

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MEMORANDUM & MINUTES

April 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.

GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES: RYAN GOERGEN: Ryan presented the Commissioners with a detailed portfolio for Employee Benefit Consortiums in reference to health care benefits. The intention is to consolidate counties within close vicinity to provide the best health care options available. There are approximately 3,000 to 6,000 optimistic to join the consortium. Ryan explained that the goal through the consortium is to reduce budgets, provide options, and ultimately utilize specific carriers through strong networks. The consortium functions by member ownership utilizing Gallagher as the advisor. Gallagher is a strong company as the top national leader with 150 consortiums having never lost a customer. The underwriting process will begin in May 2012 a no obligation commitment in July. The first step is to consider the consortium, data retrieval, thus examining and presenting the results. The result is designed to provide quality comparable to coverage. Ryan stated that the goal is to provide counties with immediate premium reductions, trend litigation to reduce trends, stop loss negotiations, risk reduction, and voluntary benefit opportunities. The idea is to gain leverage through number increase; 100 members versus 6000. Thomas Wilson stated that the county would lose control. Ryan stated that this is not a concern because the consortium is designed for customization for which specifics determine the outcome. Scott McDonough was concerned that the majority of the board would become influenced or persuaded by representation. Ryan explained that the board would consist of county members, elected officials, and volunteers from county government. Erica Hudson (Auditor) commented that there is no obligation and making an educated decision for the interest of the employees is ideal. Thomas Wilson stated that he was not interested. Scott McDonough and Tom Linkel agreed to receive a free review prior to making a final decision. Haroline Ison commented that this would ultimately become a complicated and expensive obligation. Haroline also commented that control provides freedom which is vital in county government.

ENGINEER UPDATES: George Hartman discussed bridge #37 and explained there was a delay in getting the 3rd tank onsite which reduced the price by \$200; all tanks are onsite. Ted Cooley discussed the update sheet submitted which includes but is not limited to Levee Road (awaiting response), #37, Stipps Hill Road embankment stabilization project (\$390,000 with 80% funded), #136, QC Communication, #117, FY 13 grade crossing fund grant, and other projects which include bridge #11, #103, #31, #36, #81, #8, #135, Creek Road, Shady Road, Morris Road, Shack Road, Elkhorn Road, Pipe Creek, Glenn Salatin, FEMA, Five Points Road, State Line Road, and the expansion joint contract; for more details refer to the update sheet submitted.

QC COMMUNICATIONS: CHRIS KEMP: Chris provided maps to represent the areas in Franklin County involved in a fiber based 4G upgrade to all Verizon cell towers. There is 6000 feet from Huntersville Road to Hamburg Road. The fiber will be every 400-600 feet with a minimum depth of 36 in to a maximum depth of 48 in. Joe Gillespie commented that right of way is not legally extensively defined, but defined in old record book minutes. Joe also clarified that interest is limited to easement. Chris commented that he will contact property owners and a bond will be obtained prior to work. Chris also stated that repairs are done when needed. Tom Linkel commented that the farmers spend adequate funds on property tiles. Thomas Wilson mentioned that there is a utility agreement that was established in the 90's. The Commissioners were in consensus to allow the work contingent upon a utility agreement specific to a \$25,000 bond and 48 in depth minimum. The Commissioners also requested a copy of the as-built; representation of work completed with revisions. Chris also explained that the fiber will go 18 feet under any creek. **MOTION:** Thomas Wilson motioned to sign the utility permit contingent upon the above stipulations property owner notification, \$25,000 bond, depth requirement (48 in), and the as-built prior to project start. Tom Linkel 2nd. Scott McDonough, AIF. MC.

LETTER OF CERTIFICATION: IN 911: MOTION: Scott McDonough motioned Thomas Wilson to sign the letter of certification to prevent funding elimination. Tom Linkel 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

GIS DATA RELEASE FEES: Grant Reeves advised the Commissioners to establish an ordinance specifically defining a fee schedule. Grant also stated that a fund would need to be in place for costs associated with generating and maintaining the county GIS to determine appropriate fees; annual percentage. Scott McDonough is going to review the options and assist with determining an innovative solution. Scott recommended considering a 10-15% fee schedule; \$10,000-\$15,000 annually based on average maintenance costs per year. The Commissioners were in consensus to follow Grant's recommendations prior to making a decision.

IN DISTRICT 9: EMPLOYER AUTHORIZATION CERTIFICATION: MOTION: Tom Linkel motioned Thomas Wilson to sign the certification for EMA (IN Dist. 9) to continue receiving \$3,200 annually from Homeland Security. Scott McDonough 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

WTH PROPOSAL: MOTION: Scott McDonough motioned to deny the proposal based on the recommendation of Sharon Halcomb (Assessor) and Ed Hollenbach (EMA Director); \$8,100 service to enhance the GIS with dynamic map symbols. Tom Linkel 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

MINUTES: 4/2/2012: MOTION: Tom Linkel motioned to approve. Scott McDonough 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

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

COMMENTS: Thomas Wilson inquired the Auditor (Erica Hudson) in reference to an error by the State resulting in surplus funds. Erica explained that there are no specifications at this time. Erica commented that the DLGF must provide worksheets, specific details for the allocation/appropriation of funds, and distribution in reference to CAGIT (county adjusted gross income tax) as well as CEDIT (county economic development income tax). Erica stated that once all the prerequisites are met the county will be in an educated and authorized position to discuss the outcome and expenditures. Erica also commented that at this time the State has specified via email that the funds are not surplus and will not be appropriated into the Rainy Day fund. Thomas Wilson announced a Special meeting on April 16, 2012 at 10 AM to approve payroll, discuss engineer bids for bridge #136, and Public Transportation quarterly report. According to the Commissioners, Ken Konradi is willing to make an agreement; details are pending. Thomas Wilson explained that pasteurizing has proven problematic and it would be ideal to vacate. Property owners involved are pushing for the county to provide maintenance. Grant Reeves commented that an agreement must be established prior to a determination. Grant also explained that there is no written easement therefor it is a public right of way; there are also percentage differential issues to consider.

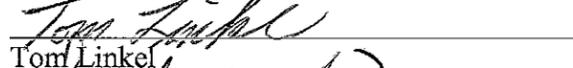
ADJOURN: MOTION: Thomas Wilson motioned to adjourn. Scott McDonough 2nd. Tom Linkel, AIF. MC.

Others Present: Ryan Goergen Haroline Ison Wayne Monroe John Estridge Chris Kemp
George Hartman David Mannix Joe Gillespie

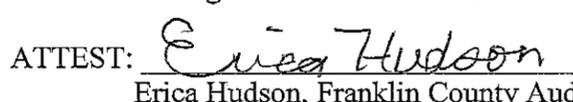
Note: Those names listed are spelled as correctly as possible due to the legibility on the sign in sheet.

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Thomas Wilson


Tom Linkel


Scott McDonough

ATTEST: 
Erica Hudson, Franklin County Auditor

NAY

Thomas Wilson

Tom Linkel

Scott McDonough