



**FRANKLIN COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MARCH 19, 2020, – 10:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in an emergency meeting on March 19, 2020, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners/Council meeting room. Those present were Tom Linkel, Gerald Wendel, Faye Hay and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

Open: The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance was led by Tom Linkel.

Local Disaster Emergency Declaration: Commissioner Linkel proclaimed an emergency declaration for Franklin County due to Covid-19. Franklin County is impacted by the national health emergency due to the federal declaration that is a pandemic. A copy of the proclamation will be made available to the public. **Tom Linkel moved to approve the local emergency declaration, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Ordinance 2020-08, An Ordinance to Establishing Health Pandemic Emergency Closing and Telework Policies: Commissioner Linkel stated that Franklin County is in need of a temporary policy to govern procedures relating to employee pay, benefits and telework in the current public health emergency and/or in the event the county operations are closed. Commissioner Linkel read Ordinance 2020-09 into the record. **Motion to approve Ordinance 2020-08, an ordinance to establish health pandemic emergency closing and telework policies by Gerald Wendel, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Ordinance 2020-09, An Ordinance Establishing A “2020 Public Health Emergency Account” For Franklin County, Indiana: Commissioner Linkel stated that emergency expenditures will need to be made due to the pandemic for medical supplies, PPE, as well as equipment for employees to telework from home. Account 31370 will be established in the Commissioner’s budget and all expenditures will be paid from that account to track all Covid-19 expenditures. Some of these expenses might be reimbursable from emergency grants. Commissioner Linkel read Ordinance 2020-09 into the Record. **Motion to approve Ordinance 2020-09 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Ordinance 2020-10, An Ordinance Temporarily Allowing for Negative Comp Time in an Emergency: Commissioner Linkel stated that after much discussion it was decided to establish a policy that would allow the employees to accrue negative comp time in the event they are off work due to Covid-19 or quarantine and all sick leave and personal time has been exhausted. Commissioners did not want any employee to go without a pay check. Commissioner Linkel

read Ordinance 2020-10 into the record. **Motion to approve Ordinance 2020-10 by Gerald Wendel, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Declaration of Emergency Circumstances Resolution 2020-06: Commissioner Linkel explained due to the declaration of emergency circumstances that certain policies will need to be put into place. Resolution 2020-06 is a resolution that allows the Auditor to continue paying both payroll and claims without prior approval by commissioners at a meeting. The Auditor should rely on Ordinance 2019-12, the advanced claims ordinance given the current public health crisis. The Auditor is asked to obtain email approval from at least one Commissioner, if possible, prior to the payment of such advance claims, though the Auditor may act under the ordinance without approval if no contact can be made with a commissioner. Claims shall be ratified at the next meeting as set forth in this ordinance. This resolution is preparing for the worse case scenario in the even all commissioners are not available due to illness. **Motion to approve Resolution 2020-06 by Gerald Wendel, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Commissioner Linkel established \$25,000 for the Public Health Emergency Account #31370. Auditor Bauman asked for clarification on upcoming meetings. **Motion to direct the Auditor and Faye to work with Ramzi to set up a telecommunication for commissioner meetings by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

EMA – Stated receiving information on the small business loans. Commissioner Linkel stated that there will be a lot of small businesses that will need help.

Sara Duffy – Asked if there were any new cases. As of this morning there have not been any. She also asked what time Franklin County would provide their daily updates. Amy Lindsey said she would get with Jason Lovins to establish a time for those updates. She also asked how Commissioner Wilson was doing. Commissioner Linkel stated that Mr. Wilson was at home sick.

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

Others Present: Sara Duffy, Marlene Flaspohlar, Sheriff Peter Cates, Hollie Maxie, Glenn Bailey and Amy Lindsey.

Minutes approved May 5, 2020.

AYES:

NAYS:



Gerald Wendel


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Tom Linkel

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Tom Wilson was not present at the March 19, 2020 Commissioners meeting.

Attested By: 

Karla J. Bauman, Franklin County Auditor