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**FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
March 29, 2022
6:00 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

Item 1: **Call meeting to order** - Chairman Macomson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

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

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

Item 4: **Public Comment:**
Mr. Phil Rice, 73 Chandler Place Dr. Lavonia, GA addressed the board with concerns regarding a 911 call he placed. The board will be looking into the matter further.
Mr. Dave Dorsa, 95 Stillwater Road Lavonia, GA addressed the board with concerns about litter, blight, animal control, and a citizen oversight committee.

Item 5: **Items for discussion**

A. Fees:

1. Impact Fees: Dir. DeLozier reviewed a list of proposed impact fees for construction in the county which was



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permit 1/3 acre lots (high density allowed), and major and minor subdivisions would be permitted in this district

f. Multi-Family Residential Districts: these would not be mapped in advance, would require sewer, would be located bordering/adjacent to or near city limits, and density would be determined by the type of multi-family development (condominiums, townhomes, apartments, etc); there would be a minimum development size of 10-15 acres or more

These proposed districts would separate and preserve areas of ag intensive operations in the western and southern areas of the county, while guiding more intensive residential developments along the growth corridors and alongside cities. Even in districts where major and minor subdivisions are permitted, the board would still approve subdivision plats, giving the board control over where subdivisions are eventually developed.

The board by consensus opted not to pursue the prior proposed zoning text amendment that would double minimum lot sizes for major subdivisions, in favor of the more complex and thorough proposals in the UDC that is under development. Dir. DeLozier will contact the board with a more concrete timeline for the UDC before the next meeting. The completed UDC and associated zoning map will enable the board of commissioners to make decisions about subdivision approvals based on where subdivisions are located and whether or not they fit with the county's plan for growth.

- E. ROTH Retirement: Manager Turner presented a proposal for an additional retirement plan called the ROTH option for county employees. This plan is provided through ACCG and would be available to employees at the start of the FY23 & would allow up to 4% contributions by employees with a 2% match from the county, and would cost the county an estimated \$40,000.00 year, depending on participation. Currently, only a small percentage of county employees participate in the 457-retirement plan that is offered. The ROTH plan would be an additional option and would not supplant or replace current plans available to employees. The board will consider a vote to



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approve the ROTH plan offering at the April regular board meeting.

- F. National Opioid Settlement: Manager Turner asked the board to vote on the time-sensitive settlement for a national opioid payout. An estimated 26 billion dollars will be disbursed over a period of 9 years to participants. Funds from it will go back to battling the opioid epidemic at a local level. Commissioner Swails motioned to adopt the MOU agreement and authorize the chairman to sign. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion. All were in favor, 4-0.

Item 6: Manager's Report:

- A. Financials: Manager Turner reviewed the attached period 8 financials for the board. A copy is attached to the minutes for review.

Item 7: Announcements:

Manager Turner reminded the board of upcoming budget hearings for Fiscal Year 2023.

Chairman Macomson reminded the board of the upcoming meetings and announced that he is moving this week but will remain in District Two.

Commissioner Wester discussed the need to consider private transports for non-life-threatening hospital transfers, as transfers remove ambulance units and personnel from the county and increase response times for citizens within the county. Manager confirmed that discussions with St. Mary's Sacred Heart are ongoing to find solutions.

Commissioner Swails said that the county needs to improve public safety services by updating equipment, improving pay, and increasing staff. He stated that the county needs industrial growth to provide tax revenue to pay for these added services.

Commissioner Foster echoed the comments of Commissioner Wester in regard to the need to find a solution to the issue of non-life-threatening hospital transports.

Commissioner Franklin thanked all of the county's employees, and he thanked the road department for the recent completion of work on Colston Road.

Item 8: Adjournment


Commissioner Wester made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Swails

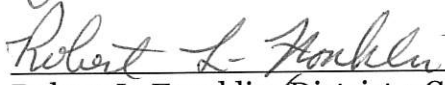



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gave the second. No discussion. All were in favor, 4 -0.

Signed on the 4th day of April, 2022


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


Kayla Finger, County Clerk