

Franklin County Commissioners  
April 25, 2016  
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.

Statement: President Wilson stated to the public that a change has been made in the meeting format that any questions from the public will be addressed at the end of the meeting.

Bids: Commissioner Linkel addressed the bids received for Wheel Loader. MH/JCB - \$144,180.00 with a trade in of \$7,000.00 and final price of \$137,180.00. The next bid was received from John Deere of \$151,000.00 and a trade in of \$6,000.00 with final price of \$145,000.00. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to take the bids under advisement and award at the May 2, 2016 meeting and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried. Caterpillar did not resubmit a bid.

Claims: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to accept claims and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Clerk's report: A motion to acknowledge receipt of the Clerk's report for March 2016 was made by Tom Wilson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Franklin County Highway Engineer – Ted Cooley: FHWA Projects: the bid award will take place in 2021. It was suggested to commit to receive 2 grants; however there are 4 projects that Mr. Cooley presented letters on, which include: North St. Mary's Road Rehabilitation, Blue Creek Road 6 Bridge Rehabilitation, Guardrail Construction and Bridge #31 replacement. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to sign the letter for the St. Mary's Project and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to sign the letter for the Blue Creek Project and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried. A motion was made by Tom Wilson to sign the letter for the Guardrail Project and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried. At this time the 4<sup>th</sup> project (Bridge 31 replacement was removed.) Mr. Cooley stated he would be attending the County Council meeting at 7:00 PM to ask for the President of Council signature as well. A motion was made by Eric Roberts to have Carol Westerman draft a letter to Council regarding House Enacted Bill 1001 for the 50-50 match and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Take Home Vehicle – President Wilson stated the John Worth would be reviewing the information/ordinance and report back in 2 weeks.

Materiality Threshold Policy – IC 5-11-1-27: a letter was received from SBOA – Paul Joyce State Examiner that a policy for reporting irregular variances, losses, shortages and theft, which require written notice of any misappropriation of public funds be reported. At this time the County doesn't have a policy in place; however Commissioner Roberts thought this would go along with Internal Control and suggested a meeting be set for Monday, May 2 at 1:00PM and Auditor Brack would email those who are asked to attend: Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, Sheriff and Commissioner.

Historic District – David Brower: requested the Commissioners approve the update for the bathroom at the old hotel in the historic district. It was stated the Commissioners didn't need to approve. In order to make their decision official a motion was made by Tom Wilson to approve the update and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Indemnity Agreement – MVFD: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to sign the Indemnity Agreement for the Metamora Fire Department for the 2016 Fireworks and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Tax Sale Addendum: a motion was made by Tom Linkel to sign the addendum and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Board of Health: a motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve the appointment of Jennifer Proffitt to the Board of Health and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Court House Cameras: Commissioner Roberts stated he was not prepared to discuss at this time. He wanted more time to review cost and to further evaluate the project.

Jail: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve the quote of \$575.00 from Connersville Mirror and Glasswork for tinted glass at the jail and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Direct Deposit: Commissioner Wilson discussed the direct deposit of payroll and stated he had received information that several employees are not happy with it. There is concern as to the Bank ABA#'s, Account Numbers, Social Security Numbers and the possibility of discontinuing until a policy is in place. Commissioner Linkel stated he had checked into this further and the information he has received it is secure. The Auditor stated he had checked with the Association and also stated the employee information is locked and able to be accessed only by the Payroll deputy. Mr. Wilson wanted to know about the security of the computer system and how "Hackers" could be stopped.

Payroll: It was noted that Steve Thomas needed to paid overtime on the payroll as he had worked over 40 hours between the Transfer Station and SAC. The auditor duly noted and would make the correction. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve payroll and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Andersonville Community Center: Commissioner Roberts read a letter from the center asking the commissioners for \$1,000.00 to replace 3 toilets from the original construction in 1990. Council President Becky Oglesby asked if they were charging rent, holding bake sales to get some additional funding and the possibility of the Township Trustee assisting in funding. President Wilson stated that the Township is broke. The Commissioners will forward their request to County Council.

Other Discussion: Betty Lecher came back to ask again for a full accounting of Stockpile Road Bridge. She stated that she had asked 3 weeks ago and still hasn't received a reply. She also asks that the Highway Secretary prepare the report and Commissioner Wilson to sign as he was in charge of the Highway Dept. in 2015. She said what she had received was incorrect. Commissioner Wilson asked her how she knew it was wrong and the he did not have to sign a report. He also stated that state law does require a document to be created that does not already exist. Mrs. Simmermeyer continued questioning the Commissioners and stated that the information she received shows various pricing and a \$20,000 difference in the total cost. The Commissioners explained how there could be different information or pricing on gravel and labor rates. Commissioner Wilson also explained that the secretary

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should have more accurate information and that some records were hand written and are as accurate as possible. Later Commissioner Wilson directed Mr. Cooley to meet with the ladies after the meeting.

Old Rules: As stated earlier in the meeting he was making some changes and that public comment would be at the end of the meeting. However, he didn't stick to the rules as there were still comments and questions from the public, which were mostly elected officials. Commissioner Wilson said he had discussed the change with Commissioner Linkel and they agreed. No comment from Commissioner Roberts was obtained. Councilman Hall asked if he would be permitted to participate and was told NO but later the commissioners agreed that elected officials should be allowed to participate. From the audience Linda Hall commented and stated that council allows public comment. She wants to change the Open Door Law and allow public comment. Commissioners Linkel like the openness of the meeting which helps resolve issues but he also feels that public comments are completely out of control.

Senate Bill 67: Commissioner Wilson said that he had received a letter from Senator Leising that Council Daryl Kramer had written her a letter that he did not want to County to receive any money that was a part of the SEA bill 67. The county will be given \$803,000. He stated the Mr. Kramer said the extra money would hurt the county in the long run. Commissioner Wilson stated that he had not mentioned this before now because he didn't want the county to lose the money. Commissioner Wilson was asked if he had a copy of Mr. Kramer's letter and he said No that Senator Leising had it. Senator Leising was asking for Commissioner Wilson opinion. Commissioner Wilson stated that Councilmen Hall and Kramer did not understand the county financial reports as they both said the county was in the red.

Adjourn: with no further business coming before the meeting a motion to adjourn was made by Tom Wilson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Others in attendance: Betty Lecher, Mark and Millie Simmermeyer, Keith and Linda Hall, James Sprague, Tim George, Ted Cooley, Brent Roberts, John Estridge, Sara Duffy, Lyle Frost, Veronica Voelker, Karla Bauman and Becky Oglesby. The names are spelled correctly per the sign in sheet.

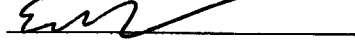
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Stephen Brack, Auditor