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**FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 4, 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

Item 1: Call meeting to order – Chairman Bridges called the December regular board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and expressed his appreciation for everyone coming out.

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

Item 3: Approval of Minutes:

*November 6, 2017 regular board meeting
November 28, 2017 work session*

*Chairman Bridges said the minutes were sent to the Commissioners for review. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Jacques made the motion to approve. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Dr. Macomson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chairman Bridges asked for a show of hands. The minutes were approved by five (5) **YES** votes to zero (0) **NO** votes. The **YES** votes were Commissioner Franklin, Commissioner Wester, Dr. Macomson, Commissioner Jacques and Chairman Bridges.*

***Commissioner Wester** made a motion to amend the agenda to strike Item C, IBA Director DB Plan. He said this request was made per a phone call from the IBA Director. 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*



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Commissioner Wester, Commissioner Jacques, Commissioner Franklin, Dr. Macomson and Chairman Bridges.

Item 4: Items for discussion:

A. **Public Comment** – *There was no public comment.*

B. **Colston Drive** – *Chairman Bridges said Colston Drive was talked about in the work session. Mrs. Thomas said Angie Sheriff has worked diligently to gain easements to allow the County to maintain Colston Drive and the request is for maintenance from the beginning of the road at Williams Bridge to approximately 1,200 feet to the dam. Due to engineering reports on the dam the recommendation from Mrs. Thomas is to not work past it. At the work session there was a question if adequate turnaround space is available at the dam. At the request of Commissioner Franklin, the Road department checked on this. Mrs. Thomas said an additional 15 feet of right of way would be needed on the right hand side to create an adequate turnaround. It was requested by Mrs. Thomas to table this item until the property owner can be contacted for the additional easements.*

*Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to accept the recommendation from Mrs. Thomas to table the vote for Colston Drive until the additional easements can be gained. Commissioner Franklin made the motion to table the vote until the easement is gained for the turnaround. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Dr. Macomson seconded the motion. Commissioner Jacques said he does not have a problem tabling the item but if it is the intention of the Board to ultimately take this section on then a motion could be made to accept this contingent on the easement being acquired. This would allow the property owner to see that the Board has already taken action therefore making the easement quicker to obtain. Chairman Bridges questioned if someone at the State level could be contacted to help with maintenance on the dam. Mrs. Thomas said the 2011 report came from the State but they can be contacted again. The dam is on a private drive and is ultimately the responsibility of the land owners but Mrs. Thomas is researching options to assist them. At this time Mrs. Thomas said she did not feel comfortable taking the dam on for maintenance from a liability stand point. Chairman Bridges asked for a show of hands to table the vote for Colston Drive until the easements can be obtained. The motion passed by five (5) **YES** votes to zero (0) **NO** votes. The **YES** votes were Dr. Macomson, Commissioner Jacques, Chairman Bridges, Commissioner Wester and Commissioner Franklin.*

C. **IBA Director DB Plan** – *Item removed.*

D. **LMIG 2018** – *Chairman Bridges said the list of roads for the 2018 LMIG was presented at the work session. He asked Mrs. Thomas to go over this item further. Mrs. Thomas gave her recommendation to move forward with the list of roads presented at the work session. She said John Phillips prepared all the paperwork for submission which is needed by the end of this year. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to accept the 2018 LMIG list for submission. Commissioner Wester made the*



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*motion. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Dr. Macomson seconded the motion. Commissioner Jacques commended the staff for doing a very thorough and comprehensive job of identifying the areas and taking limited funds for maximization. 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.*

*E. **Firefighters Insurance** – Chairman Bridges said this is the cancer insurance for the volunteer firefighters that was discussed at the work session. Mrs. Thomas gave her recommendation to go with the ACCG insurance program which had the appropriate coverage along with a three-year price guarantee. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to accept the recommendation from Mrs. Thomas. Commissioner Jacques made the motion and stated that the Commission Board does not have a choice, this is another unfunded State mandate. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Commissioner Wester seconded the motion. Dr. Macomson asked what the total cost is for this program. Mrs. Thomas said the annual cost is \$28,730 based on the listing provided by the County Clerk to ACCG. Chairman Bridges asked for a show hands. The motion passed by five (5) **YES** votes to zero (0) **NO** votes. The **YES** votes were Commissioner Wester, Commissioner Jacques, Commissioner Franklin, Dr. Macomson and Chairman Bridges.*

*F. **Capital Expenditure – Jail** – Chairman Bridges said capital expenditures for improvements at the jail was discussed at the work session. He asked Mrs. Thomas to give an update on this. Mrs. Thomas said based on information from the Jail Subcommittee there are capital expenditures for the jail concerning safety protocol that need to be made now regardless of future expansion or building. She said a \$55,000 investment is needed for additional cameras and a new server that would house the new cameras and would also allow for an expansion. This will not replace the existing cameras but will supplement what is already in place. Work on the isolation doors and some updates in the kitchen are needed. Mrs. Thomas said these capital expenditures have not been budgeted. There are no available funds in SPLOST IV and SPLOST V is in collections. There is \$98,000 in a SPLOST III account and the history is this was set aside for jail or public facilities. Mrs. Thomas said the other option would be the Jail Fund but for cash flow purposes it makes sense to spend capital expenditure money on capital expenditures. This would keep the Jail Fund for operations if needed.*

Mrs. Thomas said because the SPLOST III is so old she asked the Commissioners to vote that these monies can be spent on capital expenditures which would then be spent on the jail. She said the motion could either be specific for cameras, isolation door repair and the kitchen or authorization to give permission to adjust the budget to account for the SPLOST III funds. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to move forward with the capital expenditures at the jail. Commissioner Jacques made the motion to use the SPLOST III funds as recommended by Mrs. Thomas and give her general authority for the requested items. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion. Chairman Bridges said these



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*improvements would enhance a later expansion. Mrs. Thomas said on the technology side it would per the recommendation from the consultant who was present at the Jail Subcommittee meetings. The server would be able to house additional cameras in building for the future along with taking care of safety needs. Mrs. Thomas said the isolation door and kitchen issues need to be taken care of now in the existing jail. 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 Wester, Commissioner Franklin, Commissioner Jacques and Dr. Macomson.*

G. Announcements:

Mrs. Thomas announced the Employee Christmas Luncheon will be held on December 21. The office will be closed on December 22 and December 25 for the Christmas holidays and on New Year's Day. The closings are posted at the BOC office.

Mrs. Thomas said she will be attending an ACCG subcommittee to develop educational materials for managers on December 12. Chairman Bridges said he received a call from ACCG asking for permission to allow Mrs. Thomas to serve on this subcommittee. He said it has been recognized that Mrs. Thomas is top of the line for management and this is an honor for Franklin County.

*Chairman Bridges told everyone to take note of the upcoming meetings listed at the bottom of the agenda. There was no further discussion. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jacques made the motion to adjourn. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. 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 Chairman Bridges, Dr. Macomson, Commissioner Jacques, Commissioner Wester and Commissioner Franklin. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.*



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Signed on the _____ day of _____, 2018

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