

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MEMORANDUM & MINUTES
July 5th, 2011 @ 7:00 PM
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING ROOM 203**

Those Present: County Commissioners: Thomas Wilson Tom Linkel Scott McDonough
County Auditor: Erica Hudson
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman

Thomas Wilson opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES: 6/27/2011- MOTION- Tom Linkel motioned to approve the minutes for June 27th, 2011. Scott McDonough 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

CLAIMS- MOTION- Tom Linkel motioned to approve the claims. Scott McDonough 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

CLERKS REPORTS: MAY (Revised) - This was a simple amendment/adjustment to reflect accurate payments including the credit card payments.

PRECINCT CERTIFICATION CHANGES: CLERK- Karla Bauman presented a cover letter to the Commissioners for Precinct Certification Changes per State. This was the first day of the 30 day maximum allotted to submit the final changes to State; August 5th deadline. These changes specifically impact the boundary lines in Franklin County according to the 2010 Census. The State has identified 6 issues that pertain to the Precincts in Ray 1 and 2 as well as Batesville 1 and 2. The State will not assist the County after 30 days. Karla suggested a meeting involving the Commissioners, County Attorney, and County Surveyor to review the Precincts according to the current voter registration maps. Karla stated that the problem is that the population numbers for active and inactive voters do not match. The Commissioners can make changes if needed or accept the States changes. It is an option to include more voting precinct within the boundary lines. Karla also recommended adding a precinct layer to the GIS map.

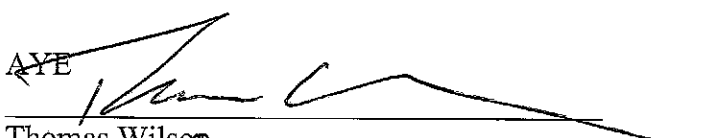
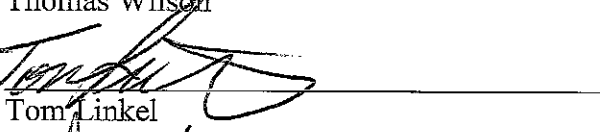
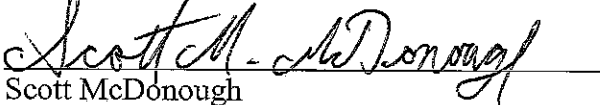
BILL SCHIRMER & DAVE COOK- Bill is the Chamber President and wanted to discuss the Chamber, Tourism Board, and Economic Development. The Tourism Board is willing to share a space/location with the Chamber but keep the funds separate. They would like to have the option to answer phone calls five to six days a week. If this is possible the Chamber would like to relocate next month. The Chamber wants to know what the Commissioners intentions are with the Tourism Board. Thomas Wilson commented that his goal is to consolidate as much as possible; less boards and less government (possibly a 5 member board). Bill explained that the Economic Development should remain a separate entity because the Chamber and Tourism Board both have similar goals to market the community and Economic Development is in place for business and employment opportunities. The Chamber and Tourism Board are a joint effort and should remain that way. Dave Cook commented that Tourism and Economic Development are created under different IC. This would be a nightmare from an auditing perspective. Scott McDonough stated that many constituents are very concerned with the Tourism board and want to know what is being done with internal controls. Scott also stated that the Commissioners created Tourism and Council created Economic Development which could cross boundary line. The Commissioners stated that they would like to restructure the boards to minimize where they can, but with the same goals to move forward in a positive direction. Tom Linkel suggested utilizing Frank Thompson as a leader to supervise. Dave commented that the Commissioners need to review the job descriptions and requirements for Tourism and economic Development and whether or not Frank is up for a challenge. Dave also commented that the boards are made up of volunteers. Thomas Wilson commented that the communication with all 3 (Chamber, Tourism, and Economic Development) is better now than it has ever been. Bill stated that online there is a color coated calendar of events available online that is done locally. Bill feels that things are working and asked the Commissioners to revisit this later. Tom Linkel suggested revisiting this in 6 months to evaluate the boards. Scott McDonough felt it was important to address the Tourism Board due to the recent situation of misappropriated funds and internal controls and to table the rest. Dave commented that internal controls were put in place prior to the situation getting in the media. The Tourism Board now has forms prescriber by the State Board of Accounts (SBOA). Thomas Wilson stated that the Board can show the Commissioners there projected budget for fiscal year 2012 and then the Commissioners can reevaluate in 6 months.

ENGINEER UPDATES: TED COOLEY & GEORGE HARTMAN- The Corp of Engineers may attend a Commissioners meeting to discuss Levee Road. Ted stated that 6 projects have been submitted to FHWA. Ted stated that on Bridge #117 there is a problem with a property owner expecting \$30,000.00 compensation for 2/10 of an acre. Thomas Wilson stated that this is not reasonable and the Commissioners will not compensate. Work in Metamora is expected to start on Monday July 11th, 2011. MOTION- Scott McDonough motioned to sign the Batesville and Franklin County School Corporation Department of Transportation, list of posted bridge inspections (Phase I, 2010). Tom Linkel 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC. Bridge #144, #55, and #48 (inspections) are being considered critical. Please refer to the update report submitted by Ted Cooley for more details.

ADJOURN- MOTION- Thomas Wilson motioned to adjourn. Scott McDonough 2nd. Tom Linkel, AIF. MC.

Others Present: Keith Hall Lou Linkel Sara Duffy John Estridge Bill Schirmer
Dave Cook George Hartman Stanley Monroe Karla Bauman Wayne Monroe John Worth

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

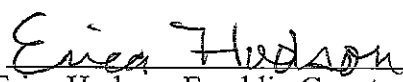
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ATTEST: 
Erica Hudson, Franklin County Auditor