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**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**January 31, 2023**  
**6:02 P.M.**

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

**Staff:** County Manager, Derrick Turner

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

**Item 2:** **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** - Commissioner Franklin 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 amend the agenda to move (Item 4: Public Comment) to section (8a) on the Agenda. Commissioner Busby made the motion and Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0 approved.

**Item 4:** **Item moved to 8a**

**Items for Discussion:**

**Item 5:** **Franklin County Water System - Peoples & Quigley**

Derrick Turner said there was a Public Hearing meeting held on January 19, 2023, in which the Franklin County water system was discussed and a plan for development and possible grants. Peoples & Quigley - to present: Master Plan of water system with 20 year vision of what might need to be done over that time. The master plan was sent to review agencies for feedback. A document called Non Z is issued for environmental clearance. This Master Plan will give choices for the future. There are different phases recommended, Phase 1: repair wells and equipment needed, Phase 2: develop additional wells, Phase 3: booster pump between Lavonia and Franklin County that needs to be replaced, and there is a recommendation to have an agreement between Royston and Franklin County to purchase water. Repairs needed to



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storage tanks and loops needed to water mains. Budget is 12.5 million. Chairman Jacques asked if grants would allow for reimbursement for engineering services? Answer: Yes. Recommendation from staff to proceed to see what grant funding is available. Commissioners agree to pursue grants but with no guarantee. No commitments at this time.

**Item 6: 911 Addresses - 911/EMS**

Old ordinance is from 2006 and it is outdated, concerned with public safety. Some residences don't have 911 addresses at residence just on mailboxes and at end of roads. The 911 addresses need to be posted on the houses and the sooner the better. They want to enhance the ordinance to improve 911 residence signs. The staff would like to consider the feedback and get counsel. They would like to come back at the next work session.

**Item 7: Mobile Home Ordinance**

A new ordinance is being developed to repeal/replace the old 2014 ordinance. Chairman Jacques thanks them for the quick response to put forth this document to relieve a financial burden on citizens. They will check with counsel regarding a public hearing, guidance, and direction to proceed.

**Item 8: Building Inspections, Permitting and UDC**

Unified Development Code Committee (UDC Committee). Commissioner Busby is working as the liaison for this committee. The committee members are: Robert Esherwood, Phil Flattley, Courtney Long, Caralee Coker, Tyler Owenby, and Jill Parten. The committee is made up of 6-7 members who are appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The committee serves as a non-paid citizen lead group with a 12 month membership. The purpose of this committee is to gather citizen input through public meetings, review/analyze input and research solutions then ultimately recommend amendments/improvements. The committee's timeline for final revised UDC to the BOC is in June. Commissioner Busby asked if they needed anything at this time? Answer: Seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) member need for the committee. Commissioner Foster asked if every district is represented on this committee? Answer: Three (3) districts. Commissioner Foster said he would try to find someone.

Building Inspections and Permits- Chairman Jacques and Commissioners are concerned about the fee structure adopted June 17, 2020. Commissioners have heard from numerous citizens throughout the community, from one end of the county to the other. The adoption of





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the program imposed a significant burden on citizens (financial, time, and stress wise).

Chairman Jacques will propose next Monday at the February meeting to put a full moratorium on the program. Looking into an inhouse inspection program as a collaborative effort with Lavonia, Royston, Franklin Springs and City of Carnesville. Chairman Jacques deferred to board. Commissioner Busby reiterated Chairman Jacques comments saying she hopes citizens have a better experience with an inhouse program because what we have is not working. Commissioner Foster is in agreement and wants to look into the options. Commissioner Franklin is in agreement with it and stated he is for the people of Franklin County. Derrick Turner stated staff will get a vision of what it will look like inhouse and the logistics in working with the cities.

**Item 8a: Public Comment**

Terry Roberston - 64 Mountain View Lavonia - we have a serious problem with citizens not getting correct information regarding meetings. He wants to make sure meetings are on the calendar.

Phillip Flattley - 2091 Burnette Rd in Red Hill - Moratorium - offers to act as consultant for the Board for permitting and building, if needed.

Margaret Banta - 5858 Gumlog Road Martin - county purchasing water/sewer from Carnesville, Carnesville owes county \$200,000. Stated Gumlog roads need to be paved and thinks money is better spent on roads.

Hanley - Carnesville - proposal - no proposal "BOC wrote proposal" December 17, City of Carnesville voted to accept proposal out of confusion. Wants to straighten out confusion for proposal and have accountability for Frankin County.

Gary Hall - 150 Gary Hall Road Carnesville - power co. three weeks behind. Mobile homes need to be able to get power without delays.

Jason Boyce - 540 Carson Farm Road Carnesville - "quotes from meeting" water system - want Business and Industrial to come - 20-year proposal - no county mission statement - no county plan - where is the county budget? His family is of German ancestry - fought for freedom - voter integrity. Infrastructure should be first and there should be a plan. Appreciates the board of listening.



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**Item 9: Announcements:**

Next Meetings to be Feb 6<sup>th</sup>. Public Hearing at 5:30 PM and Regular Meeting at 6:00 PM.


**Item 10: Adjourn** - Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Foster; Motion seconded by Commissioner Busby. Motion carried 3-0 approved - meeting adjourned.

Signed on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023

  
Chairman Jeff Jacques

  
Robert L. Franklin, District 1 Commissioner

  
Kyle Foster, District 2 Commissioner

  
Elizabeth Busby, District 3 Commissioner

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Derrick C. Turner, County Manager

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Jane Brown, County Clerk