

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
November 14, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on November 14, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council meeting room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman, Secretary and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

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

Brad Gillen – Duke Small Business Energy Saver Program: Mr. Gillen presented the results from an Audit that was performed at the Highway Department for the Energy Saver Program. The project cost for the lighting is \$5,994. The lighting for the dog catcher did not qualify under the program. Commissioners agreed to take the proposal to County Council for approval. We would be looking at doing this next year. No contract was signed.

Sharon Halcomb, FC Assessor – Award Cyclical Contract: A review of the prior bids that were opened on October 3, 2017 are now before the Commissioners for consideration and awarding.

Nexus - \$412,000 for four years and includes legal and educational.

Lexur - \$418,500 for four years and did not include legal and educational.

Tom Linkel motioned to accept the \$412,000 four year term quote from Nexus, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

No contract was signed. The DLGF requires that the model contract they provide is used. No contract has been prepared or approved yet. Sharon Halcomb will bring the contract for signatures when it is ready.

Bill Schirmer – Zoning Changes: Mr. Schirmer was there to explain the zoning code provisions to the Commissioners in regards to the industrial changes that were made a few months. Rumors had it that additional changes would need to be made to the code or variances in order for the business to move into the industrial zoned area. Mr. Schirmer explained that the current zoning code already covered the issues under the conditional use provisions. Mr. Schirmer would like to see the Board of Commissioners as elected officials have some oversight on denied permits by the APC Board, who are merely appointed. The APC is also having some issues with the County's website and maintaining information on their page. Sara Duffy would like public notice given before any zoning code changes are discussed in a meeting.

Approve Minutes – November 7, 2017: Motion to approve the November 7, 2017 Minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

Approve Claims – Motion to approve all claims, except for the Extension Office mileage reimbursement claim until verification is received, by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

Approve Payroll – 2017 Longevity: Motion to approve the longevity pay by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer’s & Clerk’s Report – October, 2017: Motion to acknowledge receipt of October, 2017 Treasurer & Clerk report by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Midwest Data – Network & Systems Support Agreement – Courthouse/Government Center & Sheriff Office: Motion to sign the MDI for Support Service Agreement for the Courthouse/Government Center in the amount of \$4,500 and for the Sheriff’s Office in the amount of \$3,000, with onsite hourly rate of \$99.00 and in-house rate of \$75.00, by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Cemetery Board Appointment: The Cemetery Board has recommended Eric Knight be appointed to fill the vacancy for Ed. Motion to appoint Eric Knight to fulfill Ed’s vacancy on board by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Extension Office – Copier: Two proposals were received for a copier in the Extension Office. The difference in payment is that one proposal is for a 3 year term and the other proposal is for a 5 year term. The total cost for the three year term is \$14,040 and the five year term total cost is \$17,400.

Highway Quotes – Fuel Pumps: Fuel Pump replacement and software upgrade is needed at the Highway Department. Discussion between commissioners about paying for this out of next year’s budget. An additional will need to be filed and approved by County Council. Motion to approve the proposal from Mid-Valley Supply, for a total of \$15,793.01, less sales tax and also the quote for software upgrade to W.C. Storey & Son, Inc. for a total of \$2,873.00, contingent upon County Council approval, by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment: Commissioners discussed the progress on River Road and Franklin County School Board requests of improvements before they will allow school bus service to resume. Mr. Linkel stated that the School Board needs to be more specific and he will do everything he can to get the issues resolved. Richland Creek is back open. No new permits will be issued by the State until the County shows progress. There will be no culvert cleaning until permits are in place. Mildred Simmermeyer asked about the recent drug testing at the highway department and what will happen if an employee with CDL license fails it. Ted Cooley will be part-time on December 1st. The Salary Ordinance will need to be amended for his hourly rate. Commissioners agreed that Ted could continue to use the county vehicle while working part-time. Both Mr. Linkel and Mr. Roberts stated that Mr. Cooley had not utilized the highway

secretaries the way he should have. Commissioners will ask County Council for more money to pay the salary of the County Engineer. Mr. Roberts will work on a new advertisement for that position. Mildred Simmermeyer asked about the milling on the ramps on Stockpile Bridge. The bridge is only two years old.

Health Insurance – Eric Roberts: Mr. Roberts proposed an increase in the employee’s contribution for the County’s health insurance. He proposed going from the present three tier system to a two tier system. He said it had been 9 years since the employee’s share has been changed and the County’s portion has increased annually. He proposed that the second tier increase by \$177 per month and the third tier increase by \$81 per month. Both Mr. Wilson and Mr. Linkel disagreed. Mr. Wilson stated that the County need to pay a living wage.

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

Others Present: Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Betty C. Lecher, Perry Knox, Don Westerfeld, James Sprague, Sharon Halcomb, Lynette Shepard, Bradley Berkemeier, Ed Derickson, Sara Duffy, John Estridge, Andi White, Bill Schirmer, Nathan Meyer and Brad Gillen

Minutes approved for November 14, 2017.


AYES:

NAYS:




Tom Wilson

Tom Wilson



Tom Linkel

Tom Linkel



Eric Roberts

Eric Roberts

ATTESTED BY:



Karla J. Bauman, Franklin County Auditor

Dated this 21st day of November, 2017.