

Franklin County Commissioners

October 26, 2015

Commissioners Meeting Room 203

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts

Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman

Chief Deputy Auditor: Debbie Richardson

Open: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion: by Tom Linkel 2nd by Eric Roberts to approve October 13, 2015 minutes and the Executive Session of September 21, 2015 **Motion Carried**

Motion: by Tom Linkel 2nd by Eric Roberts to approve claims. Eric Roberts questioned why so many voids in the claims. Advised will ascertain why and advise. **Motion Carried**

Ryan Hartzler with Patriot Insurance spoke regarding the property and liability insurance which is up for renewal November 1, 2015. He stated that workmans comp increased a little due to the increase in payroll. There are basically no changes with a couple of optional quotes. Tom Wilson ask if the communications tower is included and Ryan affirmed that it is. Eric Roberts questioned the list of vehicles covered. Carol Westerman pulled the list of vehicles and it was determined that the 2004 Oldsmobile has been sold. Ryan took note and will correct the policy. The list will be checked closely and Ryan will be advised if any additional vehicles should be deleted or added. Tom Wilson inquired if the policy is for the actual replacement cost and Ryan affirmed that it is the actual replacement cost. Sara Duffy ask for the total cost of the insurance. Tom Wilson stated \$20,000,971 and the total premium is \$202,331. Eric Roberts ask what inland marine covers. Ryan stated that it covers all equipment and not just equipment related to water. The total for inland marine is \$1,972,070.

Motion: by Tom Linkel and 2nd by Tom Wilson to accept the renewal. **Motion Carried**

The renewal is not ready to be signed at this meeting per Ryan.

Motion: by Tom Linkel and 2nd by Eric Roberts to give Tom Wilson authority to sign the renewal when it is ready. **Motion Carried**

Joe Gillespie will be holding a meeting on November 4th to discuss and arrange an inspection if necessary on any buildings thought to be unsafe. He suggested the commissioners let him know of any buildings in this category that they know of and he will check them out. There will be an ordinance forthcoming regarding unsafe buildings.

Ted Cooley, FC Engineer presented the updates on current projects. He stated, regarding project #144, that he had received two estimates but they looked high and he will try to straighten this matter out. There will be no widening and no guard rail work done on this project. He said the county can obtain a design exception and should not have to widen.

Tom Linkel suggested a letter be sent to State Senators and Representatives asking for help. Ted Cooley will write the letter and send to the applicable individuals.

Ted Cooley also spoke on Causeway Bridge and said it was built to federal standards when it was built. Repair on this bridge could possibly take the entire summer to complete and would constitute a road closure for the repair. Eric Roberts stated that if the county went to \$2,000,000 it should still be within the twenty percent.

There was other discussion regarding several different crossings where the width is an issue for farmers to cross safely with their farm equipment. One crossing was less than thirteen feet wide. Ted Cooley will be looking at some culvert replacement projects and will look more closely into this matter and advise. Eric Roberts ask if the 2005 culvert inspection could be updated. Ted Cooley stated that WTH no longer does this but maybe we can internally update the Think Map.

Tom Wilson stated that bid notices needed to be sent out for gas & oil. Eric Roberts requested definite wording to indicate a guaranteed set price. Carol Westerman will send out and request a return date of November 23, 2015 by 10:00 a.m. The bids will be opened on the 23rd at the Commissioners meeting and awards made at the December 7th meeting. Carol will also send out bid notices for tires and request bids for both 14 and 16 ply ratings and also add a line for 12R225 16 ply. The tire bids will be under the same date and time constraints as the gas and oil bids.

Tom Wilson read the Thanksgiving Proclamation aloud proposed for Franklin County.

Motion: by Tom Linkel and 2nd by Tom Wilson to sign approval of the Thanksgiving Proclamation for Franklin County. Tom Wilson ask John Worth if there was any problem approving this proclamation. John Worth stated no problem. **Motion Carried**

Tom Willson read the listing of the Brookville Lake Regional Waste District Trustees. He stated that Mike Saunders would like to be reappointed.

Motion: by Tom Linkel 2nd by Tom Wilson to reappoint Mike Saunders **Motion Carried**

Motion: by Eric Roberts 2nd by Tom Wilson to enter into the proposed Electronic Map Data Application Agreement. **Motion Carried**

Motion: by Tom Linkel 2nd by Eric Roberts to approve payroll. **Motion Carried**

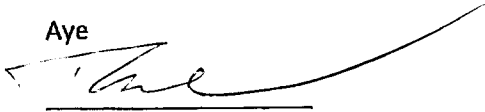
Tom Linkel suggested the county invite Randy Lyness, the newly elected representative by the caucus, to address Franklin County at a commissioners meeting in the near future.

M Stephen Amrhein addressed the commissioners with a problem he is having with an adjacent property owner building a road too close to his property line. He stated that the trees are on his property and the roots are on the other property owner's property. He stated that the private road is being built very close to his property line and will eventually kill his trees by destroying the root system from the road construction. He wants to know if there is a law that states how far someone can build a road next to your property. Tom Wilson advised that a structure must be fifteen feet from the property line and will research about a road and see if there is any law governing this.

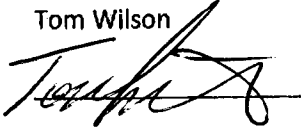
Attending: Ryan Hartzler, Mildred I Simmermeyer, Betty Lecher, Sara Duffy, Stephen Amrhein, John Worth

Motion: by Tom Wilson 2nd by Tom Linkel to Adjourn **Motion Carried**

Aye



Tom Wilson



Tom Linkel



Eric Roberts

Nay

Tom Wilson

Tom Linkel

Eric Roberts

Attest:

Debbie Richardson, Chief Deputy Auditor