

Franklin County Commissioners

February 29, 2016

Commissioners/Council Meeting Room

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, and Eric Roberts

Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman

Chief Deputy Auditor: Debbie Richardson

Others Attending: Betty Lecher, Mildred I Simmermeyer, Mark Simmermeyer, Tim George, Brent Roberts, Sara Duffy, James Sprague, Steve Meyer, Marty Hon E&H Bridge

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

Mildred Simmermeyer presented her rebuttal to Tom Linkel. She corrected her figures which were incorrect with regard to the reprinting of the handbook. She presented a request in writing to the commissioners for an itemized listing of expenses for the stockpile bridge repair. Tom Linkel stated he had already presented Mildred with the listing and was she not satisfied with it. She stated she was not and wanted a more complete listing of the expenses. Tom said he will ask again for a list from the highway but he provided everything they gave him.

Motion: by Tom Linkel and 2nd by Eric Roberts to approve the minutes. **Motion Carried**

Motion: by Tom Wilson and 2nd by Tom Linkel to approve the Clerk's Report **Motion Carried**

Motion: by Tom Linkel and 2nd by Eric Roberts to approve claims **Motion Carried**

There was discussion on Ordinance 2016-5 on Internal Controls. It was decided to table this ordinance until the information on the committee assigned to it can be included. The ordinance will be presented again in two weeks due to the fact one commissioner will be out of town for two weeks. Tom Wilson also ask that the IC codes be checked closely to make sure the correct codes are referenced. It was determined that a schedule will need to be made for the committee to get together.

It was only possible to obtain one proposal for the fencing for the jail. The company doing the proposal is Oler's Fencing & Construction.

Motion: by Eric Roberts and 2nd by Tom Linkel to approve the proposal from Oler's for the jail fencing.
Motion Carried

Tom Wilson discussed the fact that he believes that there is not sufficient security at the court house and has had several other people express the same concern. The option to have a metal detector

placed there was discussed. This could be very costly and would require a person to attend it at all times. Tom suggested maybe knee walls and cameras might be an alternative to provide more security and at less of a cost. Eric Roberts said Karla Bauman has expressed concern to him with regard to the danger of the money drawer not having sufficient security. He suggested that possibly we could check into having a drawer that opened electronically. John Worth suggested that maybe we need a committee of the Sheriff and others who would look into resolving the security issues at the court house. A committee was not designated at this time. Tom Wilson said to give Eric Roberts permission at this time to pursue getting knee walls and cameras for security and bring back information on this and also on any grant money that might be available.

Engineer update: by Ted Cooley Presented a proposal to change Letting date from October 2016 to July 2017 on bridge #56, 6th Street rehabilitation project. Tom Linkel ask if it is INDOT's favor to postpone this. Ted confirmed that it is. Ted said the construction would take approximately ninety days. He will go back to them and try to renegotiate the time period and return with the information. There was also discussion that the work on main street is going to be done the summer of 2017 and it might even be a better plan to push the work on bridge #56 up to 2018.

There was discussion of reclassification of Bridge #144 and #55. By having these bridges reclassified it would save the county money on bridge inspections on them. All commissioners agreed and said INDOT will have to approve the reclassification. There was some discussion that DNR possibly wants to put a bicycle and walking trail on bridge #144. If they decide to do this then DNR would pick up the expense for bridge #144.

Ted stated that the repair cost for Wolf Creek, bridge #139, is estimated at approximately \$189,000. The beams appear to be okay and the problem seems to be with the abutment.

The Paser Study was discussed and determined that it will take six to eight months to complete. There was much discussion as to whether it needs to be done for the whole county or just for roads with traffic of 400 cars and up. The Paser Study will help the county determine where they want to spend their money on roads. Gravel and dead end roads can be excluded. It was suggested that the study be done on all paved through roads and higher density sub-divisions. Ted Cooley will put together a list of roads for the study and present it to the commissioners before the study takes place.

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

Motion Carried

Eric Roberts moved to acknowledge the email from the Auditors office and employees will continue to accrue one sick day for every fifty two days worked and not acquire seven sick days on their service date. Seven days will be awarded at the beginning of each calendar year after the service date.

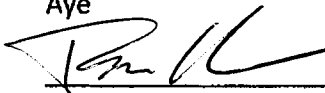
Tim George from the park board addressed the commissioners with the question of vacation hours for park employees. He said they work an eight hour day but when they take a vacation day they only get paid for 6.5 hours instead of eight. He said the park employees only work four days a week and not five. They work their 32.5 hours in four days and not five. A week of vacation is based on 32.5 hours per week and not eight hours per day. Eric Roberts said park hours need to be addressed and they possible

need to be working five days a week at 6.5 hours and not the four day work week. Tim said the park board sets the schedule for all park employees. Nothing was definitely decided as to how the park employees are paid for a day of vacation.

Motion: by Tom Wilson and 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