



**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING
November 17, 2020 – 10:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met on November 17, 2020, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners/Council meeting room. Those present were Tom Linkel, Gerald Wendel, Tom Wilson, Faye Hay and Karla Bauman, deputy auditor.

Open: The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance was led by Tom Linkel.

Public Hearing - Petition to Vacate Public Way, Cummins Road: Motion to open public hearing by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

A public hearing was held to consider the petition to vacate public roadway known as Cummins Road, approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile. Cummins Road has been sparingly maintained by Franklin County and its condition is currently significantly degraded. Glenn Bailey, Franklin County Surveyor stated that the proper notice for this public hearing and the neighbors have been notified. Mr. Cregar would like the vacation to expand his business. Mr. Reed, a neighbor also spoke against the vacation. Dennis Kolb spoke on behalf of Mr. Sizemore who does not want to lose his road frontage and he does not have the resources to maintain the road. Mr. Sieg spoke from the audience that rights are being restricted because of a gate that was installed some time ago. The gate should be removed. Mr. Linkel's viewpoint on vacating a public way is if anybody objects, then he would not be in favor. **Motion to not vacate the portion of Cummins Road as petitioned and for the gate to be removed from the roadway by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried. Motion to close public hearing by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

COVID-19 Health Department Update:

559 cases since March

25 deaths

450 cases recovered

84 active cases being monitored

11 hospitalized

There are no known hotspots in the County. Commissioner Linkel stated that he was told this morning that the County will be going Red later today or tomorrow. He also stated that we all need to keep on doing what we are doing and stay safe.

EMS Contract for Services 2021: Commissioners reviewed the proposed contract with Franklin County EMS. The contract amount is the same as the previous contract with them. **Motion to approve the contract with Franklin County EMS for services thru 12-31-23 in the sum of \$300,000.00 per year by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

MDI Data, Inc. – Service Contract for Government Center, Courthouse and Sheriff Department: Commissioners reviewed the proposed 2021 service agreement with MDI Data, Inc. for the government center, courthouse and sheriff department. The fees have remained the same as 2020. **Motion to approve the 2021 service agreements with MDI Data, Inc. for the government center, courthouse and sheriff department by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Batesville Memorial Public Library Appointment: Motion to appoint Peter Mack and Mark Stenger to the Batesville Memorial Public Library Appointment by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

CARES Act Reimbursement Request 22, 23, 24, 25 & 26: Motion to approve the requests as presented for reimbursement from the CARES Act funds by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Continuity Planning Contract – Amy Lindsey, EMA: Amy Lindsey, EMA Director will have the attorney review the proposed contract before Commissioners consider for approval. Tabled until next meeting.

CARES Act 80 Hours Policy: Commissioners discussed the 80 hours of sick time allowed under the CARES Act. Commissioners agreed any hours over 80 due to Covid-19, the employee would need to use their accumulated sick, personal or vacation time. If they do not have any accumulated hours to take time off with pay, the employee may be absent due to Covid-19 without disciplinary action.

Payroll, Payroll Deductions & Longevity: Motion to approve the longevity in the sum of \$74,115.00; payroll deductions in the sum of \$32,080.78; payroll in the sum of \$218,062.80 and payroll deductions in the sum \$32,080.79 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried. Motion to approve the payroll and claims that were paid on October 27, 2020 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Claims November 17, 2020: Motion to approve claims in the amount of \$440,457.45 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Redevelopment Commission Public Official Bonds: Commissioners reviewed the bonds for the Redevelopment Commission that were filed for 2020. **Motion to approve the Redevelopment Commission Official Bonds for 2020 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

Monthly Report – Clerk and Treasurer – October: Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Clerk and Treasurer’s October monthly report by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Minutes for October 27, 2020 and November 4, 2020: Motion to approve the October 27th minutes by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried. Motion to approve the November 4th minutes by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Bridget Hayes: Bridget Hayes came before Commissioners to ask questions about the Franklin County Animal Shelter and how much has the County contributed towards the expenses. Most items are donated and the animals are cared for by volunteers. Commissioner Wilson will meet with her following this meeting to discuss the operations.

Sara Duffy – Franklin County Observer: Sara Duffy asked the Commissioners if there were any updates on the County Line Rd. issue and if the ordinance for unmaintained roads had been reviewed. Commissioners discussed the issue along with their attorney, Grant Reeves. Commissioner Linkel stated he was not sure who has the burden of proof, the landowner or county. Gloria Hoog asked if the issue was on hold for now. Commissioners agreed and did the following motion. **Motion to put the County Line Road matter on hold until further notice from their attorney by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Others Present: Lendon Sizemore, Jacqueline Sizemore, Ernest Hoog, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Dennis Kolb, Bridget Hayes, Rob Sieg, Gloria Hoog, Barry Lauber, Jeff Reid, Glenn Bailey, R. Teufel, Amy Lindsey, Marty Hon.

Minutes approved December 1, 2020.

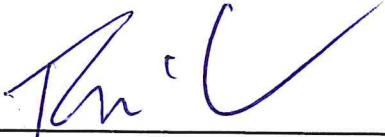
AYES:

NAYS:



Tom Linkel

Tom Linkel



Tom Wilson

Tom Wilson



Gerald Wendel

Gerald Wendel

Attested By: 
Karla J. Bauman, Franklin County Auditor