

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**MEMORANDUM & MINUTES**  
**Tuesday: January 3rd, 2012 @ 10:00 AM**  
**COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING ROOM 203**

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

Thomas Wilson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES: 12 – 12 – 2011 and 12 – 27 – 2011:** MOTION – Scott McDonough motioned to approve both sets of minutes. Thomas Wilson seconds. AIF, MC.

**CLAIMS:** MOTION – Scott McDonough motioned to approve all claims including the previous claims from the Prosecutor's office and the current claims from the Clerk's office. Thomas Wilson seconds. AIF, MC.

**OFFICIAL BOND:** MOTION – Thomas Wilson motioned to approve the Clerk's bond for 2012. Scott McDonough seconds. AIF, MC.

**ENGINEER UPDATES:** Ted Cooley was present and briefly discussed the information submitted per the update sheet; for more information please reference the document. Ted commented that the field work was completed for Mr. Baker's basement drainage issues; the options being considered include but are not limited to replacing the culvert and relocating the ditch as well as drain repair. Ted will be working with the Commissioners' to select 12 historic bridges in Franklin County which will then be prepared on a historic bridge map; other factors being considered are road conditions, the accident report, and the ADT. This will also coincide with the need for guardrail repairs. Ted also briefly discussed Levee Road, Tee Hill Road guardrail, the New Trenton drainage study, crash locations, and the Holland Road/Sharps Hill Road intersection.

**BF&S BRIDGE INSPECTION:** MOTION – Scott McDonough motioned to approve the LPA invoice claim #10 for phase II countywide bridge inspections in the amount of \$2,808.00. Thomas Wilson seconds. AIF, MC.

**ORDINANCE 2011-34 REZONE:** MOTION – Scott McDonough motioned to approve Ordinance 2011 – 34; the rezone of Ashley and Chad Gay which was previously discussed at the December 27th Commissioners meeting. Thomas Wilson seconds. AIF, MC.

**FC CONSERVATION CLUB:** MOTION – Scott McDonough motioned to sign the request to the Franklin County conservation club for the lease agreement annual fee of \$25 for the fiscal year 2012; payable to the Franklin County Commissioners. Thomas Wilson seconds. AIF, MC.

**ANTENNA SITE AGREEMENTS:** MOTION – Scott McDonough motioned to approve both antenna site agreements; Whitewater Valley REMC (\$1,200.00 annually) and Indiana Paging Network, INC (\$1,704.00 annually) for the 2012 fiscal year. Thomas Wilson seconds. AIF, MC.

**COVERED BRIDGE CERIFICATION:** MOTION – Thomas Wilson motioned to sign the covered bridge certification for Franklin County per IC 8-14-1-10; there are two covered bridges in the County (Franklin County will be compensated \$1,500.00 from State). Scott McDonough seconds. AIF, MC.

**CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG:** MOTION – Scott McDonough motioned to approve the Commissioners' request for the \$500,000.00 support appropriated in Lawrenceburg City's 2012 budget for Franklin County, Indiana. Thomas Wilson seconds. AIF, MC.

**ORDINANCE 2012-01 PERSONNEL POLICY AMENDMENT:** Scott McDonough explained that this is a personnel policy amendment to the handbook to accurately reflect the language in the Veteran Service Officer's (VSO's) job description as a full-time employee. Scott commented that there is conflict with the policy which interferes with holiday benefit pay for the VSO. This Ordinance legally allows for transparency by grandfathering the VSO in this policy. Scott also explained that a new ordinance would be established to reflect the job description when a replacement VSO is hired which will define the position as part-time. The Commissioners' reached a consensus that this should prevent any conflict with other departments. For more details regarding this ordinance please refer to the document. MOTION – Scott McDonough motioned to approve Ordinance 2012 – 01 for the VSO. Thomas Wilson seconds. AIF, MC.

**2012 APPOINTMENT CONFIRMATION:** MOTION- Thomas Wilson motioned to approve the following Franklin County appointments; Ruth Geis (Park board), Charles Thomas (VSO), Edward Hollenbach (EMA Director), Ray Halpin (Transfer Station Custodian), Ted Cooley (Engineer), Steve Monroe (SAC), Monte McCoy (Highway Foreman District 1), Brian DeFosset (Highway Foreman District 2), Ray Reese (Highway Foreman District 3), Ken Murphy (E-911 Coordinator), John Worth (Commissioners Attorney), Edward Baker (Cemetery Commission Board), Rick Gill (Public Housing Authority), Mike Saunders (Brooksville Lake Regional Waste District Board of Trustees), Tom Linkel (Southeastern Indiana Solid Waste District Citizens Advisory Committee), Richard Cartwright (Southeastern Indiana Solid Waste District Citizens Advisory Committee), Beverly Giesting (Southeastern Indiana Solid Waste District Citizens Advisory Committee), and Michael Hiles (Economic Development Commission). Scott McDonough seconds. AIF, MC. For details on the term expiration date per appointment please refer to the appointment certificates prepared by the Franklin County Commissioners.

**COMMENTS:** Betty Gabbard introduced Chris Fox which is her replacement as the Soil and Water secretary; effective at the end of January 2012. John Worth stated that Dan Dorrel resigned as the Brookville Township Trustee and there will be a caucus held to determine the replacement.

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

Others Present: Sara Duffy Wayne Monroe Arthur Defossett

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