



FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 5, 2023
6:00
P.M.

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Present Chairman Jeff Jacques
 District 1 Commissioner Robert Franklin
 District 2 Commissioner Kyle Foster
 District 4 Commissioner Josh Smith
 (District 3 Commissioner Elizabeth Busby absent-death in family)

Media: Shane Scoggins, Franklin County Citizen

Staff: County Manager, Derrick Turner
 Planning & Zoning Director, Robert Ogburn
 County Attorney Dale R. "Bubba" Samuels
 County Clerk Jane Brown

1. **Chairman - Call meeting to order** = Chairman Jacques welcomed everyone to the June 2023 Regular BOC Meeting
2. **Approval of Agenda** - Chairman Jacques asked for a Motion to amend the Agenda to add Real Estate/Litigation to #6 Executive Session; and to add 2a. to the Agenda to include the Invocation/Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Such Motion to Amend was brought by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Franklin. *A vote carried, 4-0 - all in favor.*

- a. An Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Foster.
3. **Approval of Minutes** - A vote was held; the Minutes were approved, 4-0
4. **Manager's Report- Personnel** - County Manager Turner introduced Alisa Dunn, Summer Intern, from Emmanuel University (intern for both county and cities in county).
4. **Public Comment**
 - a. Hubert Baugh (formerly requested to speak - spoke at 5:00 Budget meeting)
 - b. Will Thomas (formerly requested to speak - opted not to speak)
 - c. Sherry Atkinson - received certified letter from Marshall, citing 7 violations. She is "disgusted; kids are broke - left with nothing; discrimination, one with the most money wins. Davis is doing that to us. The letter says she has 60 days to correct the issues. We need moral people to fight and change laws." All of this is just to please our neighbors, who have vendettas. All she hears is, "we need the UDC to keep the rock quarry out." She was warned by Mr. Hightower that the Commission cannot save her. There is no way she can get everything done in sixty days. She stated we need moral people to fight and change laws. The UDC needs to go, or be cut down in size. We are not free in this county; we have no right to privacy. They have made all of our properties in Gumlog useless."
 - d. Terry Roberson - 64 Mountain View, Lavonia - I feel like this lady is confused - this is federal or state Law not to live in sheds.
 - e. Steve Fortson - 244 Skyline Way, Lavonia He agreed with Ms. Atkinson - everyone should be served by the letter of the law, not just the privileged. There must be some rule or order in life. He agreed that the privileged are served first. Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is what he hopes for in Gumlog. The elected officials must do something. We must use the direct approach. Amend the UDC - or just do something. People are hurting.

5. **Items for discussion**

A. Dave H. Davis (Represented by W. Charles Ross, Esquire), 80 Arial Rd, Commerce, GA 30530 has filed an application for an Amendment to the Franklin County Zoning Map from Highway Business

(HB) to Light Industrial (LI) on a +/- 14.07-acre tract. The property is located at Hwy 59 and is further identified as parcel number 012 078F.

Planning and Zoning Commission voted 2-2, no recommendation

A Motion to approve was brought by Commissioner Smith; the Motion was seconded by Commissioner Franklin. Conference with Counsel - no waiver to variance needed. *A vote was held, the Motion passed, 4-0.* There was no further discussion.

B. David Thomas, 238 Jonquil Lane, Commerce, GA 30530 has filed an application for an Amendment to the Franklin County Zoning Map from Rural Residential (RR) to Highway Business (HB) on a combined +/- 2.49-acre tract. The properties are located at Highway 29 and are further identified as parcel numbers 058 024A.

Planning and Zoning Commission voted 2-2, no recommendation

Commissioner Foster made a Motion to approve the application; Commissioner Smith seconded the Motion. *A vote was held - and the Motion was approved, 4-0* There was no discussion.

C. Chris Page, 3383 Hwy 17, Canon, GA 30520 has filed for an application for an Amendment to the Franklin County Zoning Map from Institutional (INST) to Rural Residential (RR) on a +/- 1.26-acre tract. The property is located at 3383 Hwy 17 and is further identified as parcel number 067 126.

Planning and Zoning Commission voted 4-0, recommends approval

Commissioner Foster made a Motion to approve the application; Commissioner Franklin seconded the Motion. *A vote was held - and the Motion was approved, 4-0* There was no discussion.

E. Text Amendment to Unified Development Code (Zoning Procedures): An Ordinance Amending The Unified Development Code of Franklin County, Georgia, As Amended, To Amend Chapter 12, "Zoning Amendments and Procedures," Article 12-1, "Text Amendment" To Adopt a New Section 12-1-7, "Appeals;" To Amend Article 12-2, "Amendment to the Official Zoning Map (Rezoning)" To Add a New Section 12-2-216, "Special Notice and Procedural Requirements for Certain Residential Zoning Decisions," A New Section 12-2-217, "Special Notice and Procedural Requirements for Certain County-Initiated Residential Rezoning," And a New Section 12-2-218, "Appeals;" To Amend Article 12-3, "Application for Conditional Use," To Add a New Section 12-3-316, "Appeals;" To Amend Article 13, "Variances and Appeals," Article 13-1, "Variances" To Repeal Section 13-1-115, "Finality and Legal Recourse" And to Adopt a New Section 13-1-115, "Appeals;" To Establish an Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide for Severability; and For Other Purposes.

Planning and Zoning Commission voted 4-0, recommends approval
Commissioner Smith brought a Motion to approve; Commissioner Foster
seconded the Motion; *a show of hands vote was held: 4-0*. There was no
discussion.

F. FY 2024 Budget Approval – a vote was held, and the FY 2024 Budget
was approved unanimously, 4-0. Chairman Jacques asked for a Motion to
allow said Chairman to sign a Resolution to adopt the FY 2024 Budget. A
Motion was raised by Commissioner Smith to approve the Motion to sign
a Resolution authorizing the 2024 Budget; it was seconded by
Commissioner Foster. *A vote was held, and the Motion passed, 4-0.*

G. BOC July meeting date – County Manager Turner suggested it be July
10, due to the July 4th holiday. This will be tabled and voted upon next
next session.

6. **Executive Session – Personnel, Real Estate and Litigation Discussion** – a
Motion to exit the Regular Meeting and enter Executive Session was
brought by Commissioner Foster; the Motion was seconded by
Commissioner Smith. The vote carried, 4-0. A Motion to reconvene the
Regular Meeting was brought by Commissioner Foster; the Motion was
seconded by Commissioner Smith. *The Motion carried 4-0.*

7. **Planning Commission & IBA Board appointments**

IBA – BOC	Robert Isherwood
BOC	Aubrey Lunsford

P&Z	District 2	Ingra Langston
	District 3	Courtney Long
	District 4	Kenneth Dove

*All were individually and unanimously voted upon and approved by
the Commissioners, 4-0*

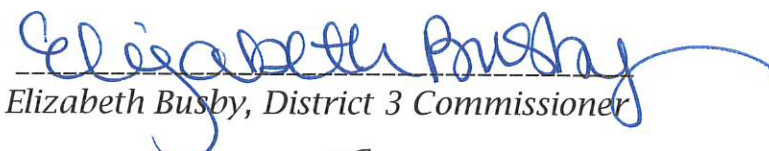
8. **Announcements** Chairman Jacques announced that County Manager
Derrick Turner has earned his Certified Public Manager certification, a
very worthwhile accomplishment.
9. **Adjourn** A Motion to adjourn was brought by Commissioner Foster;
Commissioner Smith seconded the Motion. *The Motion carried 4-0.*

Signed on the 2nd day of October, 2023


Chairman Jeff Jacques


Robert L. Franklin, District 1 Commissioner


Kyle Foster, District 2 Commissioner


Elizabeth Busby, District 3 Commissioner


Josh Smith, District 4 Commissioner

Jane Brown, County Clerk



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