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**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING VIRTUAL MINUTES  
September 13, 2021  
6:00 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:** 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.

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

**Item 3: Approval of the Agenda:** Commissioner Wester made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor, 4-0.

**Item 4: Personnel Report:** None.

**Item 5: Approval of Minutes:**

- A. 08/02/21 Public Hearing
- B. 08/02/21 Regular Board Meeting
- C. 08/05/21 Public Hearing Tax Millage Rate
- D. 08/12/21 Public Hearing Tax Millage Rate
- E. 08/12/21 Special Called Meeting
- F. 08/31/21 Public Hearing
- G. 08/31/21 Work Session

Commissioner Swails made a motion to accept all the minutes as presented. Commissioner Wester seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor, 4-0.



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**Item 6:      *Public Comment:***  
None.

**Item 7:      Items for discussion:**

A. Hanley Road Closure Resolution: The board previously voted to close a portion of Hanley Road extending from Hudson River Church Road approximately 1,348 ft to the southern property line of Vernon Hanley at 333 Hanley Road, but needed to formally approve the resolution. Commissioner Wester motioned to adopt the resolution for closing the previously approved portion of Hanley Road. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor, 4-0.

B. County Managers' Report:

a. Bond Update: The county currently has 2 bonds available: the first being the Water & Sewer Fund bond issued at \$4,190,000 reaching maturity in 2023, with two payments remaining. The current balance is \$700K and is eligible for early pay off. The second bond is the Hospital Bond aka Series 2016 General Obligation (GO) Bond tied to the Ty Cobb Healthcare Center project. Payment on this bond began in July 2016, and the original bond amount was \$9,585,000 million. This bond will mature in 2035. \$1,950,000 has been paid out and there is \$8,390,000 left owed. In a few years, the annual bond repayments will increase substantially, and it may benefit the county to consider refinancing the remaining debt at that time. Currently, the county's bond rating stands at A2, which is unchanged from when these bonds were issued.

b. Economic Development Summit:  
The Industrial Building Authority (IBA) and the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce will be hosting an Economic Development Summit on September 22, 2021, at the community center in Carnesville. The purpose of this summit is to help local leaders understand the process of economic development and growth. It will also educate leaders on how to explain to constituents any economic development projects and economic growth in the county. Although this will be open to the public, it is primarily geared towards city and county leaders. The IBA and the Chamber will present another summit specifically for citizens at a later date.

**Item 8:      Announcements:**

Manager Turner announced that the Hometown Heroes Event to celebrate



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and honor veterans and public safety personnel will be held on November 13, 2021. The committee is still seeking vendors, sponsors, and food vendors.

He also noted thanked staff from the Sheriff's Office and the trustees for their hard work cleaning up the grounds around the courthouse.

Chairman Macomson congratulated the Double Churches Volunteer Fire Department on receiving the Assistance to Firefighters Grant for 9 self-contained breathing apparatuses. Mr. James McFarlin expressed thanks to the Board of Commissioners for approving the grant back in January and Mr. Patrick Larson and the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission for helping them write the grant.

Chairman Macomson echoed thanks to the Trustees for their work helping to maintain the county office buildings on behalf of the board.

Chairman Macomson urged everyone to be safe and practice appropriate social distancing measures out in public

Chairman Macomson asked board members to drop by the county office next week and see the clerk to sign the minutes approved tonight. He also reminded everyone that the Board will meet next for a work session Tuesday, September 28. This meeting will also be held virtually and the county will release the Zoom information closer to that time.

Commissioner Wester thanked Richard Roberts, Ashley Dodd, and Tim White for helping organize the 911 Memorial Service at the Courthouse on last Saturday.

**Item 9: Adjourn**

Commissioner Wester made a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Foster seconded the motion.

All were in favor, 3-0. Commissioner Franklin's audio and video was not working so we couldn't record his vote.

Signed on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021

  
Chairman Jason K. Macomson

  
Robert L. Franklin, District 1 Commissioner


  
Kyle Foster, District 2 Commissioner



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