

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2017
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on February 13, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Wilson.

Aaron Bell, Southeastern IN Recycling – Annual Report: Aaron Bell presented the annual report for Southeastern IN Recycling to the Commissioners.

Cathy Pelsor, Public Transportation – Annual Report: Cathy Pelsor presented the annual report for Public Transportation. Motion to accept Annual Report by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Tom Linkel motioned for Tom Wilson to sign the Grant refund for \$2009.00, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

Nathan Meyer, Surveyor – Vacate Lower Smokey Hollow, Ordinance 2017-3:

Keeler Road Drainage/Erfman: Mr. Erfman will only agree to the terms on both pages that he presented for the granting of an easement, which includes the \$15,000 compensation. It is prudent that the June 2014 minutes and the petition to remove obstruction are reviewed. Tom Wilson stated we will not pay for an easement. Tom Linkel's thoughts on this is that if Mr. Erfman will not sign the easement without compensation, then he will go back to reposition his decision on the original petition and then it will become an intentional obstruction. He will then be responsible for fixing it. There will be a follow-up discussion on this project and the financing at the March 6th meeting.

Vacate Lower Smokey Hollow Ordinance 2017-3: Nathan Meyer requested the Petition to Vacate Smokey Hollow Road be attached to the Ordinance when it is recorded. Motion to approve and sign Ordinance 2017-3 vacating a portion of Smokey Hollow Road by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve February 6, 2017 minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

Ted Cooley, FC Engineer – Updates: Update on Reservoir and Keeler Road Storm Sewer Project was given by Nathan Meyer (see above).

Mitchell Avenue Culvert Repair Project – Will begin next Tuesday or Wednesday (Need a BAC line set up for \$5,000.)

County Lower Water Crossings –

1. RA-0401, Washington Street Oldenburg – exist. 3'X7.7' opening, need 7.5'X7.7' opening (Dead End – Take it out and don't have it as a low water crossing.)
2. BU-2401, Walnut Fork Rd – off Pipe Creek Rd. – exist. 2-24" CMP, need 30'X4' BOX
3. HI-3601, County Line Rd – west of Blue Creek Rd. – exist. 3-24" CMP, need 8-24" CMP (The worse of three structures.)

Culvert SP-3601, State Line Road –

Drains 173 Acres

Existing 8.2' X 2.5' 3 sided 0.7 Cover

Recommend – 6' X 3' Concrete Box Culvert = \$6840.00 at 6.5 ton need crane

Community Crossing Grant – Overruns: Transfer money from one project to another project to pay for any outstanding invoices (overruns).

Blue Creek – Federal Highway Grant: Would like to put in the next round of 50/50 money. Tom Linkel wants to separate the 50/50 money for 2016 projects and the 2017 projects. The only project we currently have money for is the River Road project.

Holiday Schedule: Motion to approve by Tom Wilson, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

DSS Corporation Agreement – E911: A proposed bid from DSS Corporation to upgrade the hardware and their implementation schedule, with a fire year service agreement for Sheriff Department was tabled until March 6, 2017 meeting. A motion to table the two quotes from DSS by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor.

Ordinance Drafts: Resolution for Holiday Donations – Check with SBOA to make sure it is okay. Will need to be done for March 6, 2017 meeting.

Economic Development Income Tax Fund – 2017, 2018 & 2019 – Three (3) year plan for Economic Development tax distribution from EDIT. Tom Wilson proposed \$70,000 annually for the next three (3) years. Eric Roberts would like to set aside an additional \$70,000 in a special BAC line. A draft of said ordinance will be presented at the next meeting.

Wheatley Consulting Agreement: Motion to sign consultant agreement for 2017 in the sum of \$80,000 for Economic Development consultation, by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor.

Approve Minutes – February 6, 2017: Motion to approve the February 6, 2017 minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

VSO Report – January: Tom Wilson motions to acknowledge receipt of the Veteran's Report filed by Sam Wyatt, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor.

Approve Claims: Motion to approve claims by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

Approve Payroll: Motion to approve Payroll with the condition that the Coroner's payroll be emailed to commissioners when filed with the Auditor by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

Roy Hall – Liability on Cemeteries: Pioneer Cemetery Law – makes the County responsible for maintaining/liability on cemeteries prior to 1880.

Low Wallace Park: Becky Oglesby asked if there were any plans to add this to the Franklin County Park duties. Tom Wilson stated there were no plans to add this to the Park. Eric Roberts stated that additional help would be hired during the summer to help with landscaping clean-up/maintenance thru the mowing season.

John Estridge: Question about the change in how payroll will be processed. The first week will have nine days of pay and the second payroll following the change will have ten days of pay. Payroll for a week will end on a Thursday instead of Friday as it is currently done allowing the Auditor the proper time to review and audit it prior to presenting to Commissioner's at their Monday morning meeting.

EMS Contract: Clean up the contract that has already been prepared and presented to County Council last month. Tom Linkel suggested a new contract for nine (9) months for \$25,000 a month for a total of \$225,000.00, with removing the "to the best of their ability" and Rescue 10's territory. Tom Linkel motioned to prepare a new contract for the next meeting at \$25,000 per month, for nine (9) months and clean it up, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

Timber Contract (Advertisement for Bids): The bids are currently due on February 27, 2017. It cannot be verified that Chris Collins is certified forestry. Eric Roberts suggested the bids be opened on the 27th and taken under advisement. Tom Wilson will be in charge of getting a forester lined up.

Adjourn: Tom Wilson motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

Others in Attendance: Betty Lecher, Mildred Simmermeyer, Donnie Jones, Aaron Bell, John Estridge, Ruthie Mannix, Ray Kersey, Ted Cooley, Sara Duffy, Nathan Meyer, Becky Oglesby, Tim George, Gary Solar.

MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2017 ACCEPTED.

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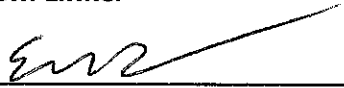


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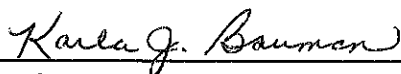


Eric Roberts

Tom Linkel

Eric Roberts

ATTESTED:



Karla J. Bauman, Auditor
February 27, 2017