

Franklin County Commissioners
November 2, 2015
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman
Auditor: Stephen Brack

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

Minutes: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and was 2nd by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

SIRPC: Susan Craig and Patty Jackson discussed the Indiana's Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program. This program will award grants to assist qualifying homeowners with home repairs. Homeowners must be over 55 or disabled with a limited income. A maximum grant of \$350,000 could assist as many as 14 homeowners with repairs. There is a limit of \$25,000 per household. The homeowner would make no payments must agree that a lien be placed on their property for at least 3 years, which will be removed at the end of the three years. Franklin County has already been approved for a grant in the amount of \$13,175.00. Should the commissioners want to apply for the maximum there must be a commitment of \$21,825.00, which would need to be included with the application. The yearly income for a single person would be about \$18,000 to \$20,000. Ms. Jackson did state that the commissioners could request the participates to contribute \$500. Commissioner Roberts suggested that the county, the appropriate trustee and the homeowner share the cost of the 10% match by each contributing approximately \$500.00. Ms. Craig offered to assist the commissioners with applying for the Community Development Block Grant for 2016. This grant could be used for drinking water, wastewater, storm water, libraries and fire stations, but not fire trucks. Franklin County has been successful in the past by receiving a grant for the senior center.

Public Transportation – Cathy Pelsor: The commissioners approved the 3rd Quarter report as submitted. It is noted that the county has been billed for \$2,000 for rides provided to veterans.

Franklin County Highway – Ted Cooley: informed the commissioners they will be working with Structurepoint, Inc. to attempt the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to pay the county share to repair Bridge#144 – Fairfield Causeway. Federal funding will provide 80% and the county is responsible for paying the remain 20%, estimated at \$400,000.00. Mr. Cooley informed the commissioners that there will be 19 bridge inspections in 2016. The highway will begin making recommended repairs. Commissioner Roberts asked Mr. Cooley to compute the cost before making the repairs versus replacing. Culverts – it is noted there are over 4 1,300 culverts that are 18 to 24 inches in diameter. Mr. Cooley recommended not replacing any unless the pavement is damaged. Commissioner Linkel noted he wants to attack the drainage problem at Keelor and Reservoir Road before the rainy season. Other projects will include Embankment stabilization and Guardrails.

Midwest Data: a motion was made by Eric Roberts to renew the agreements for Government Center, Courthouse and Sheriff Dept. and was 2nd by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Official Bonds: a motion was made by Tom Wilson to approve bonds for: Treasurer, Recorder, Clerk and Highway Engineer and was 2nd by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Jeff Whitaker: a motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve the application for a new roof addition to the existing porch and was 2nd by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Adjourn: with no further business a motion was made by Tom Linkel to adjourn and was 2nd by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

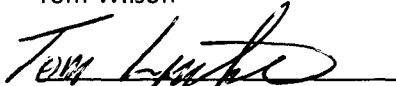
Others in attendance: Roy Hall, Millie Simmermeyer, Betty Lecher, Patty Jackson, Susan Craig, Sara Duffy, Ted Cooley, Cathy Pelsor, Josh Philpot, John Estridge and Brent Roberts. The names are spelled correctly per the sign in sheet.

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Attest:

Stephen Brack, Auditor