

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MEMORANDUM & MINUTES
August 8th, 2011 @ 10:00 AM
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.

OPEN BIDS: Bridge #117-

George Hartman read the bids as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
American	\$821,729.18
McAlister	\$391,025.29
Dave O'Mara	\$440,100.55

The Commissioners are going to take the bids under advisement and award the bid on Wednesday August 10th at 9 AM in a special meeting.

TED COOLEY: UPDATES & QUOTES (Bridge #55) - Ted updated the Commissioners on FEMA, FHWA, Bridge #117 (completion schedule and progress), Salt Storage Building (obtaining quotes), Graf Road (drawings and field work in progress), and also power washing several bridges (compiling a list and obtaining quotes); for details please refer to the Engineer update.

Log Jam Quotes were read by Ted as follows for Bridge #55 (Blue Creek):

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Ken Bischoff	\$6,125.00
Ben Harrison	\$4,000.00
David Gunter	\$9,800.00
Joe Dickman	\$8,200.00

The Commissioners are going to take the bids under advisement until the next regular Commissioners meeting; Monday August 15th.

GEORGE HARTMAN- George briefly discussed that there were no details for the Whitewater Canal Trail right of way at this point; to be established by the INDOT Audit. George mentioned that the work is completed for Bridge #102; beams.

DEPT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: CATHY PELSOR- Cathy presented the Commissioners with the 2012 Grant Application which requires the President of Commissioners and the County Attorneys signatures in order for Public Transportation to continue receiving those funds. MOTION- Tom Linkel motioned for Thomas Wilson to sign the Medical Qualification Program Grant Application contingent upon review. Scott McDonough 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC. Cathy also mentioned that drivers and employees are going to be required to have a physical; State mandated. MOTION- Tom Linkel motioned for Thomas Wilson to sign the required documents, contingent upon John Worth's (County Attorney) review. Scott McDonough 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

MINUTES: 8/1/2011- MOTION- Tom Linkel motioned to approve the minutes for August 1st, 2011. Scott McDonough 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

PAYROLL- MOTION- Thomas Wilson motioned to approve payroll; the Sheriff's Department had not submitted payroll vouchers prior to approval. Tom Linkel 2nd. Scott McDonough, AIF. MC.

UTILITY CLAIMS- MOTION- Tom Linkel motioned to approve Utility Claims. Scott McDonough 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

CLERK'S REPORT- MOTION- Scott McDonough motioned to acknowledge the Clerk's Report. Tom Linkel 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

Comments- The Commissioners complemented Joe Gillespie for all of the hard work he does to save the County money and Thomas Wilson stated that Joe is working diligently on getting the \$29,000.00 waived with Duke for Bridge #117; utility relocation. Steve Collier briefly discussed the Tourism Board and stated he was not defending anyone, but was very concerned with the idea of terminating the board based on the recent situation. Steve feels that the lack of financial control in the recent situation has brought the idea of terminating the board to perspective. Steve mentioned that the board has done tremendous thing for the County; advertising and funding events. Steve stated that every County should and does have a Tourism Board and this board should remain as is; not to combine with the Chamber. He commented that once it is terminated and defunded it may be impossible to get the board back. Scott McDonough commented that in any decision the Commissioners make they intend to involve all perspective; the board as well as the Innkeepers. Steve stated that the Tourism Board is the vehicle that brings business into Franklin County and without the board there will be dramatic and negative impact on the Counties Tourism, thus economy. Scott McDonough discussed the intentions for the upcoming APC meeting where the County Attorney John Worth and the APC's attorney Tammy Davis will be present for comments on the Zoning Code. According to John Worth as of July 21st the Towns are either in or out depending on the Towns response; this would be under the Counties Zoning Code. The amendments being requested for stricter Code will have to be enforced per Town. Scott McDonough and Thomas Wilson agreed that there were three Towns that clearly said no to the County Code until the amendments are in place. This then terminates that own from being under the County Code due to a counteroffer being made. Those Towns include Brookville, Oldenburg, and Cedar Grove. Thomas Wilson stated the Towns are either in or out and that decision was made with the counter offer. There was a 90 day timeline initially set in place to accept or deny the County Zoning Code. Scott McDonough commented that amendments are a separate process and some Towns are requesting increased enforcement representation for the same amount of tax support. Scott commented that the Commissioners goal was to utilize a unified code and those Towns requiring increased enforcement representation should have to finance that request. Tom Linkel is hearing different perspectives on the process, deadline, and amendments; he wants clarification. Laurel and Mt Carmel are the only Towns under the County Code at this point. Tom Linkel asked John Worth to get the opinions of all the Towns legal representation. Scott asked John to prepare a statement for the APC meeting.

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

Others Present: Jon Leach Lynn McAlister Haroline Ison Drew Barth
Joe Gillespie Sara Duffy Ray Kersey Steve Collier Brenda Collier
Ken Bischoff Cathy Pelsor George Hartman Marty Hon Brent Roberts

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

AYE Thomas Wilson

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ATTEST: Erica Hudson
Erica Hudson, Franklin County Auditor