

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
December 27, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on December 27, 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.

Robin Saxon – Drainage Problems: Robin Saxon presented to the Commissioners issues she was having as a result of three neighbors stripping vegetation from their properties and as a result a large volume of water and mud now runs onto her property. She has already replaced the corrugated pipes to accommodate the increase of water flow, however, the placing of boulders by the neighbor across the street has caused the water to now flow away from the creek. The neighbor's have also been disposing of building materials near the creek's edge which did get washed downstream recently. The Commissioners will send Joe Gillespi to do an onsite inspection of the situation and report back to them. Commissioners will contact Robin Saxon with those results.

Open Highway Bids: All bids received for the annual bids that were advertised were opened during the meeting. The Commissioners will give to the Franklin County Engineer to review and prepare a spreadsheet detailing all bid information. **Motion to table awarding of the bids until January 16, 2018 meeting by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Vehicle for Engineer: A quote was received by Jim True Ford for a 2017 Escape for the Franklin County Engineer who starts on January 1, 2018 in the sum of \$25,000. This is for a vehicle that has 3,937 miles and was part of the service loaner program. The vehicle is available for immediate possession. **Motion to purchase the 2017 Escape for the sum of \$25,000 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

Approve Minutes – December 19, 2017: **Motion to approve the December 19, 2017 minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

Approve Claims – Motion to approve Claims by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

Durham Engineering, Inc. – Task Order No. 2 to Prime Agreement: After discussion, it was decided by Commissioners to request the Franklin County Engineer to review this project. In addition, the Commissioners have requested that Rick Perry attend the January 16, 2018 Commissioners Meeting. All action on the Task Order No. 2 to Prime Agreement was tabled until January 16, 2018 meeting.

Health Board Appointments: Motion to appoint Patsy Weileman and Joy Bishop to the Franklin County Health Department (appointments expire 12-31-21), by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Mildred Simmermeyer: Mildred read a prepared statement to the commissioners in regards to the right of citizens to question their government as guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. She was responding to an article written by John Estridge. Clarification was made that she had only asked questions in regards to the investment reports that were provided by the Treasurer and nothing else financially related. The Commissioners thanked her for her comments.

County Vehicles: Tom Linkel stated that the Small Animal Control Officer was also in need of a new vehicle due to breakdowns. It would take at least 6 to 8 weeks to get it in Mr. Wilson would like to wait a bit. Mr. Roberts stated that there are four pick-up trucks at the park and not all of them are being utilized during this time of the year. Commissioners will need to go to County Council to transfer money from the dump truck line to a new pick-up truck line. Eric Roberts stated we will need to look at our fleet of vehicles for all departments and possibly replace one or two vehicles for the next several years.

Others Present:

Minutes approved January 2, 2018.

Ayes:

Nays:



Tom Wilson

Tom Wilson



Tom Linkel

Tom Linkel



Eric Roberts

Eric Roberts

Attested By:



Karla J. Bauman, Franklin County Auditor