

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MEMORANDUM & MINUTES
November 14th, 2011 @ 10:00 AM
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING ROOM 203

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

Thomas Wilson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: 11/7/2011 – MOTION – Scott McDonough motioned to approve the minutes for November 7th. Thomas Wilson seconds. AIF, MC.

UTILITY CLAIMS – MOTION – Scott McDonough motioned to approve the utility claims. Tom Linkel seconds. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

COUNTY ENGINEER UPDATES –

George Hartman

#117- The concrete work is complete and the base is installed. Anticipated work scheduled for this week is handrail and guardrail installation. The driveway is scheduled for Wednesday. The bridge is expected to open this week or next week at the latest; 11/18 or 11/21.

US 52- I NDOT has plans for small structures and there will be preliminary fieldwork conducted.

Gloeckner Road- George explained that low-water crossing signs of vital however state needs to be contacted in reference to a site being pasted to warn of potential danger. The Commissioners are not directly responsible as long as a low-water crossing signs pasted, however George does not feel that this sign alone is enough.

Ted Cooley: For more details please refer to the update sheet submitted.

Stipps Hill Embankment- Thomas Wilson commented that LR& S could be utilized to fund this project; approximate cost \$40,000-\$60,000 to cover the counties 20%. The Commissioners were in consensus for George Hartman to proceed with the application process.

#135 Graf Road- MOTION – Scott McDonough motioned to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$1,500 to All American. Tom Linkel seconds. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC. MOTION – Tom Linkel motioned to approve Change Order #2 in the amount of \$1,500 to All American. Scott McDonough seconds. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

Little Duck Creek Unofficial Detour Repair- Ted mentioned that the County should seek reimbursement in January. Tom Linkel commented that the county has already spent \$25,000 this year and there's more work to be done. MOTION – Thomas Wilson motioned to sign the Unofficial Detour Reimbursement Contract in the amount of \$45,185.75. Scott McDonough seconds. Tom Linkel, AIF. MC.

#11- Ted mentioned that there is only 80 sq. ft. of pipe, however 120 sq. ft. is adequate to accommodate the capacity.

Pipe Creek- Tom Linkel mentioned that he has received complaints in reference to major log jams in the culverts located on Pipe Creek. Pipe Creek is actually blocked and Tom is afraid that the county could ultimately lose the road. This is located 2 miles from St. Mary's Road near the new homes construction site. Tom does not feel the county can handle this project and an excavator will need to be contracted. Thomas Wilson suggested that the LR&S fund be utilized for the log jams. Tom Linkel was confident that \$2,000 would cover this project. Ted will prepare a change order for the log jams if applicable.

Brent Roberts: BF&S

#10- Brent stated that this bridge has repeatedly been denied for federal funding assistance. George Hartman commented that this is a 1940's structure in the ADT (average daily traffic) is over 400 per day. Thomas Wilson commented that he would like a list of high-priority projects for approximately 6 bridges over the next few years. George stated that for this project will cost around \$1.5 million. Thomas Wilson suggested realigning for \$500,000 with local resources. George mentioned that bridges #11 and #103 are potential projects being considered. Brent mentioned that INDOT typically seeks projects in January and approves in April. Brent recommended another letter of commitment being sent similar to the one that Thomas Wilson and Jeff Koch signed this year. Factors to consider in this project are water levels and velocity. George mentioned that it is highly important to avoid any angles across the stream and that a straighter approach is better. Brent recommended conducting a survey to provide data analysis. Current information has been provided by aerial photography. Brent mentioned that the Commissioners should expect a notice from INDOT for project calls in the next few weeks. Brent stated that there is less than \$5 million of funding assistance available in the Seymour district which covers 16 counties for local projects. This project scores extremely high on the priority level for local projects in Franklin County. It was recommended that the Commissioners consider other options if federal aid is not provided this time. Seymour reviews and scores the recommendations for local projects and then Indianapolis makes the decision. Tom Linkel suggested that the Commissioners write a letter of intent to Indianapolis. Brent felt that it was relevant to follow the chain of command and he's not sure at this point if a letter to Indianapolis is appropriate. George mentioned that the only other option that may help in receiving assistance on this project would be to receive letters of community support. Brent commented that this application doesn't request or provide an area for letters of community support and that is why this has never been pursued or recommended. Thomas Wilson will be in contact with EMS, Fire, Police, and the Schools in reference to letters of community support. Brent also mentioned that the countywide bridge inspection specifies structural priorities and this project is at the top list. It was also mentioned that the Commissioners priorities may include ADT for which other applications do not and this should be mentioned in the letter of commitment. The Commissioners were consensus to submit another letter of commitment.

2012 APPOINTMENTS- Scott McDonough stated that there will be several appointments coming up and it is relevant to advertise for two weeks in order to collect resumes for each board. Scott recommended advertising for two weeks, reviewing resumes, and then making decisions to appoint. Haroline Ison commented that positions should be advertised for APC appointments as well. Thomas Wilson stated that the Commissioners would make appointments at the December 12th meeting.

FC CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS PROMULGATION- This is a letter of support for the EMA to be in compliance with state and federal regulations and for the Counties eligibility to receive grants. MOTION – Thomas Wilson motioned to sign the FC Chief Elected Officials Promulgation. Scott McDonough seconds. Tom Linkel, AIF. MC.

PERSONNEL POLICIES: Ordinance 2011 – 26 (Replaces 2011 – 21) & Ordinance 2011 – 27 (Replaces 2011 – 22)- MOTION- Tom Linkel motioned to rescind his previous motion on September 26th for Ordinances 2011 – 21 (Standard) and 2011 – 22 (Sheriff/Jail/E911) due to duplicated ordinance numbers. Scott McDonough seconds. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC. MOTION – Tom Linkel motioned to adopt Ordinances 2011 – 26 (replaces 2011-21) and 2011 – 27 (replaces 2011-22). Scott McDonough seconds. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

WTH: GIS Exchange Agreement-MOTION – Thomas Wilson motioned to sign the WTH GIS Exchange Agreement with Dearborn County. Scott McDonough seconds. Tom Linkel, AIF. MC.

ZONING CODE – Thomas Wilson wanted to know where the County was in the zoning code process. Scott McDonough explained that the legal documentation is complex. Thomas Wilson mentioned that the Towns are past the deadline. Scott McDonough explained that there should have only been a 60 day deadline, however the APC wanted the 45 day extension for the amendments. Scott did not find any continuance laws and feels that it is time to come to an agreement by receiving the required documentation from the Towns. Scott feels is time to have the County attorney proceed due to the Commissioners adopting a unified code and considering that the Incorporated Towns are not currently operating under the County code. Tom Linkel suggested requesting an official response with the deadline. Scott commented that September was the original deadline which included the 45

day extension. Haroline stated that if they are not part of the code then they should not be able to sit on the board or provide input. Scott McDonough is going to request that the County Attorney determine the legal status and proceed with the Towns.

PAYROLL- MOTION – Thomas Wilson motioned to approve payroll with the addition of Bill Monroe utilizing the remaining 7 sick days from the sick bank if the documentation is filled out by the end of the day. Tom Linkel seconds. Scott McDonough, AIF. MC.

Comments- Tom Linkel mentioned that dump truck #24 is out of service due to a blown motor in the highway does not have any funding for the \$10,000 repair. Tom explained that there are over 300,000 miles on the dump truck; however it is necessary to repair due to the fact that this is one of the winter vehicles; utilized for plowing snow. There were two new trucks purchased but they have not been delivered yet.

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

Others Present: Haroline Ison Sara Duffy John Estridge Wayne Monroe George Hartman
Ted Cooley Brent Roberts

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

AYE Thomas Wilson
Thomas Wilson

Tom Linkel
Tom Linkel

Scott M. McDonough
Scott McDonough

ATTEST: Erica Hudson
Erica Hudson, Franklin County Auditor

NAY
Thomas Wilson

Tom Linkel

Scott McDonough