

Franklin County Council
Feb. 23, 2016
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Council: Becky Oglesby, Keith Hall, Daryl Kramer, Aaron Leffingwell, Jeff Koch, Dean McQueen and Joe Sizemore

Auditor: Stephen Brack

Open: The meeting was called to order by President Becky Oglesby and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Keith Hall to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and was 2nd by Daryl Kramer. Motion carried.

April Bush: Came to the Council to discuss Domestic Abuse of which she is a victim and her dissatisfaction with the Sheriff's Dept. She stated that she had contacted the department for protection and it was over an hour before she got a response. Ms. Bush also commented that she has never received a call from the Sheriff. Her main concern for coming to the Council was to ask why council had allowed the budget for the Sheriff's Dept. to deteriorate. Deputy Don Smith was present in the meeting and defended the Department by stating the night in question that only one deputy was on duty at the time. Council expressed their concern to her and also that possibly with the new Public Safety Tax that it might be possible to address the shortfall in the Sheriff's budget.

Additional: A motion was made by Daryl Kramer to strike \$5,000.00 from Cum Bridge and was 2nd by Joe Sizemore. Motion carried. A motion was made by Aaron Leffingwell to reduce the supply line from \$38,000 to \$5,000 for Highway and was 2nd by Keith Hall. Motion carried. A motion was made by Daryl Kramer to accept the Resolution 2016-7 for Additional as amended and was 2nd by Dean McQueen. Motion carried.

Reduction: A motion was made by Daryl Kramer to approve the Resolution 2016-8 as submitted and was 2nd by Joe Sizemore. Motion carried.

Transfers: A motion was made by Aaron Leffingwell to deny the Transfer of \$990.00 from the Highway Dept. and 2nd by Daryl Kramer. Motion carried. A motion was made by Daryl Kramer to approve the transfer as submitted and was 2nd by Jeff Koch. Motion carried.

Resolution 2016-9 – Dormant Funds – tabled until next meeting.

Salary Ordinance – correction were made and approved at the January meeting and council needed to sign at the February meeting.

Highway Dept. – Commissioner Linkel – came to Council asking for a 2nd Garage Mechanic. When the council made budgetary cuts the 2nd Mechanic was cut and a Truck Driver from Commissioner Roberts district has been filling in which in turns leaves this district short. When Commissioner Roberts was questioned for his opinion on the need for a second mechanic he replied that he didn't feel the current mechanic was qualified. A discussion then led to a need for a Certified Mechanic and Commissioner Linkel stated that it would not be possible to find this person at a salary of \$29,000.00. It would probably be in the range of \$30.00 per hour or \$60,000.00. Current any complicated jobs are being

contracted out, which is costing more money. Councilman Hall asked Mr. Linkel to put together a proposal as what he was going to cut in the budget to allow for this. Councilman Leffingwell thought it is best to keep the truck driver as a truck driver and hire a mechanic. No decision was made at this time. However the council did give direction to Mr. Linkel on: a) Certified Mechanic – is it cost effective and b) is there an individual to do the minimum job.

EDC – Bill Schirmer: came to council asking them to reconsider their vote rejecting a grant of \$300,000.00 for rehabilitation of houses which would require a match of \$21,875.00 by the county. He also suggested that the county trustees get involved and contribute toward this as well. President Oglesby then polled the council on their opinion. The result is 4 – Councilmen Leffingwell, Kramer, Hall and Koch not in favor and 2 – Councilmen Sizemore and McQueen stated that they hated to miss out on the money.

APC/BZA – Councilman Kramer stated that Rick McMillin would be away from this committee for a period of three to six months and asked that the Council appoint Jeff Batchler. A motion was made by Daryl Kramer to appoint Mr. Batchler and was 2nd by Aaron Leffingwell. Motion carried.

Email Account – A motion was made by Aaron Leffingwell to have the Commissioners contact Ramzi from MDI and setup email accounts for council as to not use their personal email for conducting county business and was 2nd by Daryl Kramer. Motion carried.

Adjourn – with no further business being discussed a motion to adjourn was made by Daryl Kramer and 2nd by Aaron Leffingwell. Motion carried.

Others in attendance – Bill Schirmer, Betty Lecher, Mark and Millie Simmermeyer, Eric Roberts, Jeff Batchler, Karla Bauman, Pam Beneker, Sharon Halcomb, Monica Yane, Wayne Monroe and Don Smith. The names are spelled correctly per the sign in sheet.

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Attest: _____
Stephen Brack, Auditor