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## **FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** **WORK SESSION - MINUTES**

**DATE: April 30, 2024**

**TIME: 6:00 PM**

**LOCATION: Franklin County Justice Center**

**Present:** Chairman, Jeff Jacques  
District 1 Commissioner - Robert Franklin  
District 2 Commissioner - Kyle Foster  
District 3 Commissioner - Elizabeth Busby  
District 4 Commissioner - Josh Smith - via Zoom

**Media:** Shane Scoggins, Franklin County Citizen Leader - via Zoom  
MJ Kneiser, Radio 92.1 WLHR-Lake Hartwell Radio

**Staff:** Terry Harris, County Manager  
Kandy Bond, County Clerk  
Andrew Murphy, Finance Director  
Robert Ogburn, Planning & Zoning Director/Assistant County Manager  
Kelsey Cook, Dual Admin/Safety Coordinator

**Item 1. Call to Order**  
Chairman Jacques called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**Item 2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**  
Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag: led by Commissioner Busby

**Item 3. Approval of Agenda**  
*Chairman Jacques asked for a motion to approve the agenda.*  
*Motion to Approve - Commissioner Busby*  
*Motion Seconded - Commissioner Foster*  
*Discussion: None*  
*Vote: Motion carried 5-0 (Agenda approved)*

**Item 4. Public Comment**

**Item 5. New Business**  
A. An Ordinance by the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, Georgia, To Amend the Franklin County Unified Development Code, Adopted August 1, 2022, Effective September 19, 2022, Amended March 6, 2023, To Amend Chapter 2, "Zoning Districts and Official Zoning Map," Article 2-3, "Residential Zoning Districts," Section 2-301(b) and Section 2-302(c)/Table 2-4, "Dimensional requirements for Residential Zoning Districts"; building setbacks, accessory buildings and structures. **Planning Commission recommends approval 4-0**  
*Chairman Jacques read the Ordinance changes. No questions or comments.*

B. 2024 Local Road Assistance Project

*Terry Harris, County Manager reports the state has awarded additional LMIG funds to the county in the amount of \$808,917.69, which is a no match LMIG. Based upon the current LMIG contract with Stratton and Sons, their bid was 11.5% less than any other bid. Stratton and Sons has agreed to stand by the price for a change order to the current LMIG project. The change order will include 3.0 miles of Brown Road, 0.16 miles of Sexton Lane, 0.16 miles of Lake View Drive, and 0.35 miles of Pleasant Hill Road in the amount of \$826,991.77; the county's portion will be \$18,074. Harris said he thinks it will be of great benefit to the county to award the second phase to Stratton and Sons as a change order to the initial LMIG; a change order will be recommended at the regular meeting.*

C. FY2025 Budget Discussion

*Andrew Murphy, Finance Director presented the Preliminary FY25 Budget. Chairman Jacques thanked them for their time and the information which is formatted in a manner to easily navigate and make determinations. The two parameters the board determined for the new budget was to not raise taxes and to do any and everything for employees. Murphy said the budget does include a 3.5% raise for employees to help offset inflation.*

**Item 6. Terry Harris – County Manager Report**

- *Early voting began Monday and will continue through May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Elections Office located at 7850 Royston Road, Carnesville GA. As of this morning 100+ votes had been cast.*
- *The 2024 National Day of Prayer will be held at 12:00 noon on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at the Franklin County Court House Lawn in Carnesville.*
- *We are currently accepting applications for various boards in the county until May 13, 2024. Franklin-Hart Airport Authority has two vacancies and we have received one application. The Family and Children's Services Board we have one vacancy, The Franklin County Library Board we have two vacancies and the Joint Development Board we have one vacancy. This is the second time we have advertised for the Joint Development Board.*
- *The second public meeting for the Comprehensive Plan will be on May 7 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM at the Justice Center.*
- *Brandon Gibson has been appointed as the Director of EMS for Franklin County. He has worked for the county a long time and will do a great job at leading that department.*

**Item 7. District 1 Report – Commissioner Franklin**

- *Thankful to hear that Brown Road is going to be paved.*

**District 2 Report – Commissioner Foster**

- *McGee road was paved this week and it looks good.*
- *IBA and District 2 announcement: NVR Homes is coming to Lavonia and will be in the old Bozal building. It will be approximately a 12-million-dollar investment. They will have about 150 employees and will make trusses for Ryan Homes.*

**District 3 Report – Commissioner Busby**

- *Remember the Comprehensive Plan survey, make sure to encourage others to complete the survey.*

**District 4 Report – Commissioner Smith**

- *Agrees with Commissioner Busby and encourage people to do the survey.*

**Item 8. Announcements**

*Chairman Jacques: We will be taking up the items discussed tonight for a formal vote on Monday night at the Board of Commissioner's regular meeting.*

**Item 9. Adjourn**

*Chairman Jacques asked the board for a motion to adjourn.*

*Motion to Adjourn – Commissioner Busby*

*Motion Seconded – Commissioner Foster*

*Discussion: None*

*Vote: motion carried 4-0 (approved to adjourn)*


**Upcoming Meetings**

May 6, 2024 – BOC Public Hearing @ 5:30 PM

May 6, 2024 – BOC Regular Meeting @ 6:00 PM

May 28, 2024 – BOC Work Session @ 6:00 PM

Signed on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024

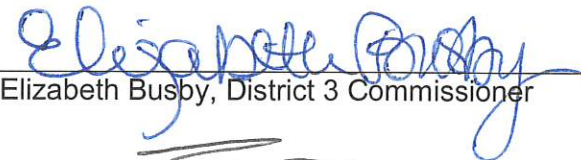
  
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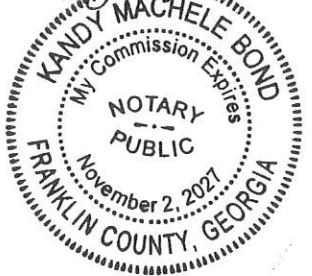
  
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