



FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION - MINUTES

DATE: November 28, 2023

TIME: 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Franklin County Justice Center

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, Radio 92.1 WLHR-Lake Hartwell Radio

Staff: Terry Harris, County Manager
Kandy Bond, County Clerk
Bubba Samuels, County Attorney
Robert Ogburn, Planning & Zoning/Assistant County Manager
Rick Cothran, Tax Assessor

Item 1. Call to Order

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

Item 2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Jacques led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Item 3. Approval of Agenda

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

Motion to Approve - Commissioner Foster

Motion Seconded - Commissioner Busby

Discussion: None

Vote: motion carried 5-0 (Agenda approved)

Item 4. Public Comment

James Loggins – lives on a road that has no name. Wants to get the road named in order to get a correct 911 address.

Item 5. New Business

A. Trey Roberts – Southern Linc

LTE network a mission critical network. Tested with county EMS departments and had approximately 98% coverage. Pricing not available on Harris Radios side but can give pricing for Southern Linc. How would your system work with 911 dispatch consoles? Pair with desktop radios to consoles. LTE no towers needed. Internet based app. They have push to talk, call alerts, and ring them over the phone. Southern Linc mobile router could back up internet loss. Monthly radio subscription, can cancel anytime. Southern Linc owned by the Southern Co. Their network is not a consumer network. They deploy temporary towers in emergency situations (example: when towers go down). P25 system radios would work with that system L3 Harris with LTE and Southern Linc. How many paths for channels? They can create as many talk groups as needed. They can create patches to work with other counties. The Georgia State Patrol are beginning to implement their service throughout the state at this time. Stevie Thomas, Sheriff expressed a concern about volunteer fire fighters not hearing a phone. They are volunteers and wear pagers and need to receive a loud enough alert to hear. Southern Linc doesn't offer pager service, but recommend looking into a separate pager system if the county isn't having to pay to build out a radio system.

B. Tax Assessors - EagleView

Additional funding needed. A total of 82 counties in the state of Georgia currently use this program, including Stephens and Banks counties. Airplane aerial photography is used which is clearer and gives more views for county staff to be able to view properties. Images updated every 3 years. February 2024, will be the next aerial photography update. Cost is \$27K over 3 years, by using this program it will save time, resources, staff, and gas.

C. Election qualifying in 2024 – fees need to be set

Historically the fee has been based upon 3% of the starting base salary. Review and place on meeting agenda for January 2024, for a vote.

D. Terry Harris – Intergovernmental Agreement with Franklin County BOE

Sewer expansion to the new school, the Board of Education has signed. Place on meeting agenda for December 4, 2023, for a vote. Agreement has been reviewed and vetted by the Bubba Samuels, BOC attorney and John Phillips, County Engineer.

E. ACCG Mental Health Resolution

Review and place on meeting agenda for December 4, 2023, for a vote.

F. 911 System Upgrade

The 911 consoles need to be replaced. Plans are to research and pick compatible consoles with new radio system in mind. Hope to have a path decided upon the first of the year for a radio system.

Item 6. Announcements

None

Item 7. Adjourn

Chairman Jacques asked the board for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn – Commissioner Busby

Motion Seconded – Commissioner Foster

Discussion: None

Vote: motion carried 5-0 (approved to adjourn)

Upcoming Meetings

December 4, 2023 – BOC Public Hearing at 5:30 PM at Franklin County Justice Center

December 4, 2023 – BOC Regular Meeting at 6:00 PM at Franklin County Justice Center


Signed on the 4th day of December 2023


Jeff Jacques, Chairman


Josh Smith, District 4 Commissioner


Robert L. Franklin, District 1 Commissioner


Terry Harris, County Manager


Kyle Foster, District 2 Commissioner


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Elizabeth Busby, District 3 Commissioner

