

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MEMORANDUM & MINUTES
December 5th, 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 Attorney: John Worth (absent)
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman

Thomas Wilson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

EMA: Ed Hollenbach- Ed explained that the State evaluation determines grant eligibility based on job performance. The grant is for a total of up to \$8,400 to \$8,500; this sub grant agreement is for \$3,597.60. Ed's focus for the grant funds is for the EOC/EMA Office with the focus on security/safety; intercom system with locks in conjunction. For more details please refer to the 2011 EMA Performance Grant – Competitive Sub – Grant Agreement; CFDA #97.042 and EDS # C44P-2-091A. **MOTION-** Scott McDonough motioned to sign the sub-grant agreement. Tom Linkel seconds. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC. **Comments:** Ed discussed the options to revise the weather advisory for Franklin County. The new state laws mandate such changes in regulation with the Title 10 Code; IC 10-14-3-29, 10-14-3-29.5, 10-14-3-30. There is also a County Travel Status per the IDHS website where information is provided by each local EMA. There is a color advisory option that will allow such mapping options depending on the Counties preference. The travel advisories are as follows: 1-Advisory, 2-Watch, and 3-Warning. For more details on the Counties current Transportation Emergencies please refer to Ordinance 2008-05. Ed is currently working on implementing emergency preparedness opportunities within the County which includes but is not limited to seminars (February 2012: power point presentation) and DVD's available to all Departments defining the role of County Government in the event of an emergency. Doug Cooke explained that this allows flexibility at a County level while providing consistency at a State level. Ed will be providing a press release to inform the public as well as on the county website: www.franklincounty.in.gov. The chain of command for communication on weather advisories includes the Commissioners, Sheriff, and EMA.

BRIDGE #117: Drew Barth- **MOTION-** Thomas Wilson motioned to sign Change Order No. 2 for an increase of \$14,283.83 and Change Order No. 3 for an increase of \$7.70; both for Bridge #117. Scott McDonough seconds. Tom Linkel, AIF. MC.

ENGINEER UPDATES: George Hartman & Ted Cooley- George mentioned that the final payment for Bridge #116 was ready to process; \$9,092.48. The total bids for culverts are approximately \$74,000. Bridge #135 opened last week however there was a potential ice spot noted and erosion in the slop. Traffic concerns were discussed for the small structure repair on US 52 and arrangements are being made. There is no replacement funds established until 2017. Jud McMillin is assisting with the detour safety concerns as well as ton limitations on county roads with water crossings. There are currently 3 letters of support to replace the low water crossing for Bridge #10. Kings Knoll residents are working on the required repairs recommended for the Commissioners to take it over. Ted reviewed the update sheet submitted and discussed the main objectives. The Engineers are considering a consultant to provide a study, options, and design projects for Levee Road. For more details please refer to the update sheet submitted. **MOTION-** Scott McDonough motioned to sign Change Order No. 3 log jam removal for Salt Creek in the amount of a \$1,000 increase. Tom Linkel seconds. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC. The Commissioners requested that Ted resolve the issues on Blue Creek and the water on the roadways.


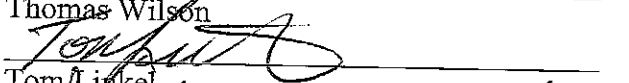
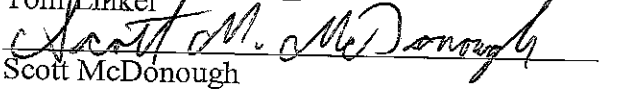
GENERATOR- Becky Oglesby (Treasurer) commented that the Government Center is not the appropriate location for a generator. She is concerned with the small capacity the parking lot could handle and felt there would be thousands of citizens needing assistance in the event of a disaster or emergency. Becky suggested a mobile/portable generator or the option of utilizing the school as the main location. Becky suggested that several factors were essential in determining the appropriate generator; parking, space, traffic controls, and handicap accessibility. Tom Linkel had a several page document prepared which he read. This explored every option and the outcome as well as expense to the County; for more details on the information enclosed please refer to the packet prepared per Tom Linkel. Becky commented that there are 2 Pac centers in the county as well as the local pharmacies that would assist in a pandemic. She was very confident that the County would respond and citizens would work together in such an event. Tom discussed costs associated with a generator from portable to permanent with many options (monitoring system with defaults); \$7,500-\$10,000 to install with a \$50 monthly fee, insurance coverage (fire is covered, power outage is not covered, and there is no discount provided), and fuel options for which LP is the most affordable with the least maintenance. Tom also mentioned that the Health Department has vaccines in stock that other facilities do not maintain on stock. The High School is the main POD and the Government Center is the backup facility. Tom also mentioned that unlike the Healthplex, the Health Department will treat all patients/citizens regardless of age, insurance, or ability to pay. Tom stated that it would cost \$200,000-\$250,000 to fund the generator project overall and the highway is in desperate need of equipment. There are also several County structures in desperate need of repair; bridges and roads. Tom mentioned that there are equipment grants to be considered for the generator or highway. Tom provided a quote for \$30,000-\$35,000 for a 3 circuit based generator to power just the vaccines. Scott McDonough commented that the priority for many citizens for the road and bridge conditions would exceed those for a generator. Tom Linkel was also concerned with unfunded mandates to be seen. Thomas Wilson commented that there is concern that the counties future grant funds will be limited, denied, or reduced without a generator which was explained previously by the LPHC. Becky Oglesby stated that \$1,000 would be a justifiable expense to plug in a generator and a freezer in the event of a crisis or pandemic and that hundreds of thousands of dollars was not a justifiable expense.

COMMENTS- Jeff Jones submitted an official letter of resignation from the Franklin County Park Board. Jeff served on the Board for approximately 15 years and provided a recommendation as a replacement; Ruth Geis. Scott McDonough mentioned a liquid salt additive for the highway which provides a 61% consumption reduction. Thomas Wilson commented that the county utilizes 600 ton on average. Scott explained that this would provide approximately \$120,000 in savings based on 5,000 tons. This product allows efficiency for the product, prevents clumping, longer storage, and conservation. The county could potentially save \$15,000 on average. Scott mentioned that State liability insurance caps are expected to increase; \$5 million spent. Scott also discussed a charge card for conference expense purposes through Chase Bank; the State covers the contract. This would reduce claims and there is no fee to the county. Tom Linkel stated that the option to prepay for fuel annually would reduce associated costs. Scott commented that the county could potentially save \$35,000. Tom also mentioned that there is no liability for storage. Daryl Kramer suggested that there would be storage issues to consider as well as additives to protect the fuel; it is better to let the contractor store the fuel.

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

Others Present: Drew Barth Becky Oglesby Ed Hollenbach Sara Duffy Doug Cooke
George Hartman Daryl Kramer Dennis Kolb

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

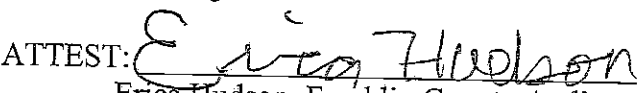
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ATTEST: 
Erica Hudson, Franklin County Auditor