

**FRANKLIN COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**September 27, 2016**  
**6:00 P.M.**

Present: Commission Chairman Thomas Bridges  
District 1 Commissioner Robert Franklin  
District 2 Commissioner David Strickland  
District 3 Commissioner Jeff Jacques  
District 4 Commissioner Eddie Wester

Media: Shane Scoggins, *Franklin County Citizen*  
Buddy Hardigree, *WLHR*

Staff:  
County Manager, Beth Thomas  
County Clerk, Elaine Evans

**Item 1 & 2: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** – Chairman Bridges called the September work session to order and welcomed everyone. He asked Commissioner Strickland to lead the invocation and the pledge to the American flag.

**Item 3: *Items for discussion***

**A. Public Comment** – Chairman Bridges asked if anyone would like to make a public comment. There was no one.

**B. Board Appointments** – Chairman Bridges asked Mrs. Thomas to go over the board appointments agenda item. Mrs. Thomas said that the Commission Board needs to make an appointment to the Department of Family and Children Services (DFACS) Board. She said that applications were taken and Kenneth Dove is the only applicant and this information was provided to the Board previously. Mr. Dove currently serves on the DFACS Board and would like to continue serving. Mrs. Thomas asked the Commissioners to consider reappointing Mr. Dove to the DFACS Board at the regular meeting in October.

Mrs. Thomas said that there are several other board appointments that will come up by the end of the year. She said that the board member positions coming open are – one for the Tax Assessor Board, two for the Board of Health and three for the Recreation Board. Applications are still being taken for these positions.

**C. Domestic Violence Proclamation** – Chairman Bridges asked Commissioner Strickland to go over the domestic violence proclamation. Commissioner Strickland said that he would like for the Board to consider making October Domestic Violence month. He went over the domestic violence proclamation. Commissioner Strickland said that this would bring to light people who are in bad situations. He also

said that he plans to attend a domestic violence event in Hartwell on Tuesday, October 4 and would like to be able to give the proclamation to them and say that Franklin County is 100% supportive. Chairman Bridges said that this would be voted on at Monday's regular board meeting.

**D. Announcements** – Chairman Bridges asked Mrs. Thomas to go over announcements. Mrs. Thomas reminded everyone of the October 3 meetings. The public hearing will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the regular board meeting to start at 6 p.m.

Commissioner Wester went over the minutes from the IBA meeting. He said that the IBA has applied for a One Georgia Grant in the amount of \$500,000. Support has been received from both Representative Alan Powell and Senator John Wilkinson for the One Georgia Grant. Commissioner Wester said that the One Georgia Committee will meet on October 17 and shortly after this meeting news should be received if the grant was approved. Work has also started on the new industrial park.

The IBA is moving forward with the 10 year bond for Ross Controls on title for equipment. Ross Controls held their Annual Global Summit in Lavonia with representatives from Korea; Japan; Brazil; Germany; and several other countries. Commissioner Wester said that this was a good way to show what Franklin County has to offer.

Chairman Bridges said that the next three days he will be attending the ACCG Legislation Meeting to discuss the legislations that will be introduced. He said that he is the voting delegate for Franklin County. He asked each Commissioner to please give him their priorities or concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m. by Chairman Bridges.

Signed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

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Chairman J. Thomas Bridges

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Robert L. Franklin, District 1 Commissioner

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David R. Strickland, District 2 Commissioner

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Jeff Jacques, District 3 Commissioner

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Eddie Wester, District 4 Commissioner

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Elaine H. Evans, County Clerk