



FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES

DATE: MARCH 4, 2024

TIME: 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Franklin County Justice Center

Present: Chairman, Jeff Jacques
District 1 Commissioner - Robert Franklin
District 2 Commissioner - Kyle Foster
District 3 Commissioner - Elizabeth Busby
District 4 Commissioner - Josh Smith

Media: Shane Scoggins, Franklin County Citizen Leader

Staff: Terry Harris, County Manager
Bubba Samuels, County Attorney
Robert Ogburn, Planning & Zoning Director/Assistant County Manager
Alexandria Gunter, Planner – Planning & Zoning
Kelsey Hill – Dual Admin – Planning & Zoning/County Manager

Item 1. Call to Order

Chairman Jacques called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Item 2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag: led by Chairman Jacques

Item 3. Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Jacques asked the board for a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion to Approve – Commissioner Foster

Motion Seconded – Commissioner Franklin

Discussion: None

All in favor vote: motion carried 5-0 (agenda approved)

Item 4. Approval of Minutes

A. BOC Regular Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2024

B. BOC Work Session Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2024

Chairman Jacques asked the board for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion to Approve - Commissioner Busby

Motion Seconded – Commissioner Foster

Discussion: None

All in favor vote: motion carried 5-0 (approved)

Item 5. Public Comment

Robert Ragsdale 551 Ruckersville Road Canon - spoke regarding the UDC procedures and requested the board table any vote on the UDC changes until it is properly advertised and a public hearing is held in accordance with the procedures of the Franklin County Commission and the Franklin County Zoning and Planning Commission.

Jeff Jacques, Chairman deferred to council (The Samuels Firm). Is there anything that is required from this board in addition to what has been done prior to taking a vote tonight?

Attorney Samuels – The zoning procedures law requires one public hearing, my understanding is that one public hearing occurred. Therefore, all the public hearing requirements of the zoning procedures law have been satisfied.

Item 6. Items for Discussion

- A. RZ-2024-001 Rezone:** Bo Weber, applicant and K-4 Partners LLC, Property Owner have filed an application for Rezone from Agricultural General (AG) to Rural Residential (RR) for a +/- 1.50 -acre tract located at 969 Freeman Rd Martin, GA 30557 (Map/Parcel 042/021). Proposed use: Residential
Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval 3-0

Chairman Jacques asked the board for a motion to approve, deny, and/or table.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Busby

Motion Seconded: Commissioner Smith

Discussion: None

All in favor vote: motion carried 5-0 (approved)

- B.** Jeremy and Lavon Grizzle have submitted a Citizen Zoning request to change from Rural Residential (RR) to Agricultural Intensive (AI). The property is located on Bald Eagle Rd Carnesville, GA 30521 on a +/-14.06 acre tract (Map/Parcel 023/062).
Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval 3-0

Chairman Jacques asked the board for a motion to approve, deny, and/or table.

Motion to table: Commissioner Smith

Motion Seconded: Commissioner Franklin

Discussion: Commissioner Busby addressed concerns that others had been approved while not being present at prior meetings.

Chairman Jacques agreed.

Commissioner Busby asked Robert Ogburn about the intention of the applicant to put chicken houses on the property and Mr. Ogburn said that he would ask the applicants if needed.

Chairman Jacques explained that this property is one of the properties that has been changed by the county during the time of the adoption of the UDC.

Vote was taken: motion failed 3-2 (In opposition of tabling the item: Chairman Jacques, Commissioner Busby, Commissioner Foster; In favor of tabling the item: Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Franklin)

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Busby

Motion Seconded: Commissioner Foster

All in favor vote: motion carried 3-2 (approved) (In favor of approving the application: Chairman Jacques, Commissioner Busby, Commissioner Foster; In opposition of approving the application: Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Franklin)

C. 2024 LMIG Bid Recommendation

After vetting and reviewing the bids - John Phillips, County Engineer and staff recommend the low bid of Stratton and Sons at \$851,652.04.

Chairman Jacques asked the board for a motion to approve, deny, and/or table.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Busby

Motion Seconded: Commissioner Foster

Discussion: None

All in favor vote: motion carried 5-0 (approved)

D. Schokbeton Bid Recommendation

After vetting and reviewing the bids - John Phillips, County Engineer and staff recommend the low bid of Stratton and Sons at \$139,352.12.

Chairman Jacques asked the board for a motion to approve, deny, and/or table.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Foster

Motion Seconded: Commissioner Smith

Discussion: None

All in favor vote: motion carried 5-0 (approved)

E. UDC Changes Recommendation

Chairman Jacques asked council again to make sure they are proceeding in accordance with law/policies and have meet anything/everything that should be required in order to take the vote.

Attorney Samuels - again I was informed that a public hearing was held and that is what the law requires.

Chairman Jacques reviewed the procedures followed for the UDC changes and reviewed the two recommended changes:

-Elimination of the multi-family residential from the residential section.

-A half a mile proximity for suburban residential for major subdivisions.

There are five cities inside the county, a half mile radius around either of these cities for larger scale/larger scope subdivisions which ultimately require sewer anyway.

Chairman Jacques asked the board for a motion to approve, deny, and/or table.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Busby

Motion Seconded: Commissioner Smith

Discussion: Commissioner Busby stated she agreed with everything Chairman Jacques said.

All in favor vote: motion carried 5-0 (approved)

Item 7. Announcements

Commissioner Smith is actively working on employee health insurance as mentioned at the last meeting.

Commissioner Busby reminded everyone that work on the Comprehensive Plan is set to begin on March 19, 2024. She then thanked everyone who put their name in for a position on the Board of Commissioners and said she is thankful there are people willing to serve and asked that people show kindness.

Chairman Jacques reminded everyone that elections qualifying started on Monday March 4, 2024, and ends on Friday, March 8, 2024, at 12:00 noon.

Commissioner Foster agreed with what Commissioner Busby said and thanked everyone who has shown a desire to be on the Board of Commissioners. He also thanked the Marshals for all of their work in Gumlog and stated you can really see results.

Commissioner Franklin had no announcements.

Item 8. Adjourn

Chairman Jacques asked the board for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Busby

Motion Seconded: Commissioner Foster

Discussion: None

All in favor vote: 5-0 (approved to adjourn)


Upcoming Meetings

March 26, 2024 – BOC Work Session @ 6:00 PM

April 1, 2024 – BOC Public Hearing @ 5:30 PM

April 1, 2024 – BOC Regular Meeting @ 6:00 PM

Signed on the 1st day of April 2024



Jeff Jacques, Chairman



Robert L. Franklin, District 1 Commissioner



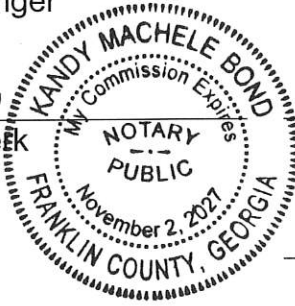
Terry Harris, County Manger



Kyle Foster, District 2 Commissioner



Kandy Bond, County Clerk





Elizabeth Busby, District 3 Commissioner



Josh Smith, District 4 Commissioner