

Franklin County Commissioners
August 1, 2016
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts
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 the previous meeting and was 2nd by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Claims: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve claims and was 2nd by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Information: Tom Linkel reported he had discussed with the Auditor's Office that the wages for the 2nd Garage Mechanic were approved at the Council Meeting on July 26 and the new wages would begin on the next payroll. Also he has intention of hiring a mechanic this week and if the other Commissioners would like any input they could stop at the Highway Dept to review applications. Otherwise, he was moving forward. Eric Roberts reported that he had interviewed a person for the Truck Driver position on Saturday. Commissioner Linkel also noted that he had an application on file for a mechanic; however, the applicant has a handicap child and if hired wouldn't be able to begin work until 8:00AM and would this mean an amendment to the handbook.

Council President – Becky Oglesby: came to discuss the Lew Wallace Park and asked if this something that the Park Dept. could take care of as they have a fairly healthy budget as opposed to taking the money from CUM CAP. The Council had denied a transfer request at their last meeting. The council is not opposed to the clean up just that it is a lot of money per the bid. Also she asked if there were any other bids and was told there was one other but it didn't include removal of the trees. It was agreed that the tree removal needed to be done by a professional due to possibility of electric lines, the way the tree may fall, etc. Also the wood from the trees could be used to sell at the Park for fire wood. Commissioner Wilson was concerned if the Park had enough manpower to take care of this area. Commissioner Roberts indicated this needs to be done regardless of where the money comes from. This is a capital improvement and it is our property. It was stated that Mr. Jobe had discussed this with the Commissioner Wilson and there might be a possibility of a group to take care of this area after the cleanup is completed. Commissioner Wilson was concerned that other items on the Council agenda had been tabled to another meeting. President Oglesby told him he would need to discuss this with the Council Members who made the request. Commissioner Linkel stated that the Commissioners take a beating every month from the Council. Commissioner Wilson stated the request for inventory information should have been made at a Commissioner meeting. The Sheriff has an updated monthly inventory and that Carol Westerman has inventory for insurance purposes. Commissioner Roberts stated that Hollie and Beverly were working on the highway information.

Franklin County Highway – Ted Cooley: stated that he had completed the Community Crossing Grant information by the deadline which includes 9 bridges and 21 roads. The award date would be at the end of August. He gave the Commissioners a tally sheet showing his information. Bridge 139 – start date

would be in September and would take approximately 120 days. The Commissioners asked if any school buses crossed this bridge and Mr. Cooley stated he would check with the school. 6th Street Bridge – this is slated for either January or February 2018.

Payroll: a motion was made by Tom Wilson to approve and was 2nd by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Unkempt/Unsafe Ordinance: John Worth is still working on this.

John Estridge: asked if anyone had concerns or questions regarding either himself or the Commissioners they should talk to him directly or he would be contacting his attorney.

Adjourn: with no further business coming before the meeting a motion was made by Tom Wilson to adjourn and was 2nd by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Others in attendance: Betty Lecher, Mildred Simmermeyer, Sara Duffy, James Sprague, Ted Cooley, Becky Oglesby and Melanie Douglas. The names are spelled correctly per the sign in sheet.

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Attest:

Stephen Brack
Stephen Brack, Auditor