

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING: PUBLIC RM #203
MEMORANDUM & MINUTES
AUGUST 6th, 2012 @ 10:00 AM

PRESENT: County Commissioners: Thomas Wilson Tom Linkel Scott McDonough
County Auditor: Erica Hudson
Commissioners Attorney: John Worth
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman

Thomas Wilson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: 7/2/2012 & 7/9/2012: MOTION: Tom Linkel motioned to approve the minutes for July 2nd. Thomas Wilson seconds. Scott McDonough abstained due to absence. MC. **MOTION:** Scott McDonough motioned to approve the minutes for July 9th. Thomas Wilson seconds. Tom Linkel abstained due to absence. MC.

AMERESCO: Mark Heirbrandt discussed proceeding with the utility savings option. It was discussed as to whether the county qualifies per IC 36-12-5 which involves a process of selecting a firm, establishing a board to include 1 commissioner, 3 council members, a maintenance employee, the historical society, and a financial advisor (auditor). Scott McDonough suggested considering options for the board and selecting based on fund availability. Tom Linkel expressed concern to fund based on the current financial status of such budgets. **MOTION:** Scott McDonough motioned to proceed with a request of qualifications for an energy savings project firm. Tom Linkel seconds. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

ENGINEER UPDATES: George Hartman discussed the Letter of Interest for a Consultant in reference to the Stipps Hill project which included Infrastructure Engineer, DLZ Consultants, Sherewsberry, Burgess, BLN, Howard Barth Associates, BF & S, Patriot Engineering, and Clark Dietz. George also discussed the Phase II Bridge Inspection for 2012 will be progressing in September which includes #101 (New Trenton and Johnson Fork) for which the inspection report reflects a 5 year life which was 10 years ago. Tom Linkel inquired about anything temporary for which George responded the concrete overlay reflected on page three of the report. Thomas Wilson expressed the importance to preserve funds annually for Fairfield causeway. Hollie Maxie commented that there is approximately \$500,000 annually in revenue from property taxes. Scott McDonough explained that legal liability should be established and discuss with council to repair the obligation if a determination is made reflecting a county responsibility. Thomas Wilson requested John Worth to write to the Army Corp of Engineers to make a legal determine in reference to causeway. Tom Linkel discussed Johnson Fork Road needing repairs. George recommended reviewing the bridge inspection report prior to considering projects for completion. George commented that bridge #10 and SR 1 project reflects INDOT's financial agreement is approximately \$1.6 million. Thomas Wilson expressed concern that the county cannot afford such expenditure. There was brief discussion for Stipps Hill tree removal projects. Tom Linkel recommended signs being required for Stipps Hill pertaining to caution for motorcycle crossing. Tom Linkel mentioned vandalism on county roadway signs and that in 2009 the county spent \$500,000. Hollie Maxie suggested a county sign inventory for prevention and loss control. Tom Linkel stated that the county is not able to repair vandalized signs once however there are products to remove or prevent damage which can potentially eliminate designs; prevention is a larger expenditure. Profanity and theft account for the majority of vandalized signs in the county. Tom Linkel explained that the Highway Department is finished with the chip and seal projects for all 3 districts which totaled approximately 25 miles. Tom Linkel expressed concern with the water supply at the Highway Department provided pressure issues and would like to consider any option to provide more sufficient water lines. Scott McDonough explained that there are also water issues with the pump at Small Animal Control (SAC). Scott McDonough suggested extending the well depth for which the maximum depth allowance is 80 feet. The Transfer Station is also affected by insufficient water issues.

QUOTES: New Holland Tractor and Mower provided a trade in (Highway Department): Tom Linkel has Councils approval.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Harden	\$54,347.43
John Deere	\$59,368.86
Zimmer	\$52,250.00

MOTION: TL motioned to approve the bid from Zimmer in the amount of \$52,250.00. Scott McDonough seconds. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

PAYROLL: MOTION: Scott McDonough motioned to approve. Tom Linkel seconds. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

CLAIMS: MOTION: Tom Linkel motioned to approve. Scott McDonough seconds. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

ADJOURN: MOTION: Tom Linkel motioned to adjourn. Scott McDonough seconds. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

Others Present: Mark Heirbrandt Dan Rivinger Sara Duffy John Estridge Wayne Monroe
Daryl Kramer George Hartman Jason Taylor E Wathen Marty Hon

Note: Those names listed are spelled as correctly as possible due to the legibility on the sign in sheet.

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Thomas Wilson

Tom Linkel

Scott McDonough

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Thomas Wilson

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Scott McDonough

ATTEST: _____
Erica Hudson, Franklin County Auditor