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**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
December 5, 2022  
6:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Acting Chairman/District 2 Commissioner Kyle Foster  
District 1 Commissioner Robert Franklin  
District 3 Commissioner Elizabeth Busby  
District 4 Commissioner Eddie Wester

**Media:** Shane Scoggins, Franklin County Citizen

**Staff:** County Manager, Derrick Turner  
Planning & Zoning Director, Matthew Hailey

**Item 1. Call to Order** Chairman Foster called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

**Item 2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag** Commissioner Wester gave an invocation, followed by the Pledge to the American Flag.

**Item 3. Approval of Agenda** Commissioner Wester moved to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Commissioner Busby seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried, 3-0, with all Commissioners voting in favor. The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

**Item 4. Approval of Minutes** The following prior meeting minutes were considered for approval: Regular Meeting Minutes: November 7, 2022. Commissioner Franklin moved to approve the prior meeting minutes. Commissioner Busby seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried, 3-0, with all Commissioners voting in favor.

**Item 5. Public Comment** Chairman Foster opened the meeting for public comment. There was no Public Comment.

**Item 6. Items for Discussion** The Chairman introduced the following items for discussion:

**Item 6A. Christopher and Katherine Mogenson** application requesting a variance to the Franklin County UDC was withdrawn. There was no discussion.

**Item 6B. Franklin Audit.** Two audit booklets were provided by Rushton Accounting and Business Advisors which delineated all areas of accounting for the County. As a whole, the Auditors encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing the audit. Certain areas of concern were addressed and corrected before the end of the Audit. Commissioner Wester made a motion to approve the Audit findings; Commissioner Busby seconded the motion. The motion carried, 3-0, with all Commissioners voting in favor.

**Item 6C. NVR Project** – Miami Beach developer advised lease was to be signed this week. However, new figures were presented: \$400,000 by developer; \$400,000 development grant; backstop by County; \$400,000 by Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Wester challenged the monetary figures; said we were told in previous meeting that there would be no such expenses to the county. Does not sit well – feels Board of Commissions and ultimately county residents being taken advantage of = coming in the back door. Vote needs to be delayed until more research is done and Chairman Jackques is certified. Commissioner Busby asked about status of grant. County Manager Turner said no timeline. Commissioner Wester opined that we wait until grant is approved – then vote. Developer stated they may not want to wait. Will address matter again in January.

**Item 6D. Broadband Infrastructure** = TruVista representative reiterated his earlier presentation. Commissioner Wester made a motion to approve; Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion. The motion carried, 3-0.

**Item 6E. Tax Assessor's Board Appointment** Commissioner Busby made a motion to continue the Tax Assessor's contract for another term. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion. The motion carried, with 3-0 in favor.

**Item 6F. Building Fees** Suggestion made to charge \$200 to non-profits, but still have to go through inspection process, etc. County Attorney asked how figures relate to cost to county – gratuities law of Constitution. County Planning Director Hailey said would be analyzed on an individual basis. Challenging situation, when all four Commissioners are for a reduced rate for non-profits. Tabled until January; Commissioner Wester said we don't want to take too long to make a decision.

**Item 6G. Board of Commissioner Award** Outgoing Commissioners Wester was presented a plaque for his service; Commissioner Swails was presented in absentia.

**Item 6H Executive Session** – Personnel and Real Estate A motion to exit the Regular Meeting was entered by Commissioner Busby; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Franklin. Motion carried 3-0 in favor. A motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting was made by Commissioner Wester; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Busby. The motion carried 3-0 in favor of reconvening the Regular Meeting

**Item 9. Adjourn** Commissioner Wester moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Busby seconded the motion. The motion carried, 3-0, with all Commissioners voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

**Attachments:**

Signed on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022

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Acting Chairman Kyle Foster

Robert L. Franklin

Robert L. Franklin, District 1 Commissioner

Elizabeth Busby

Elizabeth Busby, District 3 Commissioner

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Eddie Wester, District 4 Commissioner

Jane Brown

Jane Brown, County Clerk