

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
December 19, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on December 19, 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.

Connie Bischoff, Franklin County Recorder: Connie Bischoff, Franklin County Recorder, came before the Commissioners for an ordinance to place a watermark on the bulk form copies. The watermark process is already being placed on the bulk form copies. **Motion to approve Ordinance 2017-29 An Ordinance Requiring the Recorder of Franklin County, Indiana, to Watermark Bulk Form Copies by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

Cindy Orschell - Area Plan Director – Rezone: On December 13, 2017, the Area Plan Commission heard and gave favorable recommendation on the application of Karen Sacksteder, Trustee of the Karen Sacksteder Trust to amend the zoning designation from present Secondary Agricultural to General Business for the general described property: 4100 US 52, New Trenton, Indiana 47035. **Motion to approve Ordinance 2017-30 Rezone from Secondary Agricultural to General Business for Karen Sacksteder, 4100 US 52, New Trenton, Indiana by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

Veronica Voelker, Franklin County Treasurer – Financial: Tom Linkel requested that the Treasurer come before the Commissioners and explain the recent comments made during the recent County Council meeting in regards to the Treasurer's investments of County money. The Treasurer presented investment reports for the Commissioners to review during the presentation. The Treasurer worked with the State Board of Accounts following the 2012 Audit in getting the Cashbook balanced. Veronica Voelker took office on January 1, 2013. In 2012, \$4,261,104.05 was reported being invested as "monies on deposit". The SBOA advised that the "monies on deposit" should not be listed on the investment report (right side) because it did not match the left side of the cashbook. Both sides have to match at all times. The best way to clean this up per SBOA was to cash in the "monies on deposit". It took a year with the help of SBOA to get this cleaned up. What SBOA and the Treasurer believed happened before 2013 was that monies that were collected were not taken through the correct process for investments. Instead the monies were taken and deposited into investments without going through the funds. Since it was not properly "ran through" the system, the amount looks like there is more there than what actually is. The correct process for investments: Property tax investment, they would advise the Treasurer how much they want to invest. The Treasurer than would get quotes from different banks.

Joe Copeland, Franklin County Engineer – Engineer’s Office: Commissioner’s announced the hiring of Joe Copeland as the new Franklin County Engineer to begin on January 1, 2018. His salary will be \$75,000 per year.

Approve Minutes – December 5, 2017: Motion to approve the December 5, 2017 minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

Approve Claims: Motion to approve the claims as presented by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

Approve Payroll: Motion to approve payroll by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer, Clerk and Veteran’s Report – November, 2017: Motion to acknowledge receipt of the November, 2017 reports for Treasurer, Clerk and Veteran’s reports by Tom Wilson, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

Amend Resolution 32017-37 – Commissioner’s 2018 Meeting Schedule: Motion to approve Resolution 2017-45 Commissioners’ 2018 Meeting schedule changing Tuesday May 8th to Wednesday May 9th, by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

LPA Supplemental Contract – INDOT and Franklin County Commissioners – Bridge #144 Fairfield Road over Brookville Reservoir: Discussion in regards as to whether or not this bridge should be kept on the schedule as planned. Mr. Roberts and Mr. Linkel were in favor of keeping this bridge on the schedule and Mr. Wilson was not. **Motion to sign the LPA Supplemental Contract with INDOT for Bridge #144 by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel. Tom Wilson voted no. Motion carried 2-1.**

Durham Engineering, Inc. – Task Order No. 2 to Prime Agreement: After discussion, Commissioners tabled until next meeting for further explanation and corrections.

FC Covention, Recreation & Visitor’s Commission Appointments: Motion to appoint Gay Worth as the Commissioners appointment at large and Tim Ziemke, as the Ray Township appointment to the Franklin County Convention, Recreation & Visitors Board until December, 2019, by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution 2017-46 – Franklin County Park(s) Tobacco Free Policy & Sign: Motion to approve Resolution 2017-46, a resolution making Franklin County Park(s) Tobacco Free by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried,

Antenna Site Agreement – IN Paging & Whitewater Valley REMC: Motion to sign the Antenna Site Agreement with IN Paging by Tom Wilson, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried. Motion to sign the Antenna Site Agreement with Whitewater Valley REMC by Tom Wilson, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

Duke Energy Save Program – Highway: Commissioners tabled until 2018.

Highway – Zimmer Quotes: Quotes were received for a new skid loader. **Motion to accept the quote received from Zimmer Tractor for a skid load in the sum of \$37, 495, with trade in of old skid loader only (not the generator) and pallet forks, by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

Maxie Construction – Remodeling Engineer Office: **Motion to accept quote from Maxie Construction for the remodeling of Engineer’s Office, at \$39 per hour and materials to be bought from Gillman’s by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

Viper Lift Trucks: **Motion to purchase the former demo unit for the sum of \$19,450 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

Health Insurance – Ordinance 2017-32 – Establishing policy on Funds: **Motion to approve Ordinance 2017-32, A Home Rule Ordinance of Franklin County Indiana Authorizing the Payment of Health Insurance in Monthly Installments by Tom Wilson, seconded Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Ordinance 2017-31 – Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2017-08 & 09: **Motion to approve Ordinance 2017-31 replacing Ordinance 2017-08 and Ordinance 2017-09 (Treasurer’s Non-Reverting Fund, by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

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

Others Present: Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Betty C. Lecher, Ryan Sacksteder, Jolene Beneker, Veronica Voelker, Sara Duffy, John Estridge, Connie Bischoff and Cindy Orschell.

Minutes approved December 27, 2017.

Ayes:

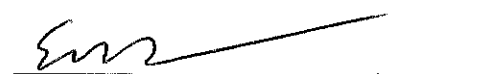
Nays:



Tom Wilson



Tom Linkel



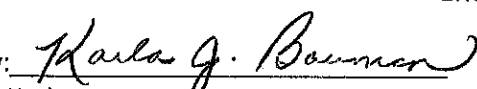
Eric Roberts

Tom Wilson

Tom Linkel

Eric Roberts

Attested by:



Karla J. Bauman
Franklin County Auditor