

Franklin County Commissioners  
April 4, 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.

Betty Lecher: appeared before Commissioners expressing concern about not having a complete list of the cost of Stockpile Bridge. She read from a letter from State Auditor regarding transparency of the bridge project. She also submitted a formal Freedom of Information Act request seeking an itemized list of all cost of the Stockpile bridge project. She also asked Commissioner Wilson, who was the head of the Highway Dept. in 2015 and Highway Dept. Secretary to give the itemized list. Commissioner Wilson stated that Ted Cooley, Highway Engineer signed the statement. In a meeting in March, Commissioner Wilson stated that when Ted Cooley signed the statement he would also, but has since refused; as County Attorney John Worth told him that he didn't have to sign.

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

Equipment: Tom Linkel then discussed bids on various pieces of equipment. Tom Linkel made a motion to accept the bid from Zimmer Tractor for a Kubota tractor and chamber mower with a trade in at \$63,400.00, contingent on approval of funding by Council on April 26. Commissioner Roberts expressed some concerns. Commissioner Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and after much thought the motion carried, again with Council approving funding. Other bids: Tractor and Wheel Loader, Commissioner Linkel then asked that these bids all be rejected and leave under advisement until the next meeting. Bid Bonds – are required with bids on equipment; however, Ohio dealers take issue with this. Following discussion a motion was made by Tom Linkel to strike "bid bonds required on equipment," and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried. Commissioner Linkel then made a motion to return all bid bond checks to bidders and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Ted Cooley – Franklin County Highway Engineer: presented his weekly update to include: Senate Bill 67 – \$803,376.00, the county is to use 75% of this money on roads, House Bill 1001 – Road Funding – 50-50 match, FHWA Projects – call for project with bid letting 2021 – would like to commit to 2 projects with funds spent in 2020 and 2021; Bridge 144 – Fairfield Causeway Rehabilitation Project –waiting on response from IDNR funding director and Bridge 56 – letting date verbally agreed upon by INDOT/Consultant for 2/18/2017 with construction to begin May to June 2017. Mr. Cooley also noted that US 52 Culver Replacement project starting March 30 – Dearborn County – project just

West of Wesling Road would be closed mid-July for 60 days and Franklin County – project 600 feet East of Elkhorn Road would close in October for 30 days.

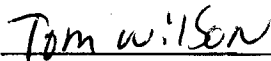
Wolf Creek Road – Bridge #139 – after reviewing the proposal from E&H Bridge and Grating, Inc. a motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve the quote contingent upon funding approval by Council at the April 26, 2016 meeting of \$119,922.00 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Commissioner Roberts asked Mr. Cooley if he was comfortable with this and he replied that he is 100% comfortable with everything. Motion carried contingent upon funding approval by Council. Commissioner Linkel stated that he had already filed the additional in the auditor's office of \$115,000.00. Commissioner Roberts asked if they should consider a little more. Commissioner Linkel asked Auditor Brack if he could change the additional and the Auditor stated it was Mr. Linkel's responsibility.

Adjourn: with no further business to be discussed Mr. Wilson made a motion to adjourn and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts.

Others in attendance: Mark and Millie Simmermeyer, Betty Lecher, John Worth, Timmy George, Marty Han, Lyle Frost, Sara Duffy, John Estridge, Luke Kahren, Becky Oglesby. The names are spelled correctly per the sign in sheet.

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Stephen Brack, Auditor