

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MEMORANDUM & MINUTES
March 12th, 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: 3/5/2012: MOTION: Thomas Wilson motioned to approve. Scott McDonough 2nd. Tom Linkel abstained due to absence. AIF, MC.

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

VETERAN'S REPORT: MOTION: Thomas Wilson motioned to acknowledge the VSO's report for January and February. Scott McDonough 2nd. Tom Linkel, AIF, MC.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY: MOTION: Scott McDonough motioned to acknowledge. Tom Linkel 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF, MC.

PROCLAMATION: MOTION: Tom Linkel motioned to declare March as the month for Girl Scouts. Scott McDonough 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF, MC.

CEMETARY COMMISSION REPORT: MOTION: Thomas Wilson motioned to acknowledge. Scott McDonough 2nd. Tom Linkel, AIF, MC.

HIGHWAY SAFETY APPAREL POLICY: MOTION: Tom Linkel motioned to approve; to be signed and on file for all highway employees. Scott McDonough 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF, MC.

ENGINEER UPDATES: George Hartman presented the Commissioners with the ACEC awards for Bridge #48 and #102. George explained that it will cost \$38,000 for a temporary bypass; 700 ADT with a 16 Ton load limit. It would cost the public approximately \$1,400 per day to travel around Bridge #37; \$78,400 for 2 months or 8 weeks. There are safety concerns with the material hanging below Graf Road Bridge; extreme concern for those canoeing. Ted Cooley explained that Levee Road will be delayed due to recent natural disasters (tornadoes). Bridge #37 estimated costs exceed \$500,000. Ted recommended a low water crossing with signs and railroad tank shells; temporary bypass. The Commissioners were in consensus to follow Ted's recommendation and to reutilize the railroad tank shells for other projects. George also cautioned the Commissioners to consider railing as a safety precaution. Ted presented pictures of Bridge #136 which revealed concerns post power washing. There was brief explanation from QC Communications in reference to a utility cable project. The Commissioners were in consensus to require an appearance at a public meeting as well as obtaining proper permits. Ted also briefly discussed FEMA, Stipps Hill Road embankment stabilization, Bridge #117 (IDEM requirements); please refer to the update sheet submitted for specific details.

PUBLIC HEARING: VACATE FIELDS ROAD: Harold Fields (Tammy Davis representing) filed a petition for the Commissioners to vacate the public right of way. The Commissioners were in consensus not to consider the request to vacate, unless the County Highway was legally deemed a turnaround. Harold did not agree to a turnaround, but suggested a gravel backup area which would be approximately 100 feet north of the easement. Thomas Wilson also stated that Baker's personal easement (15 feet) must be considered. Harold expressed concern that the restriction for the public right of way vacate would include his rights. The Commissioners were in consensus that they can determine a public interest not private. Thomas Wilson is going to visit the site and determine what is appropriate to accommodate the safety of the Highway for a turnaround. **MOTION:** Thomas Wilson motioned to continue the Public Hearing on March 19, 2012 at 10:30 AM. Scott McDonough 2nd. Tom Linkel, AIF, MC.

Alma Reece (Lowell McMillin representing) petitioned to vacate a portion of a public right of way. The Commissioners reached a consensus to table the Public Hearing until March 19, 2012 at 11:00 AM.

COMMENTS: Thomas Wilson commented that he would like to consider four ten hour day work weeks at the Highway to conserve fuel due to recent price increases. Tom Linkel agreed to discuss the option with the employees prior to deciding. Tom Carrow presented preliminary drawings and recommendations for Levee Road.

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

Others Present: Alma Reece Janet Brandenburg Tom Carrow Wayne Monroe David Mannix
John Estridge George Hartman Joe Gillespie Tammy Davis

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

AYE Thomas Wilson
Thomas Wilson

Tom Linkel
Tom Linkel

Scott M. McDonough
Scott McDonough

ATTEST: Erica Hudson
Erica Hudson, Franklin County Auditor

NAY
Thomas Wilson

Tom Linkel

Scott McDonough