

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**MEMORANDUM & MINUTES**  
**January 23rd, 2012 @ 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  
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman

Thomas Wilson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES: 1/9/2012 & 1/12/2012: MOTION:** Tom Linkel motioned to approve the minutes for January 9<sup>th</sup>. Scott McDonough 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC. **MOTION:** Tom Linkel motioned to approve the Executive Session minutes for January 12<sup>th</sup>. Scott McDonough 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: MOTION:** Tom Linkel motioned to acknowledge the Treasurer's report for December 2011. Scott McDonough 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

**INDIANA TESTING, INC.: JIM LEE:** Jim briefly explained that Franklin County had utilized this company from 1998 through 2010 for drug testing and requested the opportunity to review the contract and determine potential savings. Tom Linkel agreed to meet in two weeks for a review, due to the contract being utilized more frequently by the Highway Department.

**LPA INVOICE: MOTION:** Tom Linkel motioned for Thomas Wilson to resign the LPA Invoice Claim No 1. Scott McDonough 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

**RIVER MILE MARKERS: SHERIFF:** Ken Murphy readdressed the need for mile markers along the entire river in Franklin County. Ken feels an Ordinance should be established to promote safety and proactive protocol. This would assist all aspects of emergency responders including the Sheriff's Department (entirety), communications/911, EMS, Fire, and EMA. Ken suggested contacting the Canoe Rental for assistance. Tom Linkel requested that dispatch be more specific when requesting the Highway Departments assistance due to recent miscommunication.

**EQUITABLE SHARING AGREEMENT & CERTIFICATION: SHERIFF:** Ken explained that this contract allows cross referencing of information between the Federal, State, and Local government. **MOTION:** Scott McDonough motioned for Thomas Wilson to sign the agreement and certification. Tom Linkel 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

**MOTION:** Thomas Wilson motioned to close the Commissioners meeting. Tom Linkel 2<sup>nd</sup>. Scott McDonough, AIF. MC.

**MOTION:** Thomas Wilson motioned to open the Drainage hearing. Tom Linkel 2<sup>nd</sup>. Scott McDonough, AIF. MC.

**DRAINAGE BOARD HEARING (HENNING DITCH):** Joe Gillespie explained that the main tile needs replaced. Various repair work to arm 1 was mentioned as well. The assessments costs have been satisfied in reference to this project. The tile is 100 years old and is not working efficiently; Rosenberger's property. Repairing the hole is approximately the same cost as fixing the issue; \$5,000-\$6,000 total project. The majority of the landowners and the contractor were present and in consensus. Joe recommended completion prior to crop plantation. This would be a two part project which involves a \$15,000 assessment (spring taxes). This will allow a 15-20% higher capacity and efficiency rate; increase from 10" to 12." One property owner was in favor of pipe repair without the assessment. Tim Ike is the contractor for this project.

**MOTION:** Tom Linkel motioned to close the drainage hearing. Scott McDonough 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

**MOTION:** Tom Linkel motioned to reconvene the Commissioners meeting. Scott McDonough 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

**TRANSPORTATION EMERGENCY ORDINANCE:** Tom Linkel stated that it is essential that the County and Schools reach a consensus regarding the emergency levels. It was discussed that level 1 and 2 are warning/precautionary and operations should proceed as normal. Level 3 requires shutdown for operation with the exception of emergency personnel. Ed Krause (Batesville School Corp.) expressed concern with having school at a level 2. The Sheriff explained that he does not have statutory authority to determine the emergency levels; per IC 10-14-3-29. There was a consensus that the road conditions countywide are unpredictable. The Franklin County School Corporation has concerns with bus operations at a level 2. Thomas Wilson commented that the Commissioners adopted a policy based on state requirements and suggested that the school corporation consider independent declaration. Major Rick Fledderman stated that the differential policy may be ideal for the school corporation. The consensus was to remain under the current policy but allow the schools jurisdictional authority. Ed Hollenbach (EMA) reports the emergency declaration to the state via proclamation. The Sheriff's Department also notifies the state. The superintendant has statutory authority to use discretion under a county level 2 and to make the decision for the school corporation. It was also determined that common sense and communication between all parties involved including but not limited to the Commissioners, Sheriff, School Corporation, and EMA is the simple solution.

**ENGINEER UPDATES:** Ted Cooley the 16' span guardrail repair project for bridge #8 and the bids from All American (Opt.1 with diaphragms \$3,530 and Opt. 2 without diaphragms \$2,830) and Smith Welding (Opt. 1 \$3,987 and Opt. 2 \$3,017). **MOTION:** Tom Linkel motioned to award All American the Tee Hill (bridge #8) guardrail project; Option 1 for \$3,530. Scott McDonough 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC. \*Scott McDonough excused himself from the meeting. Ted also discussed Levee Road, Stipps Hill Road #37, Baker basement drain, New Trenton drainage study, Holland Road/Sharps Hill Road intersection, Shack Road culvert, Miller culvert, and FEMA were also briefly discussed; please refer to the engineer update sheet submitted for more details. George Hartman discussed concerns with concrete structure deterioration for bridge #37 and suggested signage to restrict the ADT; total project cost approximately \$400,000 to rehabilitate (123' total span). George also discussed the priorities for 2012 projects and assistance. There is a 3 year selection process including application/selection for projects, contractor determination, plans, and completion. George commented that funds are tight and if bridge #37 waited it would have to be closed due to the hazardous conditions. Other priority projects are #10, #11 (2013), #135, #103, and #48. George stated that assistance is ideal for larger projects; \$500,000 and greater. Tom Linkel and Thomas Wilson were in consensus to move forward with E&H's assistance for bridge #37.

**PAYROLL: MOTION:** Tom Linkel motioned to approve payroll. Thomas Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup>. AIF, MC.

Comments: Joe Gillespie commented that there is an issue with a township road whereas a neighbor has installed a gate which is blocking the roadway; Harold Fields neighbor. Joe recommended that the options to consider include removal of the gate or to vacate the public right of way (thus the gate could be reinstalled). Joe also explained that to vacate is neither beneficial nor recommended due to the time and costs associated. Bill Reese was concerned with the ambulance service in the County and the fact that he received a \$700 bill due to lack of insurance for a 23 mile ambulance

transport for his wife. Thomas Wilson stated that financial hardship can often be considered a write off or after non-payment for three billing cycles will ultimately be wrote off as well. Thomas Wilson and Larry Franzman visited a house in Metamora (Beckmeyer property) that is in dangerous condition (animals and broken windows), thus Larry will send correspondence requested repair or consequence according to state and local statutory requirements. Mike Bailey (Freightliner) was present and expressed appreciation for the Counties continued business. Tom Linkel stated that there were neither questions nor concerns and the county is pleased with their services.

ADJOURN: **MOTION:** Tom Linkel motioned to adjourn. Thomas Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup>.AIF, MC.

Others Present: Haroline Ison	Wayne Monroe	David Smith	Jimmy Lee	Sara Duffy
George Hartman	Ed Hollenbach	Arthur Defossett	Rick Fledderman	Stan Holt
Marty Hon	Joe Gillespie	Ken Murphy	Daryl Kramer	Ed Krause

AYE Thomas Wilson  
Thomas Wilson

Tom Linkel  
Tom Linkel

Scott McDonough  
Scott McDonough

ATTEST: Erica Hudson  
Erica Hudson, Franklin County Auditor

NAY  
Thomas Wilson

Tom Linkel

Scott McDonough