Franklin Election Sparked by Potpourri of Issues

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"FRANKIE"—It doesn't take a genius to tell that Franklin
Government is in hot water. Things have been getting
worse for months. The county board of
County Commissioners, holding its regular meeting
Monday night, was faced with a tough decision:
when to vote on the proposed
Budget for 1965. The vote could have
decided the fate of Franklin County
Government. The board was considering a
budget that would increase taxes by
10% for the coming year.

The two major issues under discussion were:
1. The proposed $300,000
School Bond Issue
2. The proposed $100,000
Library Bond Issue

The vote on the budget was taken by a
show of hands, with the following results:

Yes: 3
No: 1
Abstain: 1

The budget was approved by a
majority vote of 3 to 1.

The meeting was
interrupted by a heated discussion between
Commissioner John Smith and
Commissioner James Brown.

Commissioner Smith said:
"This budget is ridiculous. We can't afford to
tax the citizens any more than we already do."

Commissioner Brown replied:
"We have no choice. We need the money to
keep the schools and libraries running.
Without this budget, we will have to
lay off teachers and librarians."

The discussion continued for about an hour
before the vote was taken. The majority
commissioners voted in favor of the budget,
while Commissioner Smith voted against it.

Following the vote, Commissioner Smith
announced plans to run for reelection in
November, stating that he believed he could
win if he presented a strong platform against
the proposed budget.

Commissioner Brown said:
"I don't think Mr. Smith stands a chance. He's
been running for reelection for the last five
years, and he hasn't won yet."

The meeting adjourned without any
further action being taken.

VILLAGE ENGINEERS were
negotiating to prepare plans and speci-
fications for the improvement of
Village Road for next years.