

Franklin County Commissioners  
August 15, 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.

Eldon Pitts: requested permission to close Main Street in Metamora, from Basin to Columbia from 2:00PM to 8:00PM on Sunday, Aug. 21, 2016 to film some scenes for an independent commercial film- "Catherine: The Movie." A motion was made by Tom Linkel to give approval and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Minutes: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve minutes of the previous meeting and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

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

Clerks, VSO and Treasurer: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to acknowledge receipt of these reports and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by

Franklin County Highway – Ted Cooley: Opened bid for Bridge #139 Replacement Project. Mr. Cooley noted that only one bid had been received. He stated that he sent out over 20 bids and he had been asked by an Ohio firm asking to get information earlier in order to be able to schedule projects. The only bid was from Copperhead – Fred Layton in the amount of \$62,125.85. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to take this under advisement until the next meeting, Aug. 29 in order to review and this would be after the Aug. 23 Council meeting as council hasn't approved the funding and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried. Bridge #31 – Replacement Project – North Hamburg Road – Mr. Cooley stated this is the most expensive bridge and they may just want to replace the deck, which is something to think about. This bridge was also not included in the 5 year plan and construction would not commence until July 2021. Discussion to continue at the Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Road Maintenance: There is a 35-unit development called Elkhorn Estates that has been in existence for several years and there are currently 21 unsold lots. The commissioners were discussing the ongoing deterioration road issues and defective cracking due to poor drainage. Commissioner Wilson asked when people are going to get the message that the count is not taking over the road. Commissioner Roberts stated he had remembered that Elkhorn Estates tried several years ago to get the road to hold. The Commissioners all agreed that the county has no intention of maintain the roads in this development. Mr. Cooley said he would contact the developer.

Betty Lecher: appeared before commissioners inquiring to Mr. Wilson as to why he approved giving new highway employees the benefit of earning 1 sick day after 52 days of work, when the handbook specifically states the county employees that for 40 hours a week, earn 56 sick hours after one year of work. Mr. Wilson stated that is how the Auditor's Office and Commissioners have always done it? Commissioner Linkel stated the hand book would be corrected. Mrs. Lecher asked why correct it as opposed to just follow what the handbook states. Mr. Wilson stated that it was up to the commissioners. Mrs. Lecher remarked to Mr. Wilson that his attitude that nobody has a right to speak really bothers her. Commissioner Linkel discussed the hiring of a new highway employee and the fact that he can't be at worked at the regularly scheduled time as some flexibility is needed. Mr. Linkel stated this employee is a good employee and he would hate to lose him if his request could not be accommodated. After referring to the handbook the hours are subject to change per the commissioners; therefore, the work time can be adjusted.

Ordinance 2016-25: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to approve the amendment for correction of wording in Section 880.02.E. Citizens Guide and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried. Mr. Linkel would also like them to bring back the whole page of the document for review.

Unkempt/Unsafe Ordinance – Mr. Worth stated this would be brought back to the Aug. 29 Commissioner meeting.

Wayne Monroe: appeared before the Commissioners seeking their individual support of the Nativity Scene and he would be placing donation buckets around town at various businesses trying to raise \$6,500.00 to purchase a new set as the town, owns the original set and would not approve releasing the set. Each commissioner signed a statement of support. Commissioner Wilson stated he would give the first \$100.00. Mr. Monroe is working with local banks to setup accounts for donations and is to come back to the Commissioners to inform them of the account setup.

Payroll: Commissioner Roberts questioned SAC overtime and asked this be verified due to overtime and time and half. Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve payroll and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

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Attest: Stephen Brack Stephen Brack, Auditor