

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MEMORANDUM & MINUTES
December 27th, 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.

MINUTES: MOTION – Tom Linkel motioned to approve the minutes for December 19th. Thomas Wilson seconds. Scott McDonough, AIF. MC.

CLAIMS: Becky Oglesby stated that there are several claims that should be denied due to the fact that they're being paid out of County General unappropriated and should be paid out of the department's budget. But she feels that there are many departments that abuse the county general unappropriated fund and she is going to start pulling the checks that she does not feel is justified. **MOTION** – Scott McDonough motion to approve all claims with the exception of vendor 10478 and 1910; for the Prosecutors Office. Tom Linkel seconds. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

OFFICIAL BONDS: MOTION – Tom Linkel motioned to sign the bonds for the Treasurer, Sheriff, and Coroner. Scott McDonough seconds. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

TOURISM APPOINTMENTS: MOTION – Scott McDonough motioned to appoint Taya Abbott (Lodging) for a 1 year term. Tom Linkel seconds. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC. **MOTION**- Scott McDonough motion to appoint Tim Ziemke (Ray Township) for a 2 year term. Tom Linkel seconds. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC. **MOTION** – Scott McDonough motioned to appoint Michael Ornsby (at large) to a two-year term. Tom Wilson seconds. Tom Linkel, AIF. MC. Natasha Turner was present and had applied for an appointment to the board. Natasha explained that she is formerly from Switzerland County and served five years on the tourism board there. She has a background in financing and marketing; also established many programs to market Switzerland County. Switzerland County has received statewide recognition during those five years. Mikel Beck suggested making the lodging appointments staggering so that both appointments won't be up for reappointment in the same year.

ENGINEER UPDATES: Ted Cooley discussed the options and costs associated with Levee Road. FEMA approved \$600,000 for this project which can be used to reroute the road (\$400,000), re-channel the river (\$400,000), or continue to armor the bank and conduct an engineering study to determine the most productive way to spend \$600,000 on this project. Ted and George both recommend relocating the road; however the commissioners were more in consensus to re-channel the river. Thomas Wilson was concerned that over time the river would do the same damage. Scott McDonough stated that he does not like the options presented and wants to carefully consider all the options. Tom Linkel suggested applying for a channel change permit prior to making any other decisions. Ted explained that there is a lot of water to do with when considering re-channeling; you must consider velocity, soil, and river dynamics. Ted is going to make contact with the Army Corps of Engineers. Becky Oglesby explained that there is great concern with the close distance to her property which will then lead to Oak Forest. Ted commented that there will be quotes prepared by January 9th for Tee Hill Road; water levels are currently too high to make a determination. Ted also mentioned that Tee Hill Road is similar to bridge number 135 and it appears that the interior beams need replaced. Ted estimated \$9,000-\$12,000 for guardrails on Tee Hill Road. Thomas Wilson suggested a temporary fix to allow time to reconsider the options and to possibly re-weld the current guardrail. Ted briefly discussed the options of a frost law in reference to the 1971 County map located in the Commissioners' office. Ted recommended seeking grants in reference to the storm water drainage issues; will require contact with INDOT and property owners.

HVC CONTRACT: MOTION – Thomas Wilson motion to sign the contract to provide water treatment services for \$2,700 annually. Tom Linkel seconds. Scott McDonough, AIF. MC.

REZONE: Ashley Gay requested permission from the commissioners to rezone her property to open a small children's resale store which will then attract business. This is located in Mt Carmel and the building will be approximately 14x24. The APC did approve the rezone with a favorable recommendation. **MOTION** – Scott McDonough motion to approve the rezone. Tom Linkel seconds. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

CLOSELINE PROJECT: MOTION – Scott McDonough motioned to approve the close line project at the courthouse on May 4th for the purpose of sexual and domestic violence awareness. Tom Linkel seconds. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

PAYROLL: Becky Oglesby (Treasurer) commented that the health department should not be on the County salary ordinance or payroll due to federal funding. Becky also suggested that the position with the health department should be advertised prior to hiring. Erica Hudson (Auditor) clarified that arrangements have been made to allow the employee hired part-time in the health department as both positions without interference or conflict of interest. **MOTION** – Tom Linkel motioned to approve payroll. Scott McDonough seconds. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

COMMENTS: Becky Oglesby (Treasurer) recommends waiting to have a Commissioners sale due to the small amount of properties left from the tax sale in October. The commissioners reached consensus to consider a utility ordinance to include property owner notification. Thomas Wilson commented that a private company should not have the same rights and property owners need to be compensated; in reference to the pipeline project. Ted Cooley suggested a detailed ordinance to protect taxpayers. Tom Linkel commented that the highways budget is short for the 2012 state mandated radio re-banding. Thomas Wilson suggested paying for the expense out of cum cap. Daryl Kramer suggested having a standard radio system in place for everyone including the fire department and EMS. Tom Linkel explained that the 800 MHz radios are not mandatory for the highway department it would cost \$140,000 to convert to the system. Tom Linkel explained that the split band radios allows for more frequency options. Becky Oglesby (Treasurer) commented that there is too much money being utilized and not enough being generated. Becky also suggested that the commissioners notify Mitch Daniels for assistance with this expense. Becky Oglesby briefly discussed the need for a human resources department to specifically handle the following aspects of County government including but not limited to insurance, unemployment, workman's comp, and lawsuits. Thomas Wilson stated that at this point the commissioners are considered the human resources department for the County.

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

Others Present: Mike Ornsby Wayne Monroe Ashley Gay Mikel Beck Hans Beck
Sara Duffy Becky Oglesby Ted Cooley Natasha Turner Daryl Kramer

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
Erica Hudson, Franklin County Auditor