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**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
November 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:** None

**Staff:** County Manager Beth Thomas  
County Clerk Elaine Evans  
County Attorney Bubba Samuels

**Item 1: Call meeting to order** – Chairman Bridges called the November regular board meeting to order and expressed appreciation to those in attendance.

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

**Item 3: Approval of Minutes**

October 1, 2018 public hearing  
October 1, 2018 regular meeting  
October 30, 2018 work session

Chairman Bridges stated the minutes were sent to the Commissioners for review. He asked for a motion to approve the October minutes. Commissioner Jacques made the motion to accept all three of the minutes as written and distributed for October. 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, Commissioner Jacques, Dr. Macomson and Chairman Bridges.

**Item 4: Items for discussion**

A. **Public Comment** – None.

B. **Public Hearing item**

**Variance request for setbacks** for Kim Hyde. Chairman Bridges asked Mrs.



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*Thomas to give the recommendation from the Planning Commission. Mrs. Thomas said Kenneth and Kim Hyde applied for a variance for setbacks for a stack house because of the lay of the land. Mr. and Mrs. Hyde came before the Planning Commission and asked for a variance and provided all the necessary documentation. Mrs. Thomas said no opposition was received for their request. The recommendation from the Planning Commission and staff is approval of a variance for the side yard setbacks for a stack house.*

*Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission. Commissioner Jacques made the motion to accept the variance request as written. 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.*

#### **C. Tax Commission budget**

*Chairman Bridges said Tax Commissioner Mr. Martin came to the work session and asked for an adjustment to his budget due to some unfortunate circumstances in staffing. He asked for a motion to move forward with the request from Mr. Martin. Commissioner Wester made the motion to move forward with Mr. Martin's request. Chairman Bridges asked Commissioner Wester to include the amount requested in his motion. Commissioner Wester made the motion to adjust Mr. Martin's budget by \$27,000. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Commissioner Jacques seconded the motion for a \$27,000 budget adjustment.*

*Commissioner Wester expressed his appreciation to Mr. Martin and his staff for being under budget every year and for the excellent collection rate of over 99.5%. He said this is a testament to the outstanding way that the Tax Commissioner's office is run. Commissioner Jacques said he echoes the sentiments stated by Commissioner Wester. He also commended and thanked Tax Commissioner Martin for his due diligence with his budget and for being under budget annually and following the process and protocol when an additional expenditure is necessary. Dr. Macomson and Commissioner Franklin agreed and thanked Mr. Martin also.*

*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.*

#### **D. Results for water bids**

*Chairman Bridges asked Mrs. Thomas to go over the results for the water bids. Mrs. Thomas said there were three bid openings on November 1 held at the BOC office. The bids were in line with the projections. The projects for the water expansion were split into three separate projects. The first contract is for the wells, contract two is for the tank and contract three is for the water line and booster pumps. The low bid of \$55,570.76 for contract one was given by Fortson Well Drilling and Environmental Services. The low bid*



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*for contract two was given by Precon Corporation in the amount of \$840,000. The low bid for contract three was given by Stratton & Sons Construction in the amount of \$842,500. Mrs. Thomas said the recommendation from her and the County Engineer John Phillips is to move forward with the low bids and award the contracts to get started on the projects as soon as possible. There will be more contracts at a later date. The financing for the projects will be provided by GEFA funds and an ARC grant.*

*Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to accept the contracts. Commissioner Jacques asked for the purpose of clarification and future reference and full disclosure that the award of the contract and the dollar value of each contract be voted on separately. Chairman Bridges said this will be fine and asked Mrs. Thomas to give the information for each one with her recommendation.*

*Mrs. Thomas said contract one is for the wells. Fortson Wells and Environmental Services provided the low bid of \$55,570.76. Mrs. Thomas gave the recommendation to approve the award to Fortson Wells and Environmental Services. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to accept. Commissioner Jacques made the motion based on the recommendation from staff to accept the bid from **Fortson Wells and Environmental Services** in the amount of **\$55,570.76** for well development. 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 Wester, Commissioner Jacques, Chairman Bridges, Dr. Macomson and Commissioner Franklin.*

*The second contract is for a tank. Mrs. Thomas said two bids were submitted with the low bid coming from Precon Corporation in the amount of \$840,000. The recommendation from Mrs. Thomas and the County Engineer is to move forward with this contract. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to accept. Dr. Macomson made the motion to move forward with the contract with **Precon Corporation** in the amount of **\$840,000**. 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, Dr. Macomson, Chairman Bridges, Commissioner Jacques and Commissioner Wester.*

*The third contract is for water lines, booster pump and associated buildings. Mrs. Thomas said two bids were submitted with the low bid coming from Stratton and Sons Construction in the amount of \$842,500. The recommendation from Mrs. Thomas and the County Engineer is to move forward with this contract. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to accept. Commissioner Jacques made the motion to approve the award of the water lines and booster pump to **Stratton and Sons Construction** in the amount of **\$842,500**. 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 Franklin, Commissioner Jacques, Dr. Macomson and Chairman Bridges.*



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*Commissioner Franklin questioned if only one bid was received for the wells. It was confirmed that only one bid was received. Commissioner Franklin asked what kind of well this is, whether bored or drilled. Mrs. Thomas said she would get the answer for him tomorrow morning. Chairman Bridges said it is a drilled well with concrete casing. Mrs. Thomas said the wells in discussion are already developed, this contract is for the installation of the pumps.*

***E. Announcements***

*Mrs. Thomas announced she has been asked by ACCG to be one of 12 county managers/administrators to attend the December new commissioner training for fireside chats. She will be out of the office on December 6 and considers it a great honor to be asked to participate in this.*

*Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Macomson made the motion to adjourn. 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. The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.*

*Signed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018*

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*Chairman J. Thomas Bridges*

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*Robert L. Franklin, District 1 Commissioner*

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*Dr. Jason Macomson, District 2 Commissioner*

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*Jeff Jacques, District 3 Commissioner*

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*Eddie Wester, District 4 Commissioner*

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*Elaine H. Evans, County Clerk*