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**FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 3, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

Present: 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
Daniel Brown, *WLHR via Zoom*

Staff: County Manager, Beth Thomas via Zoom
Planning Director, Scott DeLozier
County Clerk, Kayla Finger

Item 1: Call Meeting to Order – Chairman Bridges called the August Regular Business Meeting to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed everyone.

Item 2: Invocation, and Pledge of Allegiance - Chairman Bridges asked Commissioner Wester to lead the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Item 3: Proclamation & Moment of Silence honoring Franklin County Deputy William Garner: Chairman Bridges recognized the numerous distinguished members from the surrounding community that came out in support of Officer Garner's family. Commissioner Macomson read the proclamation aloud for the audience. Chairman Bridges asked for a motion to approve the proclamation. Commissioner Wester made a motion to approve. Commissioner Macomson gave the second. The motion passed by five (5) **YES** votes to zero (0) **NO** votes. The **YES** votes were Commissioner Franklin, Commissioner Macomson, Commissioner Wester, Commissioner Swails and Chairman Bridges. Chairman Bridges called everyone to stand in a moment of silence honoring Officer Garner. He closed the moment of silence with prayer. The board presented the proclamation framed in a plaque to Officer Garner's wife and expressed their condolences and gratitude to his service. Chairman Bridges announced a brief break. The meeting resumed at 6:25 pm.

Item 4: Approval of Minutes – Commissioner Franklin made a motion to approve the minutes from: July 13, 2020 Public Hearing, July 13, 2020 Regular Board



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Meeting, July 28, 2020 Public Hearing, and the July 28, 2020 Work Session. Commissioner Wester seconded the motion. The motion passed by five (5) **YES** votes to zero (0) **NO** votes. The **YES** votes were Commissioner Franklin, Commissioner Macomson, Commissioner Wester, Commissioner Swails and Chairman Bridges.

Item 5: Public Comment – None

Item 6: Items for Discussion:

- A. **Request for Conditional Permit** – Dir. DeLozier briefly reviewed Mrs. Heather Maxwell's request for a conditional use permit for a two-house poultry farm on a +/- 95.39-acre tract. The property is located on Murphy Rd and is further identified as Tax Parcel 037-028. He recommended that the board approve the permit as presented. Commissioner Wester made the motion to approve. Commissioner Macomson asked about the condition of the road it will be located on. Dir. DeLozier explained it was county maintained. No further questions were asked. Commissioner Franklin gave the second. The motion passed by five (5) **YES** votes to zero (0) **NO** votes. The **YES** votes were Commissioner Franklin, Commissioner Macomson, Commissioner Wester, Commissioner Swails and Chairman Bridges.
- B. **Request for Conditional Use Permit** – Dir. DeLozier summarized Mr. Matthew Dyck's application for a conditional use permit for a four-house poultry farm on a +/- 45.60-acre tract. The property is located on Muddy Branch Rd and is further identified as Tax Parcel 054-025 A. He recommended that the board approve the permit as presented. Commissioner Macomson made the motion to approve. Commissioner Swails gave the second. The motion passed by five (5) **YES** votes to zero (0) **NO** votes. The **YES** votes were Commissioner Franklin, Commissioner Macomson, Commissioner Wester, Commissioner Swails and Chairman Bridges.
- C. **Request for Conditional Use Permit** – Dir. DeLozier review Mr. Joseph Mooney's application for a conditional use permit for a home occupation on a +/- 7.40-acre tract. The property is located on Hwy 59 and is further identified as Tax Parcel 053-066. Dir. DeLozier explained the conditions recommended by the planning commission: Condition 1 – no commercial traffic, Condition 2 – maintain property in a neat and orderly fashion, Condition 3 – operate during normal business hours, Condition 4 – no automotive repair, strictly assembly of pre-fabricated parts. Mr. Mooney asked to clarify if he could still work on his own personal vehicle on his property. Dir. DeLozier stated he could. The recommendation was made by Dir. DeLozier to pass the permit with the four listed conditions. Commissioner Swails made the motion to accept the permit with the four conditions, as presented. Commissioner Macomson gave the second. The motion passed by five (5) **YES** votes to zero (0) **NO** votes. The **YES** votes were Commissioner Franklin, Commissioner Macomson, Commissioner Wester, Commissioner Swails and Chairman Bridges.



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D. FY21 Library Funding Request - \$7,000.00 Chairman Bridges explained that since the school board could no longer contribute to the library board, the commissioners had previously heard the request from the library board for funding in the amount of \$21,000.00. The board had discussed paying a third with the other communities following suit to make up the whole \$21,000.00 requested. Commissioner Swails made the motion to approve contributing \$7,000.00 to the library, and expressed the worthiness and importance of this cause to the community. Commissioner Macomson gave the second. The motion passed by five (5) **YES** votes to zero (0) **NO** votes. The **YES** votes were Commissioner Franklin, Commissioner Macomson, Commissioner Wester, Commissioner Swails and Chairman Bridges.

Item 7. Announcements: Chairman Bridges noted that the September meeting scheduled for the 7th would fall on Labor Day. Commissioner Swails made the recommendation to move the meeting to the following week on the 14th of September. Commissioner Wester gave the second. The motion passed by five (5) **YES** votes to zero (0) **NO** votes. The **YES** votes were Commissioner Franklin, Commissioner Macomson, Commissioner Wester, Commissioner Swails and Chairman Bridges. Commissioner Macomson & Commissioner Franklin expressed the boards gratitude to the employees of Franklin County and commended their diligent service.

Item 8. Adjourn: Chairman Bridges thanked everyone for attending. Commissioner Macomson made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Wester seconded the motion. The motion passed by five (5) **YES** votes to zero (0) **NO** votes. The **YES** votes were Commissioner Franklin, Commissioner Macomson, Commissioner Wester, Commissioner Swails and Chairman Bridges. Chairman Bridges adjourned the meeting.

Signed on the _____ day of _____, 2020

Chairman J. Thomas Bridges

Robert L. Franklin, District 1 Commissioner

Dr. Jason Macomson, District 2 Commissioner

Ryan Swails, District 3 Commissioner



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Eddie Wester, District 4 Commissioner

Kayla Finger, Clerk