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FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION MINUTES

April 25, 2023

6:00 P.M.

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

Staff: County Manager, Derrick Turner
John Phillips, County Engineer

Item 1: **Call meeting to order** – Chairman Jacques called the meeting to order

Item 2: **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** – Commissioner Foster led the invocation and pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

Item 3: **Approval of the Agenda** – Chairman Jacques requested to make a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Smith made a motion to amend the agenda to add a discussion of the potential acquisition of City of Carnesville Water/Sewer System. He referenced Derrick Turner and John Phillips both are prepared to speak if needed. Commissioner Smith said it is not his intention to have a formal vote. Only to fully open the discussion for a possible acquisition. Commissioner Busby seconded the motion. No Discussion. Vote taken: 4 approved (Commissioners Jacques, Smith, Busby, and Foster) and 1 opposed (Commissioner Franklin). Chairman Jacques stated add to the agenda: Item D Acquisition of the City of Carnesville Water/Sewer System Discussion. Motion to approve the amended agenda by Commissioner Busby, seconded by Chairman Smith. No Discussion. Motion carries 5-0 agenda approved.

Item 4: **Public Comment**

A. Jason Boyce 540 Carson Farm Road – pattern needs to be addressed, meetings without citizens prior knowledge and agendas amended. Other things need to be done before spending \$1M to bail out City of Carnesville. People are being hired that are not right for the county. Restructure the Board of Elections.



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- B. Amy Hanley Carnesville - stated if the public knew water system was agenda more people would be at meeting. If Carnesville sells the water system what will that look like for the city of Carnesville?

Items for Discussion:

A. Tyler Owenby (Speaker Requested)

Newspaper from April 6th stated documents would be available at Clerks Office (documents voted on by Planning & Zoning). I tried to get these documents and was told they were not available because Agenda was not posted to the public yet which was at 10 AM the day of the meeting. Why amendments to UDC? SPLOST wasn't run in paper correctly. Board should start showing more attention to citizens and fix issues. "No more kicking the can down the road."

B. Community Development - County Dump Day

Derrick Turner looking at options with corporate sponsors, waste management, document destructions, possible vouchers for the Marshal's open cases. Maybe by May work session we will have a solid plan to move forward. More than one day needed. It will have to be limited in some way.

C. County Manager Report

Derrick Turner gave updates on current projects: at 50% of the Fire Training facility hoping it will be complete by the end of the year. Appreciates the Sheriff's help with jail repairs as we continue to work toward the possibility of a new jail or a jail extension. Thank you to the commissioners for touring the facilities. Hope to have the jail work completed within a few weeks. The courthouse elevator replacement should begin May 1st and work will take approximately one month. The P25 radio standard RFP is still open and should be closing soon. Trying to go to P25 standard with 95% coverage in the county. This should allow cross communication capabilities with other counties. MVR Project long range plan and EIP grant, just recently closed the engineering bids. Should have a bid ready Monday. The grant is for \$750K - if we do not get the grant then we would be splitting the costs with MVR. Status of elections roof replacement: the contractor pulled out and there is a current bid open. Closing date is sometime in mid-May.

D. Acquisition of the City of Carnesville Water/Sewer System- discussion

Commissioner Smith wants to start the discussion with budget planning ahead. He asked the county manager go over the financials



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and John Phillips answer questions. He deferred to Derrick Turner, County Manager: Water/Sewer revenue projection is about \$335K in a year. Depending on example sale prices from \$400K - \$900K. Projection of lowest sale price of (\$400K with a 1.19 years of return on investment) up to (\$900K with a 2.68 years of return on investment). Discussion of liabilities and SR-59 bridge project and sewer facilities, with understanding that DOT is responsible for costs to relocate the sewer. Water system pressure may be different with acquisition and may require pressure reducers for residents. Based on 100 year life of water and sewer system - the projection is 50 years remaining life left on water system and 41 years remaining life left of city sewer system. The structural integrity of the water/sewer systems appear to be overall in very good condition, there are four sanitary sewer lift stations that is part of the sewer system- three (3) are in very good condition and one (1) will need maintenance and maybe a pump replacement in the near future. No known issue with lead/copper with water service. No known commitments from the City of Carnesville to provide water/sewer service. One spring and one water well that are permitted as water sources, Which is not a tremendous asset because neither are high producing sources. The city water meters are manually read, consider automating those meters. Staff is slim and adding the additional maintenance responsibility for 100K feet of water line and 50K feet of sewer line will require two (2) positions. Benefit to the citizens of Carnesville - water flow where reduced will increase and the ability to fight fires will improve drastically. City can contract services with county to offer water service. ISO rating my increase with additional water supply if acquisitioned.

Item 9: Announcements:

Commissioner Franklin ask commissioners to ride and look at Hunters Creek Road and Brown Road he has received calls about these roads.

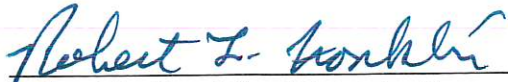
Item 10: Adjourn - meeting adjourned

Signed on the 4th day of December, 2023

Chairman Jeff Jacques



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Robert L. Franklin, District 1 Commissioner



Kyle Foster, District 2 Commissioner



Elizabeth Busby, District 3 Commissioner



Josh Smith, District 4 Commissioner

Derrick C. Turner, County Manager

Jane Brown, County Clerk