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**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BUDGET HEARING MINUTES  
April 4, 2022  
5:00 P.M.**

- Present: Chairman Jason K. Macomson  
District 1 Commissioner Robert Franklin  
District 2 Commissioner Kyle Foster  
District 3 Commissioner Ryan Swails joined via Zoom  
District 4 Commissioner Eddie Wester
- Media: Shane Scoggins, *Franklin County Citizen Leader*  
MJ Kneiser, *WLHR via Zoom*
- Staff: County Manager, Derrick Turner  
Assistant County Manager, Scott DeLozier  
County Attorney, Bubba Samuels
- Item 1: Call Meeting to Order** – Commissioner Macomson called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm with a quorum being present.
- Item 2: Approval of the Agenda:** Chairman Macomson called for a motion to amend the agenda to include items: 3B) Public Comment. Commissioner Wester made a motion to approve the agenda with the amended item. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. All were in favor, 4-0.
- Item 3: Items for discussion:**
- A. Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023:  
Manager Turner reviewed proposed FY23 revenues, expenditures, capital improvement planning, personnel requests, COLA, and a new program for longevity pay.  
He asked the board to consider the presented information in not only a yearly outlook, but with a 5-year vision in mind for the future of the county's long-term goals.  
The budget shows an estimated 25.3 million for anticipated FY23 revenues up from 23.1 million that was budgeted for the current fiscal year.  
FY23 expenditures are projected at 24.2 million which is up from last fiscal year at 22.99 million dollars.



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He showed the board a break down by department in the proposed budget.

Capital improvement was presented with the 5-year plan in mind and asked the board to review decisions with this plan in mind. Manager Turner noted that he would not try to push the county beyond the 1.5-1.6-million-dollar mark annually in this category keeping the CPI in mind.

Manager Turner urged the board to decide on personnel requests sooner rather than later because of their significant impact to the overall budget.

As previously discussed at the Spring and Fall retreats, 911 is projected for growth and needs a new station. The Sheriff's Office needs a maintenance tech. We currently employ only two men who cover maintenance on all 30 of the county's various buildings. The Marshal's Department is also looking to add a code enforcement officer since there is such a large amount of area for the Marshal alone to cover. Public Works is still two short of where we were 15 years ago on staff. Senior Center needs a program tech, they have been operating at a minimal staff level since COVID, but now that things are opening back up people will be needed to work there. Fire Services has requested a fire services coordinator to help with paperwork, training, etc.

The board will need to decide what positions to add and the funding percentage level for those added positions. These can be staggered in, but must be planned for.

Last year the board increased the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) at 3%. Manager Turner showed charts documenting COLA's at 10.6% in the metro area, and the second showed the southern region at 8.4%. The proposed COLA for FY23 is at 7% and the plan is to come in with 5% COLA increase next year to put our salary floor around \$31,000 at our base hiring level and bring us closer to matching the Consumer Pricing Index (CPI). This would help us reach our goal, discussed previously at the retreat, of increasing overall wages.

Manager Turner also showed the board proposals for longevity pay, which has also been previously discussed by the board. He proposed a July 1<sup>st</sup> payout date and asked the board to consider this item and give consensus so it can be worked into the budget. It is estimated to cost around \$36,000. It was clarified that this would not be classified as bonus pay.

There were no additional questions from the commissioners.

B. Public Comment: None.



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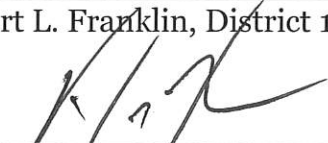
**Item 4: Announcements:** Manager Turner stated the next public hearing will most likely be scheduled prior to the next work session. Chairman Macomson noted that the board will have a public hearing and regular board meeting subsequently this evening.

**Adjourn:** Commissioner Wester motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. All were in favor, 4-0.

Signed on the 2nd day of May, 2022

  
Chairman Jason K. Macomson

  
Robert L. Franklin, District 1 Commissioner

  
Kyle Foster, District 2 Commissioner

  
Ryan Swails, District 3 Commissioner

  
Eddie Wester, District 4 Commissioner

  
Kayla Finger, Clerk