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**FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 1, 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

Absent: 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 October regular board meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

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

Item 3: Approval of Minutes

September 10, 2018 public hearing
September 10, 2018 regular meeting
September 25, 2018 work session

Chairman Bridges stated the minutes for September were sent to the Commissioners for review and then asked for a motion to approve them. Dr. Macomson made the motion to accept all three sets of minutes as written. 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 four (4) **YES** votes to zero (0) **NO** votes. The **YES** votes were Commissioner Franklin, Dr. Macomson, Chairman Bridges and Commissioner Jacques.

Item 4: Items for discussion

A. **Public Comment** – None.



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B. Public Hearing items

Rezone request for Brian Bentley – A-1 Storage – Mrs. Thomas said Mr. Bentley was grandfathered in on the property for his commercial operations. Because of Mr. Bentley's interest in expanding his business the property was required to be rezoned. Mrs. Thomas said all the necessary signs were posted and the public hearing was held. The recommendation from the Planning Commission is to approve the rezone request for Brian Bentley of A-1 Storage to go from Agricultural Residential (AR) to Commercial General (CG). Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to approve the rezone request for Brian Bentley. Commissioner Jacques made the motion based on the recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve the rezoning from Agricultural Residential to Commercial General. 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 four (4) **YES** votes to zero (0) **NO** votes. The **YES** votes were Commissioner Jacques, Chairman Bridges, Dr. Macomson and Commissioner Franklin.

Variance request for setbacks for Juanita Gibson – Mrs. Thomas said the Gibson request is for a variance to reduce the stack house setbacks requirement from 200 feet to approximately 155 feet based on their site. The recommendation from the Planning Commission is for approval. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to accept the recommendation to approve the setbacks for Mrs. Gibson. Commissioner Franklin made the motion to approve. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Commissioner Jacques seconded the motion and mentioned the letter of support from the adjacent property owner who has no issue with the request. There was no discussion. Chairman Bridges asked for a show of hands. The motion passed by four (4) **YES** votes to zero (0) **NO** votes. The **YES** votes were Commissioner Jacques, Dr. Macomson, Commissioner Franklin and Chairman Bridges.

Rezone and conditional use for Best Propane – Mrs. Thomas said the original application from Best Propane LLC was recommended by the Planning Commission for denial as written. The Board of Commissioners voted to send the request back to the Planning Commission for further study and additional information, especially related to the driveway. Mrs. Thomas said the applicant has provided updated information including property values, safety and petitions of support. All information received from Best Propane was provided to the Commissioners for review. After the revised application and additional information, the Planning Commission recommended approval with the condition of a buffer along the southern and western border and improvement to the entrance of Argo Road. Mrs. Thomas asked the Commission Board in the motion to include approval by the county engineer to state and county specifications for the road improvement.

Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to approve with the stipulations from the Planning Commission and Mrs. Thomas. Commissioner Jacques made the motion to approve based on the recommendation from the Planning Commission and that the buffer meets the requirements set forth in Section 1416 of the Zoning Code and the first



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100 feet of Argo Road from State Route 51 are at the discretion of the county engineer based on applicable GDOT state and county subdivision regulations for road improvements. 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 four (4) **YES** votes to zero (0) **NO** votes. The **YES** votes were Commissioner Franklin, Commissioner Jacques, Dr. Macomson and Chairman Bridges.

C. Citizen request for information – Airport

Chairman Bridges asked David Strickland to come forward and speak. Mr. Strickland said the airport has moved over onto his property by about 30 feet. He said he met with the Airport Authority and is in the process of working this out. There is a dirt portion of Rice Creek Road that is needed for access to his property and Mr. Strickland requested this to be discussed at a work session for the County to work it. He said he wanted this on the record as being discussed. Chairman Bridges said the Commissioners will ask the Airport Authority to meet with the County's management team to look at this and will discuss at a work session.

D. GRP/Lender Agreement

Mrs. Thomas said a draft of the GRP/Lender agreement was previously presented to the Commissioners. County Attorney, Bubba Samuels made some revisions to the document and sent it back to GRP. At this time no communication has been received from the GRP lenders. Mrs. Thomas asked for this agreement to be tabled until the County hears from them. She said this does not impact the existing MOU's with GRP, only strengthens the payment from the lender if GRP should default. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to table the GRP/Lender agreement. Commissioner Jacques made the motion to table based on the recommendation from the County Attorney. 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 four (4) **YES** votes to zero (0) **NO** votes. The **YES** votes were Chairman Bridges, Commissioner Franklin, Commissioner Jacques and Dr. Macomson.

E. Announcements

Mrs. Thomas said Open House for the Elections Building will be held on October 11 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. She said the renovations went smoothly and expressed appreciation to the Commissioners for their support. The new location has improved parking for early voting.

Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to adjourn the October regular meeting. 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 four (4) **YES** votes to zero (0) **NO** votes. The



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YES votes were Dr. Macomson, Commissioner Franklin, Commissioner Jacques and Chairman Bridges. The meeting adjourned at 6:17 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