

Franklin County Commissioners Meeting

Aug 12, 2013 – 7:00PM

Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners – Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Scott McDonough

Commissioners Secretary – Carol Westerman

Auditor – Stephen Brack

Open – The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance/

Minutes – A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve the minutes of July 22, 2013 and Aug. 4, 2013, 2nd by Scott McDonough. Motion carried.

Claims – A motion was by Tom Linkel to approve claims and 2nd by Scott McDonough. Motion carried.

Veterans Report – A motion was made by Scott McDonough to acknowledge the Veterans Report for July and 2nd by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Veterans Service Officer – Scott McDonough noted that the VSO has resigned depending on Council actions at Budget Hearings of possible full-time. The job is posted and interested people have until Sept. 6, 2013 to apply.

Public Hearing – Three Mile Road – Charles Whittington (Shorty) and Ken Nobbe representing Batesville Aviation LLC explained benefits and job opportunities coming from the former Hillenbrand Industries facility to a public use airport. The meeting was also attended by several landowners and neighbors with many concerns over closing the road. It was expressed by Commissioner McDonough that there was not a need to close the road. Dan Meyer noted that Ken Nobbe had appeared at the Commissioners meeting on June 24 regarding closing the road. Mr. Meyer stated that the neighbors were not interested in stopping the project but just wanted better communication from the developers. Complaints were made regarding the wall that the airport had constructed next to the road and other places that the road narrows. It was stated that safety signs and reflectors have been ordered to be placed on the wall. Also lowering the speed limit is being considered. Another complaint was the fact that not all neighbors had been invited to the open house and not being kept informed about developments at the airport. Mr. Nobbe informed the group that they are nearly ready to open as a public airport and they are just waiting on Indiana Department of Transportation to issue a permit to complete the striping of the runway and finish fence construction. It should be understood that the goal of the project is to benefit the community. Representative Cindy Ziemke stated she was a fan of the project and talked about a feasibility study and noted that the project would bring jobs and tax dollars to the county. Senator Jean Leising stated there were some challenges with private vs public but it can be achieved. She said before we start spending county money is it going to be feasible. Closing the road would certainly have a negative impact with the road closing. Hillenbrand's have maintained excellent relations with neighbors and we certainly don't want to create enemies. It was noted that the main purpose of this Public Hearing was to clear the air and to inform everyone what is going on. A member of the audience asked that attention be given to Enochsburg and Hamburg Road that oncoming traffic doesn't stop and should. The Commissioners asked Ted Cooley to take a look at this.

EDC – Bill Schirmer informed everyone that the EDC would be meeting on Thursday, Aug.15 at 1:00PM.

Ted Cooley – Change Order # 8 – Drewersburg Road – Tom Linkel made a motion to sign the order for Copperhead Excavating in the amount of \$7,270.00 and 2nd by Scott McDonough. Motion carried. Culvert Repair Project – Pipe Creek, Bridge Repair – New Trenton Road and English Hill Guard Rail project were all proceeding.

Adjourn – with no further business Commissioner Wilson thanked everyone for attending and a motion to adjourn and 2nd by Scott McDonough. Motion carried.

Others present:

Diane Raver, Vicki Kellerman, Dan Meyer, Sandy Meyer, Robert Westerman, Kevin and Jana Selke, Ted Cooley, Jerry and ??, Amy Strub, Edward Wissel, Louis Giesting, Lee Giesting, ken and Teri Nobbe, Shorty Whittington, Ron Obermeyer, Richard Hick, Jerry and Karen Ziegler, Mary and Lena harmeyer, Mags Thielking, Claudia Stoner, Lori Wendell, James Sprague, Mith Thielking, Donald Dickey, Jr., Steve Wanstrath, Jodi Collins, Roger Collins., Glen Sutter, Ray Werner, Earl Collins and Alicia Collins, Paul and Dorothy Fullenkamp, Carl Grieshop, Adrienne Dirkhising, Bill Schirmer, Mary Jo and ANorbe Nobbe, Tim George, Robert Pence, Kath Placke, Sen. Jean Leising, Cindy Ziemke, Jeff Koch, Elmer Rane, Hart ?, B ?, Wayne Monroe, Jason Laudick, Dave Gutzw3iller, Paula Keller and Jeff Batchler.

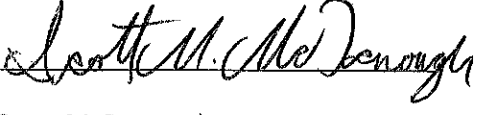
The names are spelled correctly according to the sign in sheet.

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Tom Wilson

Tom Linkel



Scott McDonough

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Attest:

Stephen Brack, Auditor