

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2017
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on February 6, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners meeting room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

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

Susan Craig, SIRPC – Batesville Area Resource Center – Public Hearing: Susan Craig has been working with the Batesville Area Resource Center for providing medical needs to those with financial need. The next phase of the project is to rehabilitate the remainder of the space. The Franklin County Commissioners have agreed to apply for the CDBG grant funds from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. The local match for this grant will be funds raised by the Batesville Area Resource Center. Ms. Craig presented a Notice of Intent to Submit CDBG Application. Tom Linkel motioned that the Commissioners sign the Letter of Intent for the CDBG application, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

Award Truck Bids – Highway: Shirks International was awarded the Truck Bid in the sum of \$125,533.51 for single axle and \$143,282.68 for tandem. Motion to Award the contract, ordering the chassis, and contingent upon County Council approval was made by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor. Motion to release the check filed for the bid bond to Shirks International by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

Quit-Claim Deed (Leroy Seevers): Lowell McMillin presented a Quit-Claim Deed for the Commissioners to sign a 2.60 acre tract back to Leroy Seevers. Somehow this 2.60 tract was transferred to the County back in 1983 with the recording of the Permanent Right of Way Grant. This Quit-Claim Deed transfers the 2.60 acres back to Mr. Seevers, subject to the Grantor's (County) Permanent Right-Of-Way. Motion to approve and sign the Quit-claim Deed on the property of Leroy Seevers by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor.

Ted Cooley – Franklin County Engineer Update: Reservoir Road and Keeler Road Storm Sewer Project – Project Costs - \$15,000; Easement Cost - \$15,000

Tom Linkel does not remember seeing any amounts for Easement Costs. Eric Roberts stated that the Easement Costs were not discussed. The commissioners do not believe that the property value would be reduced and Mr. Erfman agreed that if the project was good for all property owners, he would agree to it so long as he receives four hook-ups and is not a part of the assessment. An Easement for Mr. Erfman needs to be prepared. Funding for the project is still an issue for getting the assessment put on the Spring taxes. Tom Wilson would like to do an additional from County Council's contingency fund to cover the entire project and then have

the assessments paid receipted back to that fund. Tom Wilson motioned to do the additional, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor.

FHWA FY-2021 Projects: Need to start the consultant process. This is a new Federal Highway Project. INDOT is developing new funding to lessen FHWA over-site of project. The money will flow thru the State and filter down to the local level.

St. Mary's Road and Bridge rehabilitation project Brookville to Levee Rd. – 80/20

Guardrail installation on St. Mary's Rd and Blue Creek Rd – 90/10

Bridge #163 Retaining Wall Replacement Project, Water Street, Oldenburg – Completed

Tom Wilson asked how we are on pipe. Ted Cooley will do an inventory of all pipe. Tom Linkel would like Ted Cooley at the next meeting to discuss the low water crossings.

Nathan Meyer, Surveyor – Vacate Lower Smokey Hollow Road: Revisions were made to the Petition to Vacate a Portion of Public Way, known as Lower Smokey Hollow Road with a new legal description, survey identifying the turnaround and the agreement with REMC. Item number six (6) was added in regards to the turnaround granting a permanent right-of-way to the County Commissioners and Franklin County Highway Department for turn-around purposes at the northern end of Lower Smokey Hollow road that will remain open to public use. An ordinance will need to be prepared for the next meeting. Motion to approve the Petition to vacate Lower Smokey Hollow Road by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

Jeff Meyer Drainage Ditch: Jeff Meyer petitioned the County back in October 2016 to establish a drainage ditch area. Need a watershed determination done and property owners affected. This ditch will be meshed with the Dare Ditch. Received a \$2,500 quote from Rob Sieg to perform the watershed determination which will determine the assessment for each property owner. Commissioners paid for the last determination from professional services. Tom Wilson thinks the drain maintenance fund should be used for this purpose instead of the Keeler Rd. project. Eric Roberts motioned that Nathan sign the agreement with Rob Sieg for surveying the Jeff Meyer Ditch and for \$2,500 to be paid out of the General Drainage Fund, to be repaid by the assessments, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor.

Government Center Roof: Eric Roberts discussed the damage to the Government Center Roof caused by the buzzards. The insurance company has agreed to pay \$29,500. We have received quotes from Eckstein for the replacement and/or repair of said roofs. White rubber will replace the black.

Roof #1: Repair - \$3,600 and Replacement - \$10,134

Roof #2: Replacement - \$15,688

Eric Roberts suggests that we replace both for a total cost of \$25,822 which is less than the amount we will receive from the insurance. The Breezeway will cost \$2,900 to replace. Eric Robert's motion would be to do it all, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor.

Approve Minutes – January 17, 2017 (Revised); January 30, 2017. Motion to approve January 30th minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts. Tom Wilson abstained. Motion carried. Tom Linkel motioned to approve January 17th minutes, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor.

Consultant Agreement – The Wheatley Group, LLC & Economic Development Commission: Revisions discussed at the January 30th have not been received. No action taken.

Southeastern IN Economic Opportunity Corp – Appointment: Tom Cooney has resigned from the SIEOC Board. The Commissioners will need to make another appointment. Tom Wilson motioned to accept the resignation of Mr. Cooney, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor. Anybody interested in serving on this board should contact the Commissioners.

INDOT Main Street Project: Tom Wilson wanted an update on the project since he was not present at the January 30th meeting and what decisions were made in regards to the sidewalks. Tom Linkel stated that there were no decisions made during that meeting. Tom Wilson asked who would retain the ownership of sidewalks after the project. Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts both stated that they don't believe the County owns the sidewalks in front of their property now, according to the documents. Tom Linkel stated that his concerns to INDOT were the vaults under the sidewalks and the signage above the sidewalks and they (INDOT) indicated that nothing would change from how it is now.

Daryl Kramer: Asked that his name be removed from the County Website and when would the minutes from County Council and Commissioners from several months in 2016 be put on there. Karla Bauman stated that the County Website is not "user friendly" and suggested that the County get an updated Website that is maintained and easy to use. She has already talked to the County's IT, Ramzi, in this regard. Commissioners agreed to looking into getting a new website that is easier to use. Meanwhile, Veronica Voelker, will be asked to remove Daryl's name from the current County Website and updating County Council and Commissioner's minutes.

Tom Wilson – Army Corps of Engineers: The State may come thru with some more properties that will be available for lease. Would be beneficial to Franklin County due to the taxes lost when the Lake was built. Tom Wilson asked if this was something the Wheatley Group could be involved with.

Public Comment: John Estridge asked if the Commissioners had read the Hiring Freeze. He believes there are many parts of it illegal and that County Council has overstepped their bounds. Tom Wilson agreed as well as the County Attorney. Mr. Wilson was told that County Council could rescind that ordinance at their next meeting and if they don't, that we (Commissioners) need to take action. Mr. Wilson doesn't believe the wages of an employee can be withheld. Tom Linkel agrees.

Tom Linkel: Made a public apology to IMI. He has personally spoken to Eddie Moster about past issues and he would like to see IMI back and doing business with Franklin County. In the

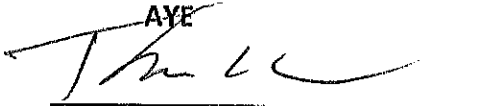
past, IMI has done us a lot of good. They are a good partner for Franklin County. When our loader was broken down, they let us borrow theirs. When we are out of salt, in the middle of the night, they have heated up sand. IMI is a good business and I hope we can do business with them again in the future. Tom Wilson agrees.

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

Others in Attendance: Mark Lowe, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Mark R. Simmermeyer, Lisa Haëssig, Angela Byers, Sara Duffy, Susan Craig, Ted Cooley, Delores Dobbs, Glen Bischoff, Daryl Kramer, Marty E.

MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2017 ACCEPTED.

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Tom Wilson



Tom Linkel



Eric Roberts

NAY

Tom Wilson

Tom Linkel

Eric Roberts

Attested:



Karla J. Bauman, Auditor