

Franklin County Commissioners
November 21, 2016
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman
Auditor: Stephen Brack

Drainage Board:

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Franklin County Surveyor-Joe Gillespie: Mr. Gillespie stated they have been working on the drainage issue of Don Jones and Jerome Erfman. Mr. Cooley from the Highway said there are a couple different issues. Mr. Albertz was not available at the meeting. Commissioner President Wilson again asked what the liability of the county is. Mr. Gillespie stated the county shall remove the obstruction and repair damages. Mr. Gillespie also read the "Obstruction Law." Mr. & Mrs. Erfman then presented the board an Easement. Commissioner Linkel asked if they could have a couple of weeks to review. If the upstream neighbors think this will help then the Erfman's will grant the easement. A public meeting will be held on Dec.19 for affected property owners.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting and was 2nd by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

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

Vacate Road: Discussion was held regarding Smoke Hollow Road. Mr. Kyle Chaffee, owner of K & K Farms had barricaded the road to help combat theft of construction material. Mr. Gillespie was concerned about snowplows turning around if the road is closed. On the same topic Commissioner Roberts made a

suggestion to vacate a portion of Silver Creek Road past Bridge 46 which has been closed for several years.

Poor Farm Bridge Right-of-Way: Mr. Gillespie is working to clarify the county's right-of-way for Blue Creek Road which is also known as Poor Farm Bridge. The right-of-way was purchased in 1981.

Minutes: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with the correction of the correction Bridge number 136 to 139 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.

Resolutions for 2017: This will be discussed at the next meeting, Dec. 5, 2016.

Commissioner Meetings: Commissioner Roberts entertained the possibility of only meeting twice a month as opposed to three times. Commissioner Linkel thought this was a good idea and Commissioner Wilson wanted some time to think about it before a decision is made.

Everbridge: A discussion was held concerning the fact that Nixle notifications will not be free and the cost was negotiated to \$4,000.00 per year. A motion was made by Eric Roberts to authorize Commissioner President Tom Wilson to sign the agreement for 2017 at \$4,000.00 and was 2nd by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Sheriff/Jail: Commissioner Roberts stated he has been in conversation with Sheriff Murphy regarding the walk-in freezer at the Jail. The current freezer is not big enough to accommodate the needs and would like to replace before the end of the year. Commissioner Roberts stated he has a quote from Ludwig Electric for \$18,000 and Jansings for \$17,000. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to contact Council President to proceed with the freezer at the jail for replacement at a minimum of \$6,000.00 and was 2nd by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

Commissioner Roberts stated that the Jail needs an icemaker. A new icemaker would cost around \$4,500.00. The icemaker in the basement of the Government Center doesn't work and there is a cost of \$85.00 to look at it to see what is

wrong and \$500.00 per year for service. It was discussed to fix the one at the Government Center and give it to the jail.

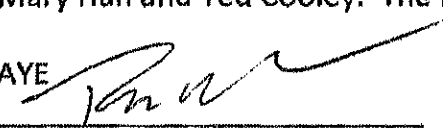
Millie Simmermeyer: came to the Commissioners regarding the negative balance report when an office is out of balance. President Wilson stated that they have no idea of knowing if figures are correct. She stated there needs to be more accountability. Commissioner Roberts said he thought the Clerk's office was off around \$300.00 from years past. Shannon Meyer, 1st Deputy in Auditor's office stated the error from Treasurers office was a payment made from the wrong fund. The auditor's office made the correction in 2014 and there is paperwork to back it up. President Wilson asked Mrs. Simmermeyer before any accusations are made to please make sure your information is correct. Commissioner Linkel stated when a person is accused of wrong doing it hurts. Mrs. Simmermeyer apologized for any accusations of wrong doing.

Light Tech: with replacing all light bulbs in the 4 buildings there will be rebates issued to the County. A motion was made by Tom Wilson to have the rebates given directly to Light Tech and was 2nd by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Adjourn: With no further business to come 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, Jesse Barton, Don Jones, Carolyn and Jerry Erfman, Velda Clark, Joan may, Patrick Baird, Mary Han and Ted Cooley. The names are spelled as per the sign in sheet.

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Tom Wilson



Tom Linkel



Eric Roberts

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Tom Wilson

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Eric Roberts

Attest: _____ Stephen Brack, Auditor