

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
APRIL 22, 2013
1:30 PM**

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Cheryl Sanders - Chairman, William Massey - Vice Chairman, Pinki Jackel, Noah Lockley, and Joseph Parrish

Staff Present: Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services, Michael Shuler – County Attorney, Michael Morón – Deputy Clerk to the Board

Call to Order

Chairman Sanders called the Special Meeting to order. She explained that the meeting was called to address the recent vacancies in the Road Department. She stated she would like to add Senate Bill 1024 to the agenda for discussions as it will affect Franklin County.

Attorney Shuler explained the process to add an item to the Special Meeting's agenda.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to declare an emergency situation in the County regarding SB1024 and add this item to the agenda; Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Sanders stated that the Board would discuss the Road Department vacancies, which are the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, and the possibility of creating a Working Foreman position.

Commissioner Jackel stated that she would like the vacancies advertised and filled in the same manner that the Board has done previously.

The Board discussed this matter further.

Commissioners Sanders, Jackel, and Massey agreed that only a Superintendent and Working Foreman is needed at the Road Department.

Mr. Pierce distributed the current job description for the Superintendent/Director of the Road Department.

Attorney Shuler suggested allowing Mrs. Lucy Turner, the County's Labor Attorney, the opportunity to review the job description in case any updates are needed.

The Board discussed the possibility of using Preble-Rish, the County's engineering contractor, to verify the qualifications of the Superintendent.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, authorizing staff to advertise for a Superintendent and Working Foreman for the Road Department and submit the job descriptions to the County's labor attorney for review; Motion carried 4-1, Lockley opposed.

Commissioner Sanders asked Attorney Shuler to explain the amendment to SB1024 to the Board.

Attorney Shuler stated that based on what he read so far the amendment was an attempt by the Legislature to create a private corporation that would have members appointed by the Governor who will decide what projects would be funded by the Federal Government using funds from the Restore Act BP settlement. He stated that this is a total shift of local government administering the funds.

Attorney Shuler explained, in accordance with an email the Commissioners received, the Restore Act funding. The Board discussed this matter further, expressing their concerns of this proposed amendment negatively affecting Franklin County.

Commissioner Jackel stated that she was on a conference call with Representative Steve Southerland's staff and informed the Board what was discussed on the call. She stated that the Representative is not in favor of this amendment, but it is important that the County go on record opposing this amendment.

After further discussion, the Board agreed that a representative of the County should attend the hearing in Tallahassee tomorrow where this amendment would be discussed.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Parrish, appointing Commissioner Jackel as the County's representative that will attend the Senate hearing in Tallahassee tomorrow to express the County's objection to SB1024 and to direct County staff to contact Senator Montford's office to discuss the County's objection; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Massey, authorizing Commissioner Jackel, as the County's representative, to attend the House of Representative hearing meeting in Tallahassee to express objection to the House version of the same bill; Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Sander informed the Board that FAC might have a meeting to discuss this amendment.

Chairman Sanders stated that she is following a budget discussion relating to the Department of Corrections in Tallahassee that might affect Franklin County.

Adjourn

There being no further business Chairman Sanders adjourned the meeting.

Cheryl Sanders, Chairman BOCC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts