

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MARCH 06, 2018- 10:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on March 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman, Karla Bauman, Auditor, and Derrike Kolb, Chief Deputy Auditor.

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

Nancy Main, Main Street (Ct House Lawn) – No show.

Consultant Agreement – Wheatley Group LLC – Bill Schirmer - Bill Schirmer discussed the Wheatley Group and all the improvements (Korners Kountry Kitchen, Third Place, Owens Corning, MBC Group, Sidewalks in Brookville, and Skyline) they have helped within Franklin County. These were all done without a signed contract with the County. Bill also fielded questions from the Commissioners and other people present at the meeting pertaining to Wheatley Group and Tax Incremental Financing districts (TIFs). **Motion was made to sign a consulting contract with Wheatley Group LLC for \$80,000 retroactive to 01/01/2018 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.**

Sharon Halcomb, FC Assessor-Contract (GIS Clerk) Sharon presented a contract to hire Dan Chaddon as GIS Clerk. Tom Linkel stated he is willing to sign a contract, but not without a specific contracted amount in the contract. Sharon will update the contract with a specific contracted amount and present it to the Commissioners. **No action taken.**

Approve Minutes- No minutes to approve.

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

Approval Contractor Bids- Tabled to next commissioners meeting. No action taken.

2 Jail Quotes – Motion to pay Corrections Products Company for four replacement locks in County Jail for \$7,345.00 by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried. Motion to pay Ludwig Contracting to provide and install 64 Eaton power-ware batteries for the uninterruptable power supply for \$3,650 by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

A discussion took place pertaining to 90-day probationary period in the County Employee handbook. **Motion to delete 90- day probationary period retroactive back to 01/01/2018 by Tom Linkel.** The question was asked pertaining to health insurance and other benefits being made available to new employees on their first day of employment. Then the discussion went to establishing a future date of benefits to start for new employees and current employees under probation if motion were to be approved. The commissioners came to the conclusion more research was needed. Also, commissioners will put together a letter to present to County Council pertaining to removing the 90% pay for new employees during probationary period from the salary ordinance. **Motion to delete 90-day probationary period retroactive back to 01/01/2018 was rescinded by Tom Linkel.**

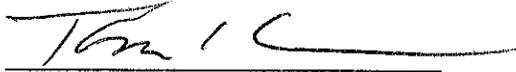
A discussion took place pertaining to the county snow plows and body style changes to new ones being produced. It was also discussed about needing shelter for new equipment currently sitting outside at Oldenburg Garage and possible areas for a new shelter. **No action taken.**

Adjourn- Motion to adjourn by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

Others Present- Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Sharon Halcomb, Sara Duffy, Betty C. Lecher, Bill Schirmer, and Wayne Monroe.

Minutes for March 13, 2018 approved.

AYES



Tom Wilson

Tom Linkel *Absent*

Eric Roberts

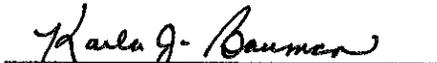
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Tom Wilson

Tom Linkel

Eric Roberts

ATTESTED BY:


Karla J. Bauman, Auditor