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**FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES – Virtual Meeting
August 31, 2021
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

Staff: County Manager, Derrick Turner
County Clerk, Kayla Finger

Item 1: **Call Meeting to Order** – Chairman Macomson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and welcomed everyone. He noted that the board intends to meet via Zoom until the end of September at which time the board will re-evaluate the situation. He asked all users to update screen names to real names so everyone could be called on if they wanted to speak during public comment. All members of the public will remain muted until recognized by the board to speak. The hand-raise function is enabled for participants to be recognized at such time.

Item 2: **Approval of the Agenda:** Commissioner Wester made a motion to approve the Public Hearing Agenda as presented. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor, 4-0.

Item 3: **Items for discussion:**

- A. Road Closure Hanley Road - At the April 27, 2021 Work Session, Manager Turner presented a request from Mr. Vernon Hanley to close a portion of Hanley Road in Commerce (within the limits of Franklin County). Hanley Road is a dirt road that is currently maintained by Franklin County. It extends from Hudson River Church Road to Hwy 326. All of the residents and property owners along this road have agreed to request that the county close the portion of Hanley Road extending from Hudson River Church Road



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north approximately 1,348 feet to the southern property line of Vernon Hanley, 333 Hanley Road. If the county closes this portion of Hanley Road, the county would no longer maintain the closed portion.

The residents of Hanley Road want to stop out-of-county resident traffic from using Hanley Rd as a cut-through from Hudson River Church Road to Hwy 326. According to the request, the increased traffic results in litter, high-speed traffic, and loud traffic noises at night. Closing the road would redirect drivers around on a different route.

Chairman Macomson explained that the board previously voted to move forward with the process of the road closure at the June Work Session, resulting in this public hearing. The board will vote on this item in the following work session.

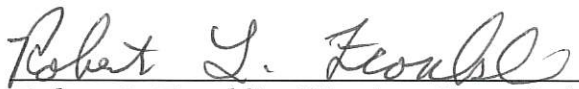
- B. Public Comment: None. It was noted that no questions or comments have been received by the County Clerk/Commissioner's Office regarding the closure of Hanley Road.

Item 5. Adjournment:

Chairman Macomson adjourned the hearing at 5:45 PM and noted the Zoom would resume at 6:00 PM for the work session.

Signed on the 13th day of September, 2021


Chairman Jason K. Macomson


Robert L. Franklin, District 1 Commissioner


Kyle Foster, District 2 Commissioner


Ryan Swails, District 3 Commissioner


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Kayla Finger, County Clerk