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**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES  
October 26, 2021  
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 via zoom  
MJ Kneiser, WLHR via zoom

**Staff:** County Manager, Derrick Turner  
County Clerk, Kayla Finger  
County Engineer, John Phillips

**Item 1:** **Call meeting to order** – Chairman Macomson called the virtual 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 Swails motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. All were in favor, 4-0.

**Item 4:** **Personnel:** No update at this time.

**Item 5:** **Public Comment:** None.

**Item 6:** **Items for discussion**

- A. ACCG Restated Policy – Commissioners were provided copies of the proposed 401(A) Defined Contribution Plan update keeping with updated laws and compliance. Manager Turner clarified that this update would not affect past or present employees. The board will vote on this matter at the next regular board meeting.



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- B. LMIG 2022 – The board was provided a list of proposed road resurfacing projects for FY22 including: Neal Little Road, Bold Springs Church Road, Brittany Cove, and Lakeshore Drive. These projects would cover approximately 5.29 miles Georgia Department of Transportation provided \$593,689.76 of Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) funding to Franklin County. The county's matched portion amounted to \$178,106.93 for a grand total of \$771,796.69. This item will be up for approval at the next regular board meeting.
- C. Preliminary Noise Ordinance – Manager Turner culminated a proposed noise ordinance, which was provided to the board prior to the meeting for review and discussion. Each commissioner will submit any suggestions or edits to the county attorney for consideration and revision. The board plans to revisit this item at the November Work Session.
- D. Colston Drive – There was no additional update at this time, beyond the options previously discussed at the last board meeting. County Attorney, Bubba Samuels is actively working on this item.
- E. November Meetings (In-person or Virtual) – The Commissioners reached a consensus to resume in person meetings for the month of November. The Commissioners and Manager will continue to monitor COVID stats on a month-to-month basis in the interest of public health.
- F. Service Delivery Strategy – Georgia Mountain Regional Commission (GMRC) has worked with the county and cities over the last year to update the Service Delivery Strategy. This document is a required plan by local governments in the state of Georgia that must be updated from time to time with the Department of Community Affairs. This item will be added to next week's regular board meeting agenda for consideration. GMRC Representative Adam Hazell has worked on this update with each of the cities and the county. Chairman Macomson noted that in addition to the county approving the plan, each city must also individually approve the update.

**Item 7:      Manager's Report:**

- A. Fall Retreat – Manager Turner reminded everyone of the fall planning retreat that will be held next Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 12:00 pm at the Carnesville Community Center.



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B. Economic Development Summit - The Industrial Building Authority hosted the second Economic Summit last week for citizens. There was good turnout and lots of informative discussion about the processes of economic development. A video of the summit will be posted online tomorrow.

C. Financials – Manager Turner gave a preliminary overview of the Fiscal Year 2021 financials. These numbers will continue to be updated as final transactions from Fiscal Year 2021 are recorded (FY 2021 ended June 30, 2021). Overall, revenues exceeded the budgeted amounts, and expenses came in under budgeted amounts and less than revenues collected. Some individual departments saw overages in expenses related to COVID-19 expenses, but the county still came in under budget for overall expenses. Despite projections for budget shortfalls related to COVID-19, the county's revenue collections were solid and above projected/budgeted amounts. The preliminary year-end general fund balance was approximately \$3.6 million, although this number will change as final transactions are recorded and the audit is finalized.

Chairman Macomson thanked Manager Turner for the update and advised the board that he has asked Mr. Turner for regular financial reports going forward. It is important for the board to be updated on the county's finances at regular intervals throughout the year, and not just during budget season as in the past.

**Item 8:        Announcements:**

Manager Turner reminded everyone of the upcoming Hometown Heroes Event being held on November 13, 2021, from 9:00 am – 7:00 pm, beginning with a dedication ceremony for the Veterans Memorial Plaza and ending with a fireworks celebration that evening. There will also be a "Pie in the Face" contest where attendees can pay to throw a pie in a commissioner's face.

He also noted that early voting ends this Friday, October 29, 2021, and Election Day is next Tuesday, November 2, 2021 and encouraged everyone to go out and vote. There are no county-wide races, but the county does have four referenda related to alcohol sales in the unincorporated areas of Franklin County.

Chairman Macomson also reminded everyone to vote, as the board desires citizen input on alcohol sales in the unincorporated areas of the county.



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He announces that the board will meet next on Monday, November 1, 2021, for a Public Hearing at 5:30 pm and a regular board meeting at 6:00 pm. These meetings will be in-person at the Franklin County Justice Center in Carnesville.

Commissioner Wester thanked county staff for working on the plans for the Hometown Heroes event. He also noted that he received positive feedback from citizens on the Economic Summit.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2021

  
Chairman Jason K. Macomson

  
Robert L. Franklin, District 1 Commissioner

  
Kyle Foster, District 2 Commissioner

  
Ryan Swails, District 3 Commissioner

  
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