

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

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on March 27, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman and Jenna Whittington, Chief Deputy Auditor.

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

Susan Craig- Batesville Resource Center: Update on the Batesville Resource Center. They are wanting to rehabilitate a space for service providers to offer services to low income families from Franklin and Ripley County area. They had the intention of submitting the application next Friday but are working out some details with some of the perspective tenants and agencies that will be located in the facility. They are wanting to submit an application in September and want the Commissioners to act as the sponsor for this if that is acceptable for them. They will submit a letter of intent in July for the application. Two things need done for the application which is a Fair House Ordinance and a Drug Free Workplace Ordinance and she will email the Ordinances to the commissioners for consideration. Update on Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program. They are in the process of doing house inspections and will be doing lead assessments on houses later in the summer.

Award Bid- 8 Projects: All bids were opened by Ted Cooley. There was a discussion on the bids submitted. Motion to accept Brackney's bid for 8 milling projects for \$33,635.17 and give Ted Cooley the authority to negotiate any negative change orders they can cut by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor. Motion carried. Motion to accept Copperhead Excavating Inc. for 8 project repairs for \$39,250.00 by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor. Motion carried. Motion to give Ted Cooley the authority to have a deduction for the performance bond on the repair project by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried.

Open Bids- 8 Bridge Overlay Project: All bids were opened by Ted Cooley. Motion to take all bids under advisement by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried.

Open Bids- Rd Grader, Mini Excavator, Brush Mover: All bids were opened by commissioners. There was a discussion on the bids. Motion to take all bids under advisement to take prices to council by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor. Motion carried.

Ted Cooley, FC Engineer- Updates:

Culvert Order- Ted Cooley presented two quotes for the culvert order. There was a discussion on what pipes actually need ordered. Eric Roberts moves to hold off and get a list from the Highway Foreman on what the plan is for the next 60-90 days and to get an order together for what they need. Roberts suggest checking the price with the annual bids compared to the single order.

Steel Pipes for culvert replacement projects
Culvert BR-1402 Oxford Pike, East of Golden Road

Culvert BA-2501 Hetrick Road, East of Harmony-

Recommend: Using Community Crossings Grant for this and wants Ted Cooley to come up with 5 replacement options for this

Culvert SP-3601 State Line Road, South of Heard Road- Eric Roberts wants to get a Concrete Box order for this because he thinks it is going to fail soon.

Culvert BR-1004 Replacement Project, River Road- Commissioners discuss options with Ted Cooley.

Option #1: US BRIDGE- GALV STEEL W GALVANIZED GRID DECK	\$181,000
Option #2: E&H weathering steel bridge/deck	\$165,000
Option #3: ALUMINUM BOX POURED FOOTING & BLOCK FLOOR WINGWALLS	\$153,000
Option #4: Concrete Slab Bridge- 2000 Bridge 95, Big Cedar Road Contract=\$57,555	\$146,000
Option #5: 3-9' or 10' Dia Steel Tanks, Blocks/grouted riprap inlet wingwalls w/ cutoff Wall	\$107,000

Tom Linkel wants Ted Cooley to get together a bid package for a weathering steel bridge and a concrete slab for Culvert BR- 1004 Replacement Project, River Road.

Shawn Strange- First Group Engineering: Shawn Strange gave an update on what was going on with the Community Crossing Grants. There is a House Bill that just passed and it is now in at the Senate that if it passes in current form there will be a program similar to the Community Crossings Grant but as long as you have an updated asset management plan then you should be able to apply for an 80/20 match. For future spending the county will need to part around 1.82 million to maintain their existing pager rating on roads. He discussed the process of how INDOT does chip seal and fog seal. There was also a discussion of doing a center line program on county roads for certain curves in the roads. Tom Linkel wants an email on if we are required to have an updated study so they don't lose the grant opportunity. Recommended having a tracking record of where all material goes and when they took place for auditing purposes because he has seen the INDOT spot checking things already. Shawn gave Ted Cooley plan for the next 5 years of what roads he recommends will need chip sealed etc. State is looking at trying to do something with the 80/20 grants for August. There is no update on the second run of the 50/50 and it may be absorbed into the 80/20.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve March 6, 2017 (revised) minutes by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Wilson. Tom Linkel abstains. Motion to approve March 13, 2017 minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried. Motion to approved February 6, 2017 (Joint Drainage Franklin County and Union County minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report: Motion to acknowledge that the commissioners received the Clerk's report for February by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor. Motion carried.

Approve Claims: There was a discussion on a claim issued to Franklin County Farmers Mutual on whether or not they are on the county policy. Motion to approve claims by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried.

FC Convention, Recreation & Visitors Commission- Appointment: Motion to appoint Gay Worth to the FC Convention, Recreation & Visitors Commission by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution 2017-09- Amended Commissioners Meeting Schedule: There was a discussion on changing the meetings to Tuesdays to accommodate the Auditor's office with payroll. Motion to approve Resolution 2017-09 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel. Eric Roberts objects.

Resolution 2017-10- Amended 2017 Payroll Schedule: Motion to rescind Resolution 2017-06 on the payroll schedule and adopt Resolution 2017-10 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel. Eric Roberts objects.

Resolution 2017-11- Claims schedule

Government Center Roof: There was a discussion about the Government Center Roof that is getting ruined by buzzards again and it was just replaced. Eric Roberts wants to put in an additional into Cum Cap for a \$25,000 range to begin to buy bird spike and worry gigs to keep the buzzards off the roof. The insurance company says the county needs to take the next step to fix the problem. The commissioners are going to call DNR to see if there is anything they can do about the buzzards.

2017, 2018 & 2019 Edit Plan: There was a discussion on the 2017, 2018 & 2019 Edit Plan. It does not include \$70,000 for other purposes. Tom Wilson talked about amended the plan in 2018. Motion to approve the Three Year Capital Improvement Plan by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried.

There was a discussion on the Highway District 3 loader that caught on fire three weeks ago. There is a struggle to find parts so the loader is going to be totaled and they will get a check for that. Tom Linkel contacted the vendor where they purchased the last loader and asked if they can purchase a new loader at the same quote as the last loader. The Highway will approach council about purchasing a new loader. There was also a discussion of renting a loader if council does not approve a new loader.

Tom Linkel discussed if there will be a Spring cleanup in Franklin County again and to get rid of the trash for free. Tom Linkel's family will donate bags for people to use. Spring Cleanup will be on April 20, 21 and 22.

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

Discussion took place on the recent SBOA Audit. James Sprague wanted to know what plans the commissioner have to move forward to rectify those issues. Tom Wilson says if it has to do with the commissioners they will work on it. E & H Bridge bids were discussed and Marty from E & H explained the process of the bids about per linear foot. He states he has never had an issue with his bids anywhere else. Sara Duffy wanted to know who goes over Highway Department claims before the commissioners sign off on them. Sara Duffy asks if the commissioners think things are getting lost in the Auditor's office and also is this the tip of the iceberg for the SBOA Audit. James Sprague questioned if the SBOA gave examples of what they found was wrong. Mildred Simmermeyer questioned who fills out Form 115. Ted Cooley states he has never heard of the form. Sara Duffy asked if any of the commissioners asked the SBOA to come in and do the audit the Auditor's office due to Steve Brack having charges filed. Tom Linkel said he talked to the SBOA about concerns he had way back but never asked them to come. Sara Duffy asked if there was a claim paid that has not been authorized will you

make them pay it back. Tom Linkel says that if he feels it was fraudulent then yes but if it was an error then no. Betty Lecher questioned the sick leave policy allowing the Highway Department to have sick leave without being full time for a year. Policy was to get a sick day every 52 days worked. Commissioners state it was an unwritten policy for the past 20-25 years that all departments could use but Highway was the only department doing it. The commissioners updated the handbook to reflect this policy. Tom Linkel wants it to be standard policy that if there are any claims with questions about and invoice or statement that the Auditor's office notifies the department immediately.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn meeting by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor. Motion carried.

Others in Attendance: Ted Cooley, Mark Simmermeyer, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Betty Lecher, Wayne Monroe, Sara Duffy, James Sprague, Susan Craig, Shawn Strange, Freddy Layton and Marty Hon.

Minutes from March 27, 2017 accepted.

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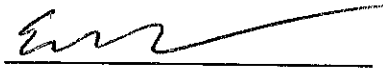


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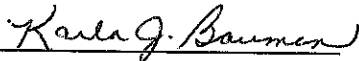
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Attested by:


Karla J. Bauman, Auditor