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**FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE MINUTES
August 5, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

Present: Chairman Jason K. Macomson
District 2 Commissioner Kyle Foster
District 4 Commissioner Eddie Wester

Absent: District 1 Commissioner Robert Franklin
District 3 Commissioner Ryan Swails

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

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

Item 1: **Call Meeting to Order** – Chairman Macomson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed everyone. A quorum was present, but the Chairman did have to exercise his right to vote due to only three commissioners being present.

Item 2: **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag:** Commissioner Foster gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3: **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, 3-0.

Item 4: **Items for discussion:**

- A. Property Tax Millage Rate: Manager Turner reviewed the tax millage rate options for the board, with a corresponding PowerPoint detailing the potential impacts to the average homeowner with a ¼ mil reduction. Manager Turner reviewed some items of importance from the board's most recent retreat: building and land acquisition, planning and zoning revisions, employee handbook and policy updates, growth of county departments, building security, and merit pay increases. Turner also noted the impending future



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growth in residential and industrial areas, and recommended that the county focus its resources on infrastructure. Manager Turner reminded the board that the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds can be used to help with this, especially for water infrastructure and broadband infrastructure, which are both needs of the county.

- B. Public Comment: Ms. Karen Walker, 33 Athens Street spoke in opposition of keeping the current millage rate. She asked the commissioners to consider the fact that the Board of Education and the City of Carnesville are increasing the tax rate and that many are on a fixed income. She requested the board adopt the rollback rate to keep the tax amount the same.

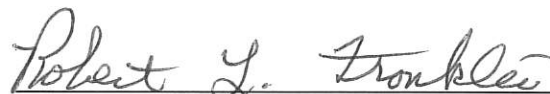
Item 5. Adjournment:

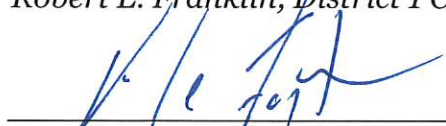
Commissioner Wester motioned to adjourn the hearing. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor, 3-0.

Chairman Macomson reminded everyone that the Board will meet again next Thursday, August 12, 2021, at 6:00 pm for the third and final public hearing on the millage rate and immediately following, the board will meet for a special called meeting, at the Justice Center in Carnesville to vote and set the millage rate.

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


Eddie Wester, District 4 Commissioner



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Kayla Finger, County Clerk