

**FRANKLIN COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 3, 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  
County Engineer, John Phillips  
County Attorney, Bubba Samuels

**Item 1 & 2: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** – Chairman Bridges welcomed everyone to the October regular board meeting. He thanked them for taking the time to attend. Chairman Bridges asked Commissioner Strickland to lead the invocation and pledge to the American flag.

**Item 3: Approval of Minutes:**

September 12, 2016 Public Hearing  
September 12, 2016 Regular Board Meeting  
September 27, 2016 Work Session

Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to accept the September minutes. Commissioner Strickland made the motion to accept the minutes. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Commissioner Jacques seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chairman Bridges asked for a show of hands. The motion passed by four (4) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes. The YES votes were Commissioner Franklin; Commissioner Strickland; Commissioner Jacques; and Commissioner Wester.

**Item 4: Items for discussion:**

**A. Public Comment** – Chairman Bridges asked if anyone wished to speak in public comment. Walter Brown came forward to speak about Aderhold Road. Mr. Brown

said that he is puzzled about the condition of the road. He also said that he is puzzled about the road being banked and the speed on the road being 35 mph. There are several dangerous places on Aderhold Road because of the banking. This banking also causes water to flow into yards.

Mr. Brown said that he has talked with the county manager about putting a ditch to keep the flow of water out of yards. He said that this was over a month ago and so far nothing has been done. Mr. Brown said that John Phillips has been out to look at the problem with the deterioration from the road which is also causing deterioration against the houses. He does not understand why the road cannot be slanted so that the water does not come into his yard. This has been an ongoing problem for over a year.

Mr. Brown stated that Mrs. Thomas said that she would get with Mr. Phillips and get the problem solved. He has not heard from either Mrs. Thomas or Mr. Phillips. Chairman Bridges suggested to Mr. Brown to get with him and Mr. Phillips to get an answer to see what can be legally done to solve the issue.

## **B. Public Hearing Items:**

**1. Conditional use for a poultry farm – David Phan and Don Phan** - Chairman Bridges asked Mr. Phillips to go over the recommendation from the Planning Commission. Mr. Phillips said that the request from David Phan and Don Phan is for a poultry farm on a 78.22 acre tract located at 1426 Airport Road. This application has been reviewed by the Planning Commission and the recommendation is for approval of the conditional use permit. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to approve. Commissioner Jacques made the motion to approve the conditional use request in accordance with the recommendation from the Planning Commission. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chairman Bridges asked for a show of hands. The motion passed by four (4) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes. The YES votes were Commissioner Wester; Commissioner Jacques; Commissioner Strickland; and Commissioner Franklin.

**2. Conditional use for a poultry farm – Thomas Ho** - Chairman Bridges asked Mr. Phillips to go the recommendation from the Planning Commission. Mr. Phillips said that the request from Thomas Ho is for a conditional use for a poultry farm on a 92.5 acre tract located on 444 Pleasant Hill Road. The Planning Commission has reviewed the request and recommends approval. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to approve. Commissioner Wester made the motion to approve the conditional land use permit per the recommendation from the Planning Commission. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Commissioner Jacques seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chairman Bridges asked for a show of hands. The motion passed by four (4) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes. The YES votes were Commissioner Jacques; Commissioner Strickland; Commissioner Franklin; and Commissioner Wester.

Chairman Bridges stated as was previously announced in the public hearing that the rezone request from Kacy Cronan was withdrawn.

**C. DFACS Board Appointment** – Chairman Bridges asked Mrs. Thomas to go over the board appointment. Mrs. Thomas presented and recommended Kenneth Dove for reappointment to the Department of Family and Children Services (DFACS) Board. She said that Mr. Dove has served on the DFACS Board for over five years and has a desire to continue serving. Mr. Dove’s application was the only one received for this position. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to reappoint Kenneth Dove to the DFACS Board. Commissioner Strickland made the motion. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Commissioner Wester seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chairman Bridges asked for a show of hands. The motion passed by four (4) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes. The YES votes were Commissioner Wester; Commissioner Franklin; Commissioner Jacques; and Commissioner Strickland.

**D. Domestic Violence Proclamation** – Chairman Bridges said that the Domestic Violence Proclamation was given to each Commissioner at the last work session. This proclamation is to recognize the month of October as domestic violence prevention month. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion approve the Domestic Violence Proclamation. Commissioner Jacques made the motion. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chairman Bridges asked for a show of hands. The motion passed by four (4) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes. The YES votes were Commissioner Franklin; Commissioner Strickland; Commissioner Jacques; and Commissioner Wester.

**E. Announcements** – Mrs. Thomas said that the Road Department works with 50% less employees than surrounding counties; 11 employees compared to 23. She said that the employees in the Road Department have been working rotating overtime shifts to get the slope mowing and bush hogging caught up. Progress is being made in the County because of these overtime hours. Mrs. Thomas said that a thank you note for the Road Department was received this week. She publicly thanked the Road Department for their efforts in helping catch the work up.

Chairman Bridges seconded Mrs. Thomas on her thanks to the Road employees. He said that he gets a lot of comments about the dedication and service that the Road Department gives to the County.

Commissioner Jacques said to echo the sentiments of the county manager; he has received two commendations from the public relating to the Road Department for work in the Bold Springs area. He said that he wanted to reaffirm the good job that the Road employees are doing.

Commissioner Strickland said that he agrees with what has been stated for the Road Department. When there are only 11 employees it is hard to keep the work up. He also thanked the Board for passing the Domestic Violence Proclamation. Commissioner Strickland stated that he will be glad to take this to Hartwell tomorrow night for the Domestic Violence program at Sardis Church to let everyone know that Franklin County passed this 100%.

Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jacques made the motion to adjourn. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Commissioner Strickland seconded the motion. The motion passed by four (4) YES votes to zero (0) NO votes. The YES votes were Commissioner Wester; Commissioner Jacques; Commissioner Franklin; and Commissioner Strickland. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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