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**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BUDGET HEARING #2 MINUTES  
May 30, 2023  
5:30 P.M.**

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

Media: Shane Scoggins, Franklin County Citizen  
Jessica Waters, WNEG Radio - Toccoa (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 Busby to approve the Agenda. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Franklin. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and all voted for approval of the Agenda -- 5-0.

**Item 3. Items for Discussion**

**A. FY 2024 Budget** – County Manager Derrick Turner gave a brief presentation/synopsis of the PowerPoint presentation presented to the Board and to the public. A copy of this presentation will be posted with these Minutes on the Franklin County government website. There are three weeks before Budget Meeting #2; COLA shall remain at 5% as shown on the draft documents. CIP has remained virtually the same. Much-needed repairs have been ongoing at the Franklin County

Jail – more to come, reflected on the Budget. 911 Radio System has long-range projections; in dire need for new systems. Looking at joining Habersham County's system; their elevation allows for better coverage; buying into their system, essentially. Aiming at 95% coverage Chairman Jacques queried if there is anything that can be done to get more coverage immediately; Manager Turner replied it is a process.

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 that again, the Board wants to present a budget that does not represent a tax increase for the citizens of Franklin County.

**B. There was no Public Comment.**

**Item 4. Announcements.** There were no announcements.


**Item 5. Adjournment.** A Motion to Adjourn was brought by Commissioner Busby and seconded by Commissioner Franklin. A vote was taken and all approved, 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.


Signed on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023

  
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Jeff Jacques, Chairman

  
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Robert Franklin, District 1 Commissioner

  
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Kyle Foster, District 2 Commissioner

  
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Elizabeth Busby, District 3 Commissioner

  
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Josh Smith, District 4 Commissioner

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Jane Brown, County Clerk