



You Are Why We Are Here

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
January 25, 2022
6:40 P.M.**

BOC: Chairman Dr. 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 via zoom

Staff: County Manager, Derrick Turner
County Clerk, Kayla Finger
Asst. County Manager/Planning & Zoning Director, Scott DeLozier
County Attorney, Bubba Samuels

Item 1: **Call meeting to order** - Chairman Macomson called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

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

Item 3: **Approval of the Agenda** - Commissioner Swails motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. All were in favor, 4-0.

Item 4: **Public Comment:**
Mr. Dave Dorsa, 95 Stillwater Road addressed the board with an update that he was in contact with the Keep Georgia Beautiful organization and would keep the board and Manager Turner apprised of his progress.

Item 5: **Personnel:** Manager Turner noted that the county has fully transitioned over to ADP time/payroll systems.

Item 6: **Items for discussion**

A. Vaping Ordinance: Chairman Macomson presented the proposed ordinance on the issue of vaping. The school has reached out expressing concerns over this growing problem at the high school.



You Are Why We Are Here

This ordinance would allow school resource officers to cite offending students rather than arrest them and have it go on their permanent record. Magistrate Judge Cody Grizzle advised on the matter. The board reached a consensus to have Attorney Bubba Samuels draft a revised version of the ordinance for a first reading at the upcoming regular board meeting in February.

B. Litter Update: Manager Turner updated the board that a citizen had accepted the role to head up the Keep America Beautiful program, but has since stepped down. The county has implemented bi-annual dump days for citizens. Chairman Macomson mentioned a change of mindset for the citizens, because when they cleaned up Gerrard Road, it was already littered again the next day. Manager Turner emphasized the need for a long term plan to the litter issue.

C. Board of Education Bond: Chairman Macomson explained to the board that last year, the school district proposed a SPLOST referendum which was approved by voters on March 16, 2021, to authorize the school board to issue general obligation bonds in the amount of \$21,700,000.00. The bonds would be repaid from revenue generated by the SPLOST, but the BOE is required by state law to pass a resolution committing itself to raise taxes to cover the annual debt payments should the SPLOST revenue not be sufficient.

The Board of Commissioners must officially approve the tax millage each year for the BOE. The BOC is being asked to consider for adoption at the regular meeting in February a tax levy resolution on behalf of the BOE that commits the BOC to approving tax levies for the BOE to cover any portion of the annual bond debt that isn't covered by SPLOST revenue. The BOC last passed a version of this resolution in 2018.

The board will consider a resolution to adopt for this purpose at the regular board meeting in February.

Item 7: Manager's Report:

A. Alcohol Permitting - Manager Turner briefed the board on the alcohol permitting process and timeline. He urged all



You Are Why We Are Here

members to review the documentation prior to the next meeting.

B. Financials - Manager Turner presented a financial overview for the board, and noted the creation of the Hotel-Motel Tax account and it's growth with the recent changes in legislation.

Item 8: Announcements:

Chairman Macomson reminded everyone of the upcoming joint meeting with the IBA and thanked all public safety workers for getting out in the snow.

Commissioner Franklin noted the poor condition of roads in district one. Chairman Macomson asked that these complaints be forwarded to the road department, as they are quite responsive. Manager Turner echoed this and noted that there is a list of roads for gravel that the department works off of.

Commissioner Swails commended the road department for their wonderful work on paving Diamond Lane. He noted he wants the county to look ahead to TSPLOST for future road endeavors.

Commissioner Wester praised the responsiveness and hard work of Nick Johnson and the road crew.

Item 9: Adjournment

Commissioner Wester made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Foster gave the second. No discussion. All were in favor, 4 -0.

Signed on the 7th day of February, 2021

Jason K. Macomson
Chairman Jason K. Macomson

Robert L. Franklin
Robert L. Franklin, District 1 Commissioner

Kyle Foster
Kyle Foster, District 2 Commissioner



You Are Why We Are Here

Ryan Swails, District 3 Commissioner

Eddie Wester, District 4 Commissioner

Kayla Finger, County Clerk