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**FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 1, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

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

Media: *Shane Scoggins, Franklin County Citizen Leader
Mark Berryman, WLHR*

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

Item 1: **Call meeting to order** – *Chairman Bridges called the July regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.*

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

Item 3: **Approval of Minutes**

*June 3, 2019 public hearing
June 3, 2019 regular meeting
June 11, 2019 public hearing
June 25, 2019 public hearing
June 25, 2019 work session*

*Chairman Bridges said there were five meetings in the month of June and the Commissioners have had an opportunity to review the minutes. He asked for a motion and second to approve the minutes. Commissioner Swails made the motion to approve the June minutes. Commissioner Franklin 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 Chairman Bridges, Commissioner Franklin, Commissioner Swails, Commissioner Wester and Dr. Macomson.*

Item 4: **Items for discussion**

A. Public Comment

Paul Palmer stated he lives on Tugaloo State Park Road. He said there is piece of property near him which has a Calm Air sign in the yard and has had it for several years.



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According to the covenants in their neighborhood, businesses are not allowed. The neighbors ask this person occasionally to clean his yard up and he does but within a week it goes back to the junkyard look. Mr. Palmer asked the Commissioners to put a stop to the junk. Chairman Bridges told Mr. Palmer to get in touch with Mrs. Thomas.

B. Public Hearing items

Mrs. Thomas said **Complete Sourcing Center LLC** filed an application for a **conditional use permit** for a home-based business in residential zoning. The request is for an internet home-based business with no truck deliveries and no employees. Mrs. Thomas gave the recommendation from the Planning Commission as approval for a conditional use permit for Complete Sourcing Center LLC. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion. Dr. Macomson made the motion to grant the conditional use permit for Complete Sourcing Center LLC. 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, Commissioner Wester, Dr. Macomson, Commissioner Wester and Chairman Bridges.

Mrs. Thomas said **Shepherd's Hill Academy** has been in operation since approximately 2001 and serve 30 to 36 units in an educational therapeutic setting. They are currently a legal non-conforming use because they were in existence prior to zoning. The request from Shepherd's Hill Academy is for a **conditional use and variance** because the zoning regulations of Franklin County do not address educational or therapeutic schools. Mrs. Thomas gave the recommendation from the Planning Commission for approval for the six parcels submitted. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion. Commissioner Swails made the motion to approve the Shepherd's Hill Academy request. 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 Wester, Commissioner Swails, Commissioner Franklin and Chairman Bridges.

Chairman Bridges said the last item is for a **rezone and variance request** for **Daniel Garland**. The recommendation from the Planning Commission is for denial of this request. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission to deny. Dr. Macomson made the motion to deny the request from Daniel Garland for a rezone and variance for Tugaloo State Park Road. Chairman Bridges asked for a second. Commissioner Wester 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, Commissioner Franklin, Commissioner Wester, Commissioner Swails and Dr. Macomson.

C. Jacobs Engineering contract

Mrs. Thomas said Jacobs Engineering provides professional services for the landfill monitoring. Although the landfill is closed the County still has to monitor it. The new contract from Jacobs Engineering increased by \$1,700 which was included in the



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*FY20 budget. Mrs. Thomas asked the Commission Board to approve the Jacobs Engineering contract. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to accept the contract from Jacobs. Commissioner Wester made the motion to accept the Jacobs Engineering contract. 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 Swails, Chairman Bridges, Dr. Macomson and Commissioner Franklin.*

D. Public Defender contract

*Mrs. Thomas said the Public Defender contract increased by \$6,436.73 based on the volume of cases in Franklin County which has the most cases of the counties in the circuit. The increase to the Public Defender was included in the FY20 budget. Mrs. Thomas asked the Commissioners to approve the resolution entering into the agreement with the Public Defender's office. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to accept the recommendation from Mrs. Thomas for the Public Defender's contract. Commissioner Franklin made the motion to accept the recommendation from Mrs. Thomas for the Public Defender's contract. 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 Chairman Bridges, Commissioner Swails, Commissioner Franklin, Commissioner Wester and Dr. Macomson.*

E. Announcements

Mrs. Thomas presented potential dates for public hearings for the tax process. She stated the tax digest should be completed by July 19 with tax calculations completed by July 24. August will be a tight schedule and deadlines have to be met to keep the November 15 due date for tax billing. Chairman Bridges asked the Commissioners to look over the dates and confer with Mrs. Thomas.

*Chairman Bridges asked for a motion and second to adjourn. Commissioner Wester made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Swails 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, Commissioner Franklin, Dr. Macomson, Commissioner Swails and Commissioner Wester. The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.*



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Signed on the _____ day of _____, 2019

Chairman J. Thomas Bridges

Robert L. Franklin, District 1 Commissioner

Dr. Jason Macomson, District 2 Commissioner

Ryan Swails, District 3 Commissioner

Eddie Wester, District 4 Commissioner

Elaine H. Evans, County Clerk