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**FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET HEARING #1 MINUTES
May 9, 2023
5:00 P.M.**

Present: Chairman Jeff Jacques
District 2 Commissioner Kyle Foster
District 3 Commissioner Elizabeth Busby
District 4 Commissioner Josh Smith
(District 1 Commissioner Robert Franklin was absent)

Media: Shane Scoggins, Franklin County Citizen
M. J. Kneiser, 92.1 WLHR Radio (via Zoom)

Staff: County Manager, Derrick Turner
Planning & Zoning Director, Robert Ogburn
County Clerk – Jane Brown

Item 1. Call to Order Chairman Jacques called the Public Hearing to order and offered prayer..

Item 2. Approval of Agenda Motion from Commissioner Foster to approve the Agenda. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Busby. There was no discussion. It was noted at this time that Commissioner Franklin was absent. A vote was taken and all voted for approval of the Agenda, 4-0.

Item 3. Items for Discussion

- A. Proposed Budgets for Fiscal Year 2024** – County Manager Derrick Turner gave a brief presentation/synopsis of the handouts presented to the Board. What do we want to do to accomplish budget for a 3-5 year perspective and a 5-10 year perspective? What specific things does the Board want to accomplish? There will be two more Budget Hearings to make adjustments of the figures indicated on the documents provided. Example: Jail repair figures and 911 fund will change by the time the budget is finalized. Other major expenses are anticipated, adding certain personnel (One Public Works employee, two Sheriff's Deputies, and one Marshal.) – 50%

funding (July 1-December 30). Inflation down a bit from last year, interest rates have increased. 5% COLA added to budget. Commissioner Smith asked about the chart being based on Atlanta, Sandy Springs – 7.2% – how does that differ from Franklin County. Mr. Derrick explained that the figures vary very little. There are three weeks before Budget Meeting #2; Board can decide if Cola can remain at 5% as shown on the draft documents, or go higher or lower.

Chairman Jacques thanked Mr. Turner for the thoroughness of the draft documents; it is greatly appreciated. Mr. Turner reiterated that no decisions need to be made tonight on any of the presented draft documents. Chairman Jacques noted that Mr. Turner has done a very good job, and the Board wants to present a budget that does not represent a tax increase for the citizens of Franklin County.

Mr. Jacques asked if at the next Budget Meeting, copies of the draft budget documents be made available for the public; Mr. Turner applied affirmatively.

B. There was no Public Comment.

Item 4. Announcements. There were no announcements.

Item 5. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.

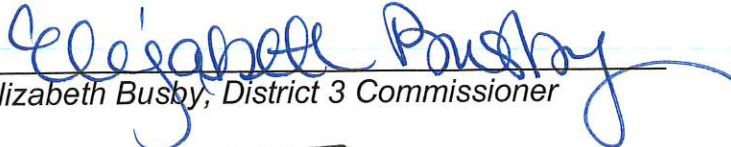
Signed on the 4 day of December, 2023




Jeff Jacques, Chairman



Kyle Foster, District 2 Commissioner



Elizabeth Busby, District 3 Commissioner



Josh Smith, District 4 Commissioner

Jane Brown, County Clerk