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**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BUDGET HEARING MINUTES  
April 26, 2022  
5:30 P.M.**

**Present:** Chairman Jason K. Macomson  
District 1 Commissioner Robert Franklin  
District 2 Commissioner Kyle Foster  
District 3 Commissioner Ryan Swails  
District 4 Commissioner Eddie Wester

**Media:** Shane Scoggins, *Franklin County Citizen Leader*  
MJ Kneiser, *WLHR*

**Staff:** County Manager, Derrick Turner  
Assistant County Manager, Scott DeLozier  
County Clerk, Kayla Finger

**Item 1:** **Call Meeting to Order** – Commissioner Macomson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm with a quorum being present.

**Item 2:** **Approval of the Agenda:** Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Wester seconded the motion. All were in favor, 4-0.

**Item 3:** **Items for discussion:**

- A. Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023:  
Manager Turner reviewed FY 23 projected revenues and expenditures. The board was provided this information prior to the meeting. In reviewing the capital improvement plan Manager Turner reflected on the board's prior retreats where they discussed having vision for the county. The revenues for FY 22 were \$23,128,260 million and are projected to be \$25,079,916 million for FY 23. The county is expecting a slight increase in expenditures due to healthcare related costs and the number of claims in the county being high.  
The CIP - Capital Improvement Plan is a working document demonstrating a 5-year plan. 1.4 million is estimated for capital improvements in FY23. These funds will be for items over \$5k like buildings & equipment. The CIP will be reviewed each year around this timeframe.



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Manager Turner noted the funding breakdown for Personnel Requests: July 1 = 100% funding, January 1 = 50 % funding. The three requested positions currently are: Maintenance Tech Sheriff's Office, Marshal - Code Enforcement Officer, Public Works - Roads/Public Works employee. A .15 or .16 millage would be needed to fund these three positions. Manager Turner stated that the Tax Assessor, Rick Cothran came to him last Wednesday requesting a new clerk position. The millage needed to support this added position would be about a .02.

Chief Assessor, Rick Cothran & Assessor Board Member, Gary Farmer addressed the board stating that they have been needing a clerk for about 2 or 3 years. The Department of Revenue recently reviewed the office and made recommendations to bring the office into compliance. Part of those recommendations included the clerk position. Mr. Cothran explained that conservation is big this time of year and caused his appraisers to fall behind. The office downsized since he took over and this position is much needed. The clerk position would relieve the appraisers to do their job.

The rates discussed for the requested positions were for a half year at 50%. Manager Turner asked the board to give direction on these positions in the next week or so.

COLA: Manager Turner reviewed recent updates to the consumer pricing index. Roswell, GA is at a 10.6% increase, and the southern region is at about 8.4%. These numbers have increased since the board last looked at them and are increasing steadily. The board previously was presented a proposal of 7%.

Commissioner Swails asked if there was any data closer to our numbers and demographic here?

Manager Turner stated the southern numbers were a little more realistic to where we are. 7.4 - 8.6% would be realistic considering the trends.

There were no additional questions from the commissioners.

B. Public Comment: None.

**Item 4: Announcements:** None.

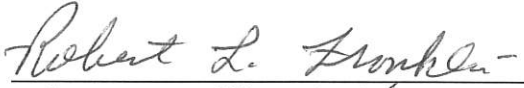
**Adjourn:** Commissioner Swails motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. All were in favor, 4-0.

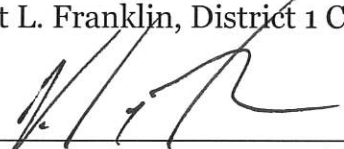


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Signed on the 2nd day of May, 2022

  
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