



**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

**August 29, 2023**

**6:00 P.M.**

- BOC:** 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 (via Zoom)
- Staff:** County Manager, Derrick Turner  
Planning & Zoning Director/Asst. County Manager, Robert Ogburn  
County Clerk, Jane Brown
- Item 1:** **Call meeting to order** - Chairman Jacques called the meeting to order
- Item 2:** **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** - Commissioner Smith led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.
- Item 3:** **Approval of the Agenda** - Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Busby seconded the motion. All were in favor, 5-0. There was no discussion.
- Item 4:** **Public Comment** -
- a. Vincent Esposito. 2934 Manley St., Carnesville - running for office in Carnesville; wants to know what he can do in the City of Carnesville to help the county.
  - b. Jason Boyce - 540 Carson Farm Rd, Carnesville - Quality of life trumps everything else, but greed is trumping everything else; tha

SR59 will become "Joe Biden Expressway"; there is no transparency in government; the elections are rigged.

**Item 5: New Business**

**County Radio Replacement**

Jeff McNally of Tusa Consulting outlined the proposed new system and advised that a decision will have to be made whether to move forward before year-end. The proposal would have Franklin County joining a new system that is about to be built for Habersham County's public safety departments. Franklin County would share some infrastructure with Habersham but be completely independent with different frequencies and operations. The system would use some of Habersham's infrastructure to cover a portion of the county and require Franklin County to acquire land and build five (5) towers inside Franklin County. Location of the towers would be where they would provide the best coverage and not on whether or not the land was or was not already owned by the county. The new system is needed because Franklin County's current radio system is old and outdated, and some parts for the system are no longer available. McNally said the system itself - all of the infrastructure and radios - will cost \$11.3 million, with \$6.6 million for system maintenance. The county would have to pay \$11.3 million over 24 months from the time the contract is signed. Payments on the \$6.6 million for maintenance would not begin until the 4<sup>th</sup> year the system is in place because there is a 3-year warranty on the equipment. To guarantee that price, the commissioners will have to sign the contract before the end of the year.

**Ethics Board Discussion**

Chairman Jacques read the pertinent portions of the Ordinance, including the method for choosing applicants (chosen by judiciary in the county, rather than the Board of Commissioners). Chairman Jacques reiterated the necessity of filling all spaces in each County Board. Staff was directed to advertise the position.

**County Manager Report**

County Manager Turner thanked the Board, the staff and the citizens for his term of office. He was warmly received by all. Chairman noted that Mr. Turner has left the county in extremely good condition. All commissioners expressed their appreciation.


**Item 6: Announcements.**

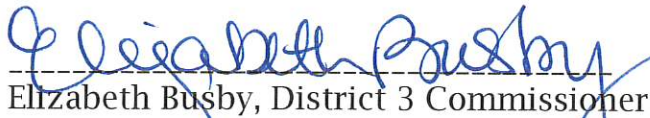
**Item 7. Adjourn**

Signed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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Derrick C. Turner, County Manager

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Jane Brown, County Clerk

