

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MEMORANDUM & MINUTES
January 9th, 2012 @ 7:00 PM
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING ROOM 203

Those Present: County Commissioners: Thomas Wilson Tom Linkel 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: 1/3/2012: MOTION- Scott McDonough motioned to approve the minutes. Thomas Wilson seconds. Tom Linkel abstained due to absence. AIF, MC.

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

PAYROLL: MOTION- Tom Linkel motioned to approve. Scott McDonough seconds. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

CLERK'S REPORT: DECEMBER 2011: MOTION- Thomas Wilson motioned to acknowledge. Scott McDonough seconds. Tom Linkel, AIF. MC.

VSO'S REPORT: DECEMBER: MOTION- Thomas Wilson motioned to acknowledge. Tom Linkel seconds. Scott McDonough, AIF. MC.

ENGINEER UPDATES: George Hartman stated that there were several bridges visited on site and briefly discussed his concerns. Stipps Hill Road Bridge #37 is in serious deterioration condition. George explained that the inspection report has bridge #37 listed as good condition. The ADT is 340 as of 2009 and this bridge is being considered as top priority for repair in 2012. George stated that bridge #37 is currently posted at 16 ton, but he feels this should also be reconsidered to 8-10 ton; safety inspection to determine tonnage maximum due to school bus traffic. George recommended reducing traffic to 1 lane and incorporating both warning and stop signs; visibility is good and does not require a stoplight installation. Estimated costs associated for bridge #37 is \$250,000.00. Thomas Wilson requested a design by 30-45 days so this project can be resolved in a timely manner due to safety concerns. George discussed the options for Tee Hill Bridge #8 and the condition. There is heavy corrosion in the current inspection report. George commented that in 10 years the beams will need to be replaced if not sooner. Thomas Wilson suggested a temporary repair for this year and then reconsidering a permanent restoration in 2013. Ted Cooley stated that the estimated cost associated with bridge 8 is \$3,000. The Commissioners reached a consensus that \$3,000 would be reasonable. Scott McDonough briefly discussed the Local Road and Street (LR&S) fund and that it can be utilized for highway equipment. Ted Cooley provided the Commissioners with a design for the Bridges of Franklin County. Ted suggested continued armoring for Levee Road until a decision can be reached. Becky Oglesby (Treasurer) suggested Purdue assistance on vegetative support to stabilize the armor. Ted also briefly discussed the Baker basement drain, New Trenton drainage study, Holland Road/Sharps Hill Road intersection, and work with Jon Sera (Bridge #37, #103, #8, and #46). For more details on the engineer updates please refer to the supporting documentation submitted per Ted Cooley.

COMMISSIONERS AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY 2012: MOTION- Scott McDonough motioned for the Commissioners areas of responsibility to remain the same as 2011. Tom Linkel seconds. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

Areas of Responsibility

Thomas Wilson: Transfer Station/ Recycling
Court House/ North Annex
Government Center
Old Senior Center Annex/ Court Street Annex
Tom Linkel: Gravel Pit
Highway
Scott McDonough: Security Center
E911/ Communications
Senior Citizens/ Public Transportation
SAC

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

MOTION: Tom Linkel motioned to rescind the previous motion to adjourn. Scott McDonough seconds. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

MOTION: Thomas Wilson motioned to reconvene the meeting. Tom Linkel seconds. Scott McDonough, AIF. MC.

TAX PENALTY: Scott McDonough stated that there is a \$1,400.00 penalty fee due to a clerical error in the Auditor's office. Tom Linkel commented that mistakes of this nature can be easily made. Erica Hudson (Auditor) clarified that this is a payroll withholding error and penalty. Thomas Wilson did not feel this was justifiable for the county to pay. Becky Oglesby commented that the mistake has been made on several occasions and it has always been paid for by previous Commissioners out of county general. The Commissioners reached a consensus that this is an issue that the Department head needs to handle and that they will not cover these types of errors. Carroll Lanning and Joe Sizemore commented that this is the Department heads responsibility to cover such penalties. Erica Hudson explained that she does not feel it is acceptable for the taxpayers to cover a penalty fee.

COMMENTS: There will be an executive session on Thursday, January 12th 2012 at 1:30 PM to discuss pending litigation.

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

Others Present: Joe Sizemore Joey Sizemore Ted Cooley John Estridge Becky Oglesby
Wayne Monroe Paula Keller Jeff Batchler Daryl Kramer George Hartman Carroll Lanning

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

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Scott M. McDonough
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ATTEST: Erica Hudson
Erica Hudson, Franklin County Auditor