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FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES
February 5, 2024
6:00 PM

Present: Chairman, Jeff Jacques

District 1 Commissioner - Robert Franklin

District 2 Commissioner - Kyle Foster

District 3 Commissioner - Elizabeth Busby

District 4 Commissioner - Josh Smith

Media: Shane Scoggins, Franklin County Citizen Leader
MJ Kneiser, WLHR Radio – via Zoom

Staff: Terry Harris, County Manager
Team Samuels, County Attorney
Robert Ogburn, Planning & Zoning Director/Assistant County Manager
Alexandria Gunter, Planner – Planning & Zoning

Item 1. Call to Order

Chairman Jacques called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

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

Item 3. Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Jacques asked the board for a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion to Approve – Commissioner Busby

Motion Seconded – Commissioner Franklin

Discussion: None

All in favor vote: motion carried 5-0 (agenda approved)

Item 4. Approval of Minutes

A. BOC Public Hearing Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2024

B. BOC Regular Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2024

C. BOC Work Session Meeting Minutes – January 30, 2024

Chairman Jacques asked the board for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion to Approve - Commissioner Busby

Motion Seconded – Commissioner Foster

Discussion: None

All in favor vote: motion carried 5-0 (approved)

Item 5. Public Comment

Stewart Bennett 1296 E. Mainstreet Royston GA

Spoke on Silver Circle, Property zoning – property is zoned suburban residential.

Robert Ragsdale 551 Ruckersville Road Canon GA

Suggestions about the amendments to UDC Changes – citizens should have dialogue about changes, let committees decide and let the system work.

Item 6. Items for Discussion

A. Audit Report

Samuel Latimer, CPA, CFE with Rushton Accounting & Business Advisors presented an overview of the audit report.

Commissioner Busby: Recommendations?

Latimer: I would recommend a full-time finance director.

Chairman Jacques: Asked Latimer what can you do to help us? We want to evaluate this on a monthly basis.

Latimer: That is exactly what you want to do, that goes along with having a full-time financial person. I would like to see budget adjustments done quarterly or twice a year to see where we are and what we need to adjust.

B. GEFA Funding Recommendation

Chairman Jacques asked the board for a motion to approve, deny, and/or table.

Motion to Approve Grant and Authorize to sign document - Commissioner Foster

Motion Seconded – Commissioner Busby

Discussion: None

All in favor vote: motion carried 5-0 (approved)

C. District 2 Planning and Zoning Committee Appointment

Person Recommended: Lyndon Burgess

Chairman Jacques asked the board for a motion to approve, deny, and/or table.

Motion to Approve to reappoint Lyndon Burgess - Commissioner Foster

Motion Seconded – Commissioner Smith

Discussion: None

All in favor vote: motion carried 5-0 (approved)

Item 7. Announcements

Commissioner Smith: 911 system is still a top priority and still working on it diligently.

Chairman Jacques: As we approach a new year the board wants to form a subcommittee to research Health Insurance, with employees, staff, and Commissioner Smith will head that committee.

Chairman Jacques: The board received a very detailed financial report from Interim Terry Harris and staff for the board to review.

Commissioner Franklin: He will not be running again for Commissioner but has enjoyed serving on the board.

Chairman Jacques: Thanked Commissioner Franklin for his service.

Terry Harris: Sewer line bid for South Franklin Elementary - will be opened on March 7, 2024 at 2:00 PM at the Board of Commissioner's Office.

Item 8. Adjourn

Chairman Jacques asked the board for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn - Commissioner Busby

Motion Seconded – Commissioner Foster

Discussion: None

All in favor vote: 5-0 (approved to adjourn)

Upcoming Meetings

February 27, 2024 – BOC Work Session @ 6:00 PM

March 4, 2024 – BOC Public Hearing @ 5:30 PM

March 4, 2024 – BOC Regular Meeting @ 6:00 PM

March 26, 2024 – BOC Work Session @ 6:00 PM

Signed on the _____ day of _____ 2024

Jeff Jacques, Chairman

Josh Smith, District 4 Commissioner

Robert L. Franklin, District 1 Commissioner

Terry Harris, County Manager

Kyle Foster, District 2 Commissioner

Kandy Bond, County Clerk

Elizabeth Busby, District 3 Commissioner