said after approval the County Clerk will issue to the appropriate parties within 10 days per the requirements. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to approve the 911 resolutions. Dr. Macomson made the motion to approve. 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.*

D. Announcements

***Mrs. Thomas** announced Brian Kemp; the Republican candidate for governor will be in Franklin County on Friday, September 28. As information is received about this event or any other candidate Mrs. Thomas said she would get it to the Commissioners.*

Mrs. Thomas reminded the Commissioners she will be in training provided through ACCG at the end of the week. She thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to learn more about local government.

Traffic issues were experienced at the beginning of the school year in the City of Royston at Royston Elementary. Mrs. Thomas said the City of Royston reached out to the County Road Department for help to create a new road for this issue. She said the Road crew had this project completed within a few days. It is an honor that other entities will reach out to the County for help.

***Chairman Bridges** said information was received from GDOT for input for the bridge replacement on Hwy 198. A hearing is scheduled on Tuesday, September 25 at the Carnesville Community Center from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for information on this closing and detours.*

Joel Bufford asked if Hwy 59 was open yet from the bridge replacement. He had heard it was to open today. Chairman Bridges said he didn't know but maybe so



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because it had been closed a long time. Mrs. Thomas said GDOT is replacing a total of 10 bridges across Franklin County. Chairman Bridges said to look for more road closings.

*Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jacques made the motion to adjourn. 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 meeting adjourned at 6:19 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