

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
APRIL 7, 2020, – 10:00 A.M.
TELECONFERENCE**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on April 7, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. by video teleconference and/or phone. Those present via teleconference and/or phone were Tom Linkel, Gerald Wendel, Tom Wilson , Faye Hay, Secretary and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

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

Ordinance 2020-11: An Ordinance - An Ordinance Allowing for Alternate Building Inspection in an Emergency: Commissioner Linkel read Ordinance 2020-11 into the record. Commissioner Linkel stated that this ordinance would allow a commissioner to issue an Occupancy Certificate if the building inspector is not available. In lieu of inspections, the property owner shall submit photographs showing compliance and a declaration of compliance from a General Contractor, etc. **Motion to approve Ordinance 2020-11 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

Resolution 2020-07: Resolution Amending Holiday Schedule: Due to the Primary Election being moved from May 5, 2020 to June 2, 2020, the county's holiday schedule needs amended to reflect that. **Motion to approve Resolution 2020-07 moving the holiday from May 5th to June 2nd by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

EMA Travel Advisory Update: Amy Lindsey, EMA Director along with Grant Reeves, attorney and the Commissioners are reviewing the Orange Travel status the County is currently under and the Governor's executive order issued April 6, 2020 and what that means. Mr. Reeves recommended that the commissioners extend the current travel advisory that was previously issued. **Motion to extend the orange travel advisory for Franklin County for another 7 days by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendl, all in favor, motion carried.**

Public Hearing (10:15) Cum Bridge and Cum Cap Rates: Mr. Reeves recommends to the Commissioners at this time to extend the public hearing to first meeting in June pursuant to Governor Holcomb's Executive Order, 2020-12. Since June 2, 2020 is now a holiday due to the primary election being moved from May 5th to June 2nd, the commissioners will reconvene the public hearing on June 1, 2020. **Motion to reconvene the public hearing until June 1, 2020, by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

At this time, Commissioner Linkel asked if the public in attendance had any questions or comments. Sara Duffy had sent an email to the Commissioners requesting answers to the following questions:

1. What is the status of the County Park? **The County Park is closed to the public. The gate is down and no vehicles allowed.**

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Is River Road open to public traffic at Gobles Creek? **No the road is not open. Two pipes were washed out and the County will need a permit from the State before repair work can begin.**

2. What is the plan to keep county offices functioning if the clerk, treasurer or auditor becomes ill? **The elected official and first deputies are being kept separated. First deputy will fill in the void.**
3. Will you test all county employees like the city of Carmel is doing for all of its 700 employees, paid for by their health insurance? **Commissioner Linkel said no. Jason Lovins stated he didn't know why the City of Carmel was doing that. A positive result would not change the course of action.**


County employees have reported there is one person who tested positive in the government center and that the area planning office is in quarantine. **Mr. Lovins stated he did not know where they got that information. The County has borrowed the fogging machine from the school and will be disinfecting all of the County buildings.**

4. Do you want to tell the public about the work you did behind the scenes to get things under control at Haspin Acres. **There was a lot of communication between the commissioners, sheriff department, health department, our attorney and Haspin Acres. Haspin Acres agreed to self-restrict but over the weekend things got out of their control and the social distancing was not being maintained. The health department officer issued the order.**
5. What is the local number to call with a complaint of a local business not shutting down or not social distancing?
6. Commissioner Wilson - **Commissioner Wilson thanked everybody for all the calls, cards, texts and facebook postings over the past few weeks. He is very appreciative.**
7. Please thank the employees who are keeping us safe. How long can the county afford to continue paying employees to stay home and paying double to those who are essential and on duty. **The commissioners thanked Amy Lindsey, EMA Director and the task force for their hard work during this public emergency. They also thanked the citizens for abiding by the stay at home order. Commissioner Linkel has stated that the County is not shut down at this time and that double time is not being paid at this time. Mr. Lovins stated that the County is not yet at that point to shut down. Mr. Linkel further stated that the most of the county employees are working remotely from home. The others are following the leave policy and using negative comp time.**


Commissioners also thanked two local businesses who voluntarily to keep their businesses closed. Both Canoe Rental businesses will remain closed until Memorial Day and will revisit the situation at that time.

Minutes approved ~~April~~ ^{May} 10, 2020.

AYES:



Tom Wilson



Tom Linkel



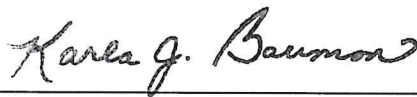
Gerald Wendel

NAYS:

Tom Wilson

Tom Linkel

Gerald Wendel

Attested By: 

Karla J. Bauman, Franklin County Auditor