

Franklin County Commissioners Meeting

April 15, 2013 – 7:00PM

Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203\

Commissioners – Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Scott McDonough

Commissioners Secretary – Carol Westerman

Auditor – Stephen Brack

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes – Tom Linkel made a motion to approve the minutes of April 1, 2013, 2nd by Scott McDonough. Motion carried.

Claims – Tom Linkel made a motion to approve the claims as presented, 2nd by Scott McDonough. Motion carried

Payroll – a motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve payroll, 2nd by Scott McDonough. Motion carried.

Veterans report – a motion was made by Scott McDonough to approve the Veterans report, 2nd by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Commissioner Tom Wilson asked that we all remember the people involved in the explosion during the Boston Marathon in our thoughts.

Penne Joy – appeared before the commissioners concerning a tax issue. She stated that she had hired an attorney due the fact of tax sale which should not have been and feels the county owes her the \$300.00 that she had to pay an attorney to help her. Scott McDonough told Ms. Joy that our attorney would look at the matter before making a decision. Tom Linkel told Ms. Joy the commissioners would get back to her in a couple of weeks.

Ted Cooley – The commissioners signed Change Order#1. Bridge # 103 – Drewersburg Road bids would be advertised April 17, Bids would be opened on May 6th and the project would begin on June 1.

ATV-ORV – many comments were made at the meeting from various people from the approximately 45 people in attendance. Jeff Wilson presented a petition with 927 signatures in opposition to the matter. Jeff stated the most of the problems include: safety, injuries, noise, property damage, burden to county emergency service, night time riding (midnight to 6:00am). However, Jeff did say he was not opposed to allowing usage to farmers. Jeff wanted to see the proposed ordinance of which Scott McDonough replied that an ordinance was not available as the commissioners were wanting hear public comments first. Scott also stated he was here to represent the county and not vote his personal interest.

Don Simmermeyer – has been using these vehicles for 21 years and will continue to do so whether it is legal or not. He stated that there are always a few people who spoil something for everyone.

Tom Ritz – owns a campground in Cedar Grove and stated that he was sure that people do not have insurance for these vehicles and they ride around the campground cutting wires on RV'S and spoke against due to vandalism and theft.

Stanley Monroe – stated we would be just creating a problem with liability is someone gets hurt. Warning labels on the vehicles state not to be used for riding on paved roadways.

Larry Neeley – said the vehicles are only a toy. For the most part the operator probably doesn't have insurance or a license.

Cindy Studt – spoke on several statistics and stories that related to her being against the proposed ordinance. In the event that when the issue went to a vote there should be more stipulations or requirements such as: helmets, insurance, license, operator training and not riding after dark.

Don Maucher – stated he is in favor and feels it is fun to ride his ATV. He stated as a first responder he doesn't recall ever being called to an accident involving an ATV/ORV.

Dustin Robinson – he is against. He showed the commissioners a video of what would be created if this is allowed. A tremendous amount of noise is created with these vehicles not having exhaust systems. There is also a lot of noise created from his neighbors riding in front of his property. He doesn't have a problem allowing usage to farmers. Mr. Robinson also stated that this would be like opening the gates to Haspin Acres all over the county. This is something that cannot be regulated.

Wayne Monroe, Cody Ritz, Brad Wilson and Ed Hundley all spoke against and each cited various reasons.

Rich Sucietto – stated that what he read in the local paper stated that Commissioner Tom Linkel said that a majority of were in favor of allowing these vehicles on the road; however, most of the people in attendance at tonight's meeting are against. One of his comments was that the commissioners need to act like parents and not allow this just because it is fun or easy. He said that is not more efficient and it is certainly not beneficial for the county to allow ATV/ORV on the county roads.

There were several people who asked the commissioners to put this issue on the ballot but Commissioner Wilson stated that it was not that easy to do under Indiana code.

It was asked that the commissioners vote that night but Commissioner Wilson stated this was a fact finding meeting and no decision would be made at the meeting and it would probably be several weeks before a decision is made.

Local Elected Official Agreement – a new Workforce Investment Board is being developed in Region 9 which includes Franklin County. A motion was made by Tom Wilson to sign the agreement and 2nd by Tom Linkel to appoint a representative to the board. Motion carried.

Common Construction Wage Meeting – Franklin County Community School Corp. – Tom Wilson made a motion to appoint Larry Franzman as a representative. Tom Linkel 2nd. Motion carried.

Brookville 3rd Friday – a motion was made by Tom Wilson and 2nd by Tom Linkel to approve use of the court house lawn for – 5/17, 6/21, 7/19, 8/16, 9/20 and 10/18.

Court House – bids were received for this project from: Keith Monroe/Tom Kuntz \$15,000.00, ATC Masonry \$15,450.00 and Bob Johnson - \$129,762.00. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to accept the bid of Keith Monroe/Tom Kuntz and 2nd by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

Clothesline Project -- Tom Wilson made a motion to approve and 2nd by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

CIC – Tom Ritz discussed some issues regarding the comprehensive plan. The plan was written 13 years ago and is good for 20 – 30 years. However the document he has doesn't have a signature, no date and there was \$60,000 paid for the 80 page document. No further action was taken at this time.

A motion was made by Tom Wilson to adjourn and 2nd by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

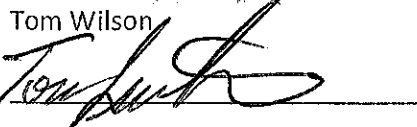
Others in attendance: Cindy Studt, Tom Shannon, Tim Tenover, Charles Neeley, Roy Hall, Rich Sucietto, Don Simmermeyer, Keith Drake, Ron Schneck, Joe Sizemore, Doug Krieger, Don Maucher, Zach Maucher, Jordan Maucher, Dawn Maucher, Wayne Monroe, Dustin Robinson, Ed and Vivian Hundley, James Sprague, Sara Duffy, Thomas Ritz, Dean McQueen, Zach Sucietto, Stanley Monroe, Robert Brown, Dale Meyer, Jeff Wilson, Dennis Lackey, Leon Kersey, Tom Vohland, Bradley Wilson, Derrick Wilson, Bob Blair, Lewis Gesell, Ron Hoog, Grant Reeves, Brent Beal, Amanda Beal, Cody Ritz, Mark Lang, Michael Fehlinger, Paula Keller, Jeff Batchler, Brian Baxter.

The lists of names are spelled as correctly as possible due to the legibility of the sign in sheet.

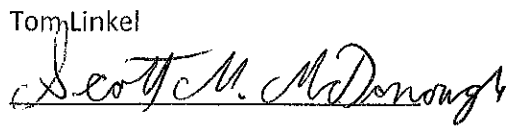
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Tom Wilson



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Attest:



Stephen Brack, Auditor

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