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**FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING VIRTUAL MINUTES
October 4, 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: Shane Scoggins, Franklin Citizen Leader via Zoom
MJ Kneiser, WLHR via Zoom

Staff: County Manager, Derrick Turner
County Clerk, Kayla Finger
Planning & Zoning Director, Scott DeLozier

Item 1: **Call Meeting to Order** – Chairman Macomson called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm and welcomed everyone.

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

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

Item 4: **Public Comment:** None.

Item 5: **Personnel Report:** None.

Item 6: **Approval of Minutes:**

- A. 09/13/21 Regular Board Meeting
- B. 09/28/21 Work Session

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

Item 7: **Items for discussion:**



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- A. Troy Construction LLC, 3375 Maysville Rd, Commerce, Ga, has filed an application for an Amendment to the Franklin County Zoning Map from Agriculture Intensive (AI) to Light Industrial (LI) on a +/- 15.44 acres of land located at 633 Neal Rd and further identified as tax parcel 006-018. Director, Mr. DeLozier, stated the application meets the criteria for rezoning, and the Planning and Zoning Commission voted 5-0 to recommend approval. The only condition is that the Road Department Superintendent must approve ingress and egress at the site. Both he and the road superintendent have visited the site. The Department of Transportation has not yet reviewed the site, so there is no final word from the DOT as to what might be required if the application is approved. Mr. DeLozier recommended the Board approve the application for rezoning.

Commissioner Wester asked if there had been any discussion with Banks County. Mr. DeLozier said that the entire tract of land is in Franklin County, and the rear property line forms the boundary between Franklin and Banks County.

Chairman Macomson asked for a motion.

Commissioner Franklin motioned to deny the application. The motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Wester motioned to table the application for an amendment to the Franklin County Zoning Map from Agriculture Intensive to Light Industrial for tax parcel 006-018. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion. Commissioner Swails asked what information was needed in addition to what was presented at the meeting. Commissioner Wester stated he would like to hear Banks County's thoughts and Commissioner Foster stated he would like to hear from DOT.

The motion passed 4-0.

Director DeLozier asked for clarification on who is reaching out to Banks County and what information is being sought from DOT.

Chairman Macomson suggested the county manager and planning director to reach out to the Banks County Board of Commissioners to obtain feedback on the condition of Neal Road, and to contact the DOT for more specific information on what they might require. The board consented.

- B. Marvin Garriss, 950 Lakeshore Rd, Ga 30557 has filed an application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate an in-home consulting business on +/- 0.20 acres of land located at 950 Lakeshore Rd and further identified as tax parcel 060B-053.

Planning Director, Mr. DeLozier, reviewed the application and stated that he and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval unanimously, without conditions.



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Chairman Macomson called for a motion. Commissioner Swails motioned to approve the application for conditional use permit as presented with no additional conditions. Commissioner Wester seconded the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor, 4-0.

- C. Joey Gilbert, 205 Williams Bridge Rd, Toccoa, Ga, has filed an application for preliminary plat approval of 23 lots on a +/- 32.52 acre tract of land located at the intersection of Cedar Ridge Road and Westbrook Rd and further identified as tax parcel B75-017. Director DeLozier reviewed the application and noted everything in the preliminary plat meets the requirements of Franklin County's subdivision and land development ordinance, and he recommends approval. All lots are in Franklin County, and an easement will be in place along Westbrook Road to prevent any driveways from being constructed off Westbrook Road. The subdivision originally planned to have 25 lots, but two lots on the rear were discarded, and the former lots will be used for erosion control measures, with a retention pond planned.

Chairman Macomson called for a motion. Commissioner Wester motioned to approve the preliminary plat as presented with the condition that no driveways come off of Westbrook Road. Commissioner Swails seconded the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor, 4-0.

- D. Mobile Home Decal Resolution: The resolution was previously presented to the board in the work session. Commissioner Wester motioned to approve the mobile home decal resolution as presented. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor, 4-0.
- E. Airport Authority Agreement: The County Attorney provided the board with an agreement to allow county employees to perform lawn maintenance duties on Airport Authority grounds with reimbursement as detailed in the intergovernmental agreement. It was clarified that the county usually only mows out there twice and with the agreement asking for 4 times, the county would only need to charge for the additional two times. Chairman Macomson called for a motion. Commissioner Swails motioned to approve an intergovernmental agreement with the Franklin Hart Airport Authority to provide vegetation control services to the airport. As part of the motion to approve, the county will only mow the right-of-way along the portion of Airport Road that lies in unincorporated Franklin County. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor, 4-0.



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- A. LMIG 2022: Last year's LMIG paving projects have been partially completed, with five of the smaller paving projects completed. The remaining 3 projects are Jackson Bridge Road, Diamond Lane, and Ross Place. Stratton and Sons are doing the work, but right now the last three projects are pending completion, weather permitting. The proposed LMIG 22 projects only include 4 roads, two of which are very large projects. The proposed projects include Neal Little Road, beginning at Hwy 51 and ending at the end of the pavement, for about 1.94 miles; Bold Springs Church Road, beginning at Hwy 59 and ending at the bridge, for about 1.74 miles; Brittany Cove, beginning at Stovall Road and ending at Brittany Cove, for about 0.90 miles; and Lakeshore Drive, beginning at Poplar Springs Road and ending at Lakeshore Circle, for about 0.71 miles. The total cost of the project, including state grant funds and local match, is \$771,796.69. Project completion is estimated to be late summer 2022 or later, and the Board will be presented with the projects for approval at a later date. The county manager advised the board that an outside company/vendor is secured by the county engineer to rank each road in the county by condition, and the list of roads to resurface is selected based on condition and projected cost.

Item 9: Announcements:

Manager Turner announced an Economic Summit for citizens will be held on October 20, 2021, beginning at 9:30 am at the Carnesville Community Center, with the goal of providing information to the public about the process of industrial recruitment and economic development.

Chairman Macomson reminded everyone of the upcoming work session on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 6:00 pm, via Zoom. The Board will make a decision at that meeting about resuming in-person meetings for the month of November.

Item 10: Adjourn

Commissioner Wester made a motion to adjourn.
Commissioner Foster seconded the motion.
All were in favor, 4-0.

Signed on the 1st day of November, 2021


Chairman Jason K. Macomson



Robert Franklin

Robert L. Franklin, District 1 Commissioner

Kyle Foster

Kyle Foster, District 2 Commissioner

Ryan Swails

Ryan Swails, District 3 Commissioner

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