

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MEMORANDUM & MINUTES
Tuesday: February 21st, 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 (absent)
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman

Thomas Wilson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: 2/13/2012: MOTION: Tom Linkel motioned to approve the minutes. Scott McDonough 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

TREASURER'S & CLERK'S REPORT: JAN. 2012: MOTION: Thomas Wilson motioned to acknowledge both reports. Scott McDonough 2nd. Tom Linkel, AIF. MC.

SIRPC: JODI COMER & SUSAN CRAIG: Susan briefly explained the SIRPC (Southeastern IN Regional Planning Commission) and upcoming as well as current projects. Susan and Jodi discussed that the grant funding does not cover all project expenses. They stated that the volunteers and supplies do not meet the demand. Other projects recommended include food pantries and job assistance. The SIRPC is a not for profit organization that provides mentoring, educational materials, and job assistance/placement. The SIRPC is looking to expand regional coverage. Thomas Wilson inquired about assistance for the J&J project; wastewater. Jodi and Susan informed Thomas that a commitment is required for eligibility. Thomas Wilson also asked if there was any assistance for Parks and Recreation. Jodi and Susan explained that funding is very limited. Thomas Wilson inquired about grants to assist with highway equipment. Susan commented that this has never been considered, but she will do some research to determine the outcome. The Commissioners received an information packet with total grants received since 1985 (\$103,258,947.00).

VACATE: FIELDS ROAD: Grant Reeves stated that the proper legal procedures and documentation have been established thus a public hearing is in order. Joe Gillespie stated that the next step prior to the hearing is to advertise per IC 5-3-1 as well as notifying all property owners involved by certified letter. It is the petitioner's responsibility to satisfy all costs associated with notification. It was determined that there are no adjoining property owners with Harold Fields, however there are adjoining property owners with Alma Reece. Harold also stated that he has the legal survey for the Commissioners convenience. The Commissioners were in consensus to review all legal documentation during the public hearing. **MOTION:** Tom Linkel motioned to hold a public hearing on March 12th, 2012 at 7:30 PM. Scott McDonough 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

ENGINEER UPDATES: George Hartman submitted information from Marathon Petroleum Company and suggested a grant review. George discussed bridge #37 superstructure repairs with E&H and explained that there are not adequate investments for this project however tax settlement is an option. George will notify E&H to prepare the plans accordingly with the intention to complete this project over the summer. It was suggested that an additional appropriation be prepared for \$500,000. Ted Cooley prepared Change Order No.1 for bridge #37; log jam removal \$700. There may be Change Order No 2 for additional logjams upstream for mandatory removal to realign the channel. **MOTION:** Tom Linkel motioned to approve Change Order No. 1 for bridge #37 for log jam removal in the amount of \$700 to Darren Gunter Excavating. Scott McDonough 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC. Ted stated that he applied for the required permits with USACE, IDNR, and IDEM. The change of scope classifies this project as emergency work and Ted anticipates approval in a matter of days. Ted is also preparing the final blueprint which is mandatory before the project start date. Ted also briefly discussed Tee Hill guardrail and FEMA; please refer to the update sheet for more details.

LIEBERMAN TECHNOLOGIES AGREEMENT: SHERIFF: The Commissioners determined that Lieberman Technologies specifically customized the automated tax warrant system and cash book. This is a necessity and has previously been utilized by the Sheriff's Department. **MOTION:** Scott McDonough motioned to approve. Tom Linkel 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

PAYROLL: MOTION: Tom Linkel motioned to approve. Scott McDonough 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

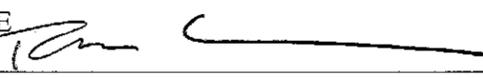
SRI: CLAIR SCHALER, BRAD ENGEL, & ALEX BRUGGENSCHMIDT: Clair explained that the Commissioners were misinformed during the recent meeting for tax sale selection between SRI and GUTS. Alex and Brad are part of the legal staff for SRI and clarified that the subpoena in question was not caused by SRI. In this case the tax sale purchaser was falsifying documents (expenses and redemption) to obtain properties. The misconduct involved included Indiana as well as Illinois. There were many Auditors in the State of Indiana that received the subpoena. This is in reference to the 2009 tax sale for which the parties involved did not attempt to illegally purchase property which then caused a clerical error and subpoenas were issued.

COMMENTS: Scott McDonough briefly discussed the option for Ordinance Codification (excluding zoning) which is a 2 year contract for \$7,000; \$3,500 annually. The Commissioners were in consensus for Ordinance Codification, but tabled the discussion due to lack of funding. The Commissioners discussed the need for Jail repairs (roof leak) as well as the request for 2 vehicles. Thomas Wilson stated that cum cap is limited and priority must be considered. Daryl Kramer suggested utilizing Council's contingency prior to additional appropriations (additional reductions) for many expenses. The Commissioners were in consensus to consider a combination of contingency and cum cap. Larry Franzman requested that the Commissioners determine procedure for hazardous housing structures. Scott McDonough stated that when public health is a concern it becomes an issue and standards to proceed should be established. Thomas Wilson commented that a compliant is the basis which suggests consideration and public health. Tom Linkel felt that this would be a case by case determination based on differentials and an evaluation would be required to determine action.

ADJOURN: MOTION: Tom Linkel motioned to adjourn. Scott McDonough 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

Others present:	Sara Duffy	George Hartman	Bev Woodruff	Susan Craig	Jodi Comer
Daryl Kramer	Joe Gillespie	Clair Schaler	Alex Bruggenschmidt	Brad Engler	Larry Franzman
Bob Arcaro	Marty Hon	Harold Fields	Pamela Fields	Grant Reeves	

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

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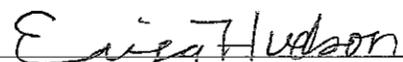
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ATTEST: 
Erica Hudson, Franklin County Auditor