



**FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 5, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

BOC: Commission Chairman Thomas Bridges
District 1 Commissioner Robert Franklin
District 2 Commissioner Dr. Jason Macomson
District 3 Commissioner Jeff Jacques
District 4 Commissioner Eddie Wester

Media: Shane Scoggins, Franklin County Citizen

Staff: County Manager Beth Thomas
County Clerk Elaine Evans
County Attorney Bubba Samuels
County Engineer John Phillips

Chairman Bridges called the June regular board meeting to order at six o'clock. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

Item 2: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Wester led the invocation and pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

Item 3: Approval of Minutes:

May 1, 2017 Public Hearing
May 1, 2017 Regular Board Meeting
May 30, 2017 Work Session

Chairman Bridges said that the minutes were sent out by the Clerk for review. He asked for a motion to accept the three sets of minutes as written. 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 five (5) **YES** votes to zero (0) **NO** votes. The **YES** votes were Commissioner Franklin, Dr. Macomson, Chairman Bridges, Commissioner Jacques, and Commissioner Wester.

Item 4: Items for discussion:

A. **Public Comment** – Chairman Bridges asked if anyone would like to speak in public comment. There was no one who wished to speak.

B. **Public Hearing items:**



1. **Abandonment** of Strawberry Lane – Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to abandon Strawberry Lane. Commissioner Jacques made the motion to abandon Strawberry Lane. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Dr. Macomson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chairman Bridges asked for a show of hands. The motion passed by five (5) **YES** votes to zero (0) NO votes. The YES votes were Commissioner Wester, Commissioner Jacques, Chairman Bridges, Commissioner Franklin, and Dr. Macomson.

2. **Conditional Use** – Paul & Sharon Laird – Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to approve a conditional use for a poultry farm for Paul & Sharon Laird. Commissioner Jacques made the motion to approve based on the recommendation from the Planning Commission. 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 five (5) **YES** votes to zero (0) NO votes. The YES votes were Commissioner Franklin, Dr. Macomson, Commissioner Wester, Commissioner Jacques, and Chairman Bridges.

3. **FY18 Budget** – There was no additional discussion.

C. **FY18 Contracts** – Mrs. Thomas said that information on the public defender contract was presented at the work session. She said that the contract will go up by \$710 for the next fiscal year. At this time Mrs. Thomas does not have the final contract. She said that this will need to be voted on to become effective on July 1. County Attorney Bubba Samuels said that this contract will be the same contract since his association with the County other than the dollar figure. Commissioner Jacques said that this will be minimal. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to approve the public defender contract. Dr. Macomson made the motion to approve as long as there are not any unexpected changes in the contract. 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 five (5) **YES** votes to zero (0) NO votes. The YES votes were Chairman Bridges, Commissioner Franklin, Commissioner Wester, Commissioner Jacques, and Dr. Macomson.

The second contract is a space rental for the State Probation between the State of Georgia and Franklin County. There is no exchange of money in this contract. Mrs. Thomas said that she requested that the State omit the paragraph that would allow for subleasing. The final contract has not been received by the County. Mrs. Thomas asked that this be tabled until the final contract has been received to ensure that the paragraph regarding subleasing is omitted. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to table the item until the work session. Commissioner Wester made the motion to table. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Chairman Bridges asked for a show of hands. The motion passed by five (5) **YES** votes to zero (0) NO votes. The YES votes were Dr. Macomson, Commissioner Franklin, Chairman Bridges, Commissioner Jacques, and Commissioner Wester.



D. 2017 LMIG Resurfacing Project – Mrs. Thomas said that this is a project that consists of resurfacing for four county roads. The low bid was received by Stratton and Sons in the amount of \$495,526.42. The recommendation from the County Engineer John Phillips and Mrs. Thomas is to move forward with the bid from Stratton and Sons for the asphalt paving project. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion. Commissioner Jacques made the motion and said that this is a very, very good price. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Commissioner Wester seconded the motion. Chairman Bridges said that he agrees with Commissioner Jacques that this is a good price and a tremendous savings for the County. Commissioner Wester said that it is nice to have a business in the County that is capable of doing this project and doing a good job. It is wonderful to be able to keep the money in the County. For clarification Commissioner Jacques said this project is for Rock Pillar Road, New Hope Road, Old Chism Trail, a portion of Clarks Creek Road and base and paving on Freedom Drive. Chairman Bridges asked for a show of hands. The motion passed by five (5) **YES** votes to zero (0) **NO** votes. The YES votes were Dr. Macomson, Commissioner Jacques, Commissioner Franklin, Commissioner Wester, and Chairman Bridges.

E. Board Positions – Mrs. Thomas said that there is one position open on the Planning Commission. Three applications were received. The recommendation is to move forward with the appointment of Guerry Hall. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to accept the recommendation of appointing Guerry Hall to the Planning Commission. Commissioner Franklin made the motion. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Dr. Macomson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chairman Bridges asked for a show of hands. The motion passed by five (5) **YES** votes to zero (0) **NO** votes. The YES votes were Commissioner Franklin, Commissioner Wester, Commissioner Jacques, Chairman Bridges, and Dr. Macomson.

Mrs. Thomas gave the Commissioners a list of the citizens for the Jail Subcommittee. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to accept the list. Commissioner Wester made the motion to accept. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Dr. Macomson seconded the motion. Chairman Bridges asked for discussion. Dr. Macomson asked for clarification of the members on the subcommittee; this list, the Sheriff and several of his employees, and how many Commissioners. Chairman Bridges said that it would be two Commissioners. Mrs. Thomas said that it would be two Commissioners to stay under the quorum. The members from the Sheriff's Office will be Sheriff Thomas, Chief Deputy Jimmy LeCroy and the current Jail Administrator Captain Greg Sisk.

The two Commissioners that previously volunteered to be on the subcommittee are Chairman Bridges and Commissioner Wester. Mrs. Thomas said at the work session that Commissioner Franklin expressed interest in serving. She said a determination needs to be made of which two Commissioners will serve. Commissioner Wester said that he told Chairman Bridges that he does not have a problem with stepping off and allowing Commissioner Franklin to serve as he has been on the subcommittee for recommendations as well as serving as the liaison to the Industrial Building Authority. Chairman Bridges asked Commissioner Franklin if he is willing to



serve. Commissioner Franklin affirmed that he is.

Chairman Bridges said that he wanted all five Commissioners to give input. He said that this will be County wide input on this project. Chairman Bridges asked for a show of hands to accept the list for the Jail Subcommittee. The motion passed by five (5) **YES** votes to zero (0) NO votes. The YES votes were Dr. Macomson, Commissioner Franklin, Chairman Bridges, Commissioner Jacques, and Commissioner Wester.

F. Capital Expenditures – Mrs. Thomas presented two capital expenditure projects at the work session. The first capital expenditure is for forty voting machines to be purchased from San Diego County, California at a discount of 61%. Mrs. Thomas made the recommendation to utilize the excess funds from FY17 to make this purchase. She expressed thanks to Gina Chappellear Elections Superintendent for finding the information for the purchase. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to approve the purchase. Commissioner Jacques made the motion and commended County staff for their diligent efforts in searching and finding the machines at a significant savings to the County. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Dr. Macomson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chairman Bridges asked for a show of hands. The motion passed by five (5) **YES** votes to zero (0) NO votes. The YES votes were Commissioner Wester, Commissioner Jacques, Dr. Macomson, Commissioner Franklin, and Chairman Bridges.

The second project is the communications system for the E911 Center. Mrs. Thomas recommended making the purchase from WestTel International for a total system price that includes five years of maintenance for \$217,650. This purchase was allocated in the SPLOST V funds with pre-borrowing. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to move forward. Commissioner Wester made the motion to move forward with the communications system purchase for E911. 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 five (5) **YES** votes to zero (0) NO votes. The YES votes were Commissioner Franklin, Commissioner Wester, Commissioner Jacques, Dr. Macomson, and Chairman Bridges.

G. FY17 Budget Modifications – Chairman Bridges said that the budget modifications were given to the Commissioners at the work session for review. He asked Mrs. Thomas to go over this further. Mrs. Thomas said that the requested changes are the same as presented at the work session. In order to make the budget modifications a budget amendment will need to be approved by the Board and signed by the Chairman. The budget amendments will include EMA, EMS, Probate, Road, BOC, Public Health, Elected Officials, Jail Fund transfer and sale of assets. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to approve the budget modifications. Dr. Macomson 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 five (5) **YES** votes to zero (0) NO votes. The YES votes were Dr. Macomson, Commissioner Franklin, Commissioner Jacques, Commissioner Wester, and Chairman Bridges.



*H. **Announcements** – Mrs. Thomas said her only announcement is the July meeting will be held July 10 instead of July 3. Chairman Bridges said that this change was made because of the July 4 holiday.*

Commissioner Wester apologized to the Board and to the citizens for being late to the public hearing. He said that he had a prior engagement that was very near and dear to his heart. Commissioner Jacques said that no apology is necessary, that Commissioner Wester represented the Board well and expressed his thanks.

*Chairman Bridges asked for a motion and a second to adjourn. Commissioner Jacques made the motion to adjourn. Dr. Macomson seconded the motion. Chairman Bridges asked for a show of hands. The motion passed by five (5) **YES** votes to zero (0) NO votes. The YES votes were Commissioner Franklin, Dr. Macomson, Chairman Bridges, Commissioner Jacques, and Commissioner Wester. The regular board meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.*

Signed on the _____ day of _____, 2017

Chairman J. Thomas Bridges

Robert L. Franklin, District 1 Commissioner

Dr. Jason Macomson, District 2 Commissioner

Jeff Jacques, District 3 Commissioner

Eddie Wester, District 4 Commissioner

Elaine H. Evans, County Clerk