

Franklin County Commissioners
April 13, 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.

Public Transportation: Cathy Pelsor appeared to present the 1st Quarter Report. A motion was made by Tom Linkel for Tom Wilson to sign the report and 2nd by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

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

Claims: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve and was 2nd by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

VSO: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve the report and was 2nd by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Clerk: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve the report for March and was 2nd by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Auditor/Treasurer: Steve Brack and Veronica Voelker addressed the meeting to explain their actions on the Bruns/Harvey Ditch. There has been continuous discussion regarding the payment of taxes. It was mentioned that when this was being setup the Financial Software people helping with this said that a resolution for the loan should have been passed by the Council. Mr. Gillespie said the minutes of the Drainage Board would be sufficient. Auditor Brack stated that he was not aware of his job included the Secretary for the Drainage Board and asked that any information in that regards be sent to or from his office. Commissioner Wilson stated the assessments should have been sent out in 2014 instead of waiting until 2015. Treasurer Voelker explained further that the tax assessments did go out in 2014 but were wrong. The property owners were billed for their share of the loan and should have only been billed for a partial payment. There was still some disagreement over an IC code and wording of such. Discussion was held over the time the landowners should be paying taxes in 2014. The county treasurer said that the due date was not until May 11, 2015 as this is a 5 year project. Again Mr. Gillespie stated there was no reason to have missed the deadline. Continued discussion over the 10% interest and Mr. Gillespie stated the Treasurer was not following the correct law. In the end there will be a new loan in the amount of \$113,076.51 due in payments over 5 years at 2.37%. There is still question over the \$1,600.00 in interest that the surveyor says the property owners do not owe. Mr. Worth, Commissioners Attorney will contact the state taxing agency and ask for a written reply. Commissioner Roberts felt that everyone was at fault of which Commissioners Linkel agree except the Landowners were not.

Ted Cooley: presented his update: Expansion Joint Installation Project for Bridges #55 #160 and #33 in the amount of \$4,994.00 to Copperhead. A motion was made by Tom Wilson to approve the bid and was 2nd by Tom Linkel. FHWA project – Bridge #55 Blue Creek Road – Commissioner Roberts wants sealed bids and not bids by phone or email. The Commissioners will apply for a historic preservation grant for the Stone Arch Bridge in Oldenburg. The county will be responsible for 50% of the cost of work performed. Jail Roof – will be advertising for bids to repair leaky roof and will be opened May 4. The painting contract at the jail will not be approved until the commissioners receive the final price for the roof repairs and are able to verify that funding is available.

Court House Lawn – an application to use the Lot 8 from Nov. 21 to Jan. 4 was presented by Buena Southern Missionary Church. A motion to approve was made by Tom Wilson and 2nd by Tom Linkel. Motion carried. Emmanuel Baptist is also asking for Lot 7. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to wait on the drawing of the display for approval and was 2nd by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Polling Place: Batesville will be having a 2015 Municipal Primary election and asked to have the polling place changed. A motion to Church on Fire on St. Rd 2290 was made by Eric Roberts and 2nd by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Payroll: a motion was made by Tom Wilson to approve and was 2nd by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Transfer Station: Commissioner Linkel noted that the Transfer Station had to close on Thursday, April 16 due to sickness. He has asked the commissioners to consider closing one day a week to help with vacations, sick days and comp time.

Unsafe Building Code: Commissioner Roberts to bring up at the next meeting.

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

Others present: Glenn Bruns, Gerald Bruns, Sara Duffy, John Estridge, Dean McQueen, Cathy Pelsor, Veronica Voelker, Ted Cooley, Pam Beneker, Paul Lovins, Sharon Halcomb AND Mark Reese. The names are spelled as per sign in sheet.

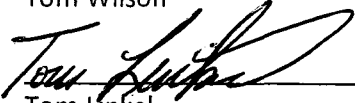
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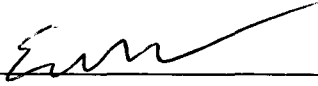
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Attest;

Stephen Brack, Auditor