

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
COURTHOUSE ANNEX – COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
MAY 23, 2017  
9:00AM  
MINUTES**

**Commissioners Present:** Joseph Parrish – Chairman, Noah Lockley-Vice-Chairman, Cheryl Sanders, William Massey, Ricky Jones

**Others Present:** Alan Pierce-Director of Administrative Services, Michael Moron-County Coordinator, Michael Shuler – County Attorney, Lori P. Hines-Deputy Clerk to the Board.

Chairman Parrish called the meeting to Order. The Board met for the purpose of addressing the emergency burn ban. Mr. Moron stated Mrs. Pam Brownell, Emergency Management Director, is not present but Mrs. Jennifer Daniels, Emergency Management, is present to provide information. Mr. Pierce explained if the Board does not take any action then the burn ban will expire. **Commissioner Massey made a motion to lift the burn ban. Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion.** Commissioner Sanders said she agrees with lifting the burn ban but asked the Emergency Management Department to keep the Chairman and the County Administrator informed in case the burn ban is needed again and the Commissioners need to meet. Commissioner Lockley asked how many inches of rain the County received. Mrs. Daniels stated as of yesterday ¼ to ½ inch. She reported the drought index is 300-400 and it is normally 500 or above when the state stops issuing burn permits. She said no other surrounding county have a burn ban issued including Taylor County and they had a wildfire event. Mrs. Daniels recommended lifting the burn ban. She reported they will continue to push out precautionary measures and fire wise information. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

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Joseph A. Parrish - Chairman

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Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts