

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
May 9, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on May 9, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman and Karfa Bauman, Auditor.

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

Dan Day – RE/MAX: North County Line Road (Franklin & Dearborn Counties)
Main goal was to come and ask who is responsible for North County Line Road. He just listed a property and right now there is no access to it at all. It is just a grass lane. Who is responsible for maintaining it? Has it been closed and/or can it be reopened? Tom Wilson – Joint responsibility. Surveyor looked into it and we have stopped maintaining it. The area that Mr. Day wants to have maintained has not been maintained for over 30 years. There are no easements, ingress or egress. All owners will be landlocked if there is no road giving the property access. There is a gravel base. The other owners will not be able to do anything with their property either until something is done. That portion of county line road has not been maintained. Dan – Nobody owns the road. – It is a county road. Eric Roberts – We need more time to research this back to 1909. The property owners built the road then. The land was split up in 1994.

Approve Minutes from 4-25-17: Eric Roberts moved to approve the minutes from 4-25-17, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

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

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

Ted Cooley, FC Engineer – 2017 Community Crossing Grant Funding Meetings – Greenfield Meeting will be May 19, 2017 – recommend that Jacque attend too.

Emergency Watershed Protection awards for 2 locations on Big Cedar Road - \$140,000 (75%/25%) we have to pay 25% of the \$140,000 - This is Federal money. Federal Contracting Procedures – Eric Roberts would like to bid it out.

Big Cedar Road (South 252) embankment stabilization needed – 980'
South of Gant Road – Road washout estimate \$60,000
Big Cedar Road (South 252) embankment stabilization needed – 1.4 miles north of US 52 – Block wall repair - \$80,000

River Road Bridge Projects -
IDNR Short Permit required.

Eric Roberts – Being that this is temporary and we will be back in there in two or three years – what is the option of actually buying permanent right of way v. temporary right of way? Commissioners need to know what kind of area we are talking about and a list of the property owners. Mr. Linkel – I believe the property owners are agreeable to the work. Is this a highway project or cum bridge? Whistle Creek is sinking too.

Award of Highway Contract: Mr. Worth spoke about the county not having a bidding ordinance in place. If there is an error in procedure, it would not be fair to require a rebid. There was a discussion about whether or not more than one bid must be received. Tom Linkel wants to move forward with awarding of the equipment.

Murphy Tractor & Equipment – John Deere 672G Motor Grader w/6WD: Motion by Tom Linkel to award the John Deere Grader to Murphy Tractor & Equipment in the amount of \$227,000, seconded by Tom Wilson. Eric Robert opposed as there was only 1 bid received and it was not properly advertised. Motion carried.

Chambers American Products – Boom Mower (specialized equipment) – Motion by Tom Linkel to award for the Boom Mower to Chambers American Products in the amount of \$136,000, seconded by Tom Wilson. Eric Roberts opposed – He thought it was wiser not to spend this money. Motion carried.

Zimmer Tractor – Motion by Tom Linkel to award Kubota Excavator with extended warranty in the amount of \$1,067, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried. Eric Roberts – Under attorney advise he will agree to this bid, since 3 bids were received.

Jim True Ford – Motion by Tom Linkel to award two 2017 F250 Pick-up trucks to Jim True Ford in the amount of \$52,100, seconded by Tom Wilson. Eric Roberts opposed as this was not advertised at all. Motion carried.

Purchasing Policy – This is just a rough draft. It will need reviewed and amount establishing what qualifies for a purchase to be subject to the ordinance.

Postage Meter – Lease agreement – for Franklin County Clerk: \$409.50 – 4 years – Eric Roberts moved that Tom Wilson sign the lease agreement with Pitney Bowes for the postage meter in the Clerk's office, Linkel seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Karla Bauman, Franklin County Auditor – Health Care Funds: Discussed the fiduciary responsibilities of Commissioners, County Council and Auditor in the administering and funding of the Franklin County Government Employee Health Plan. The balance in Fund 4701 is now below zero. There is no money available to pay the May Med-Ben Invoice from Fund 4701. Fund 4702 is restricted. The email from SBOA was already read, wherein they stated they would prefer to see one fund used where all money was recelpted including both the employer contribution and employee contribution.

Harry Graves – spoke about issues at his property and research on the use of used tires. Somebody will be contacting the County from IDEM about utilizing scrap tires.

Dale Maxle – Who is will be responsible for Health Insurance? What steps for impeachment?

John Estridge – Who at the highway department has the authority to purchase equipment/material?

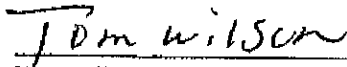
Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Others in Attendance: Ray Lovins, Joyce Lovins, James Sprague, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Betty Lecher, Sara Duffy, Wayne Monroe, Ray Kersey, Ted Cooley, Harry Graves, Dale Maxie

Minutes approved May 23, 2017.

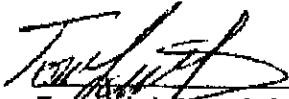
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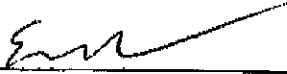
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Eric Roberts, Commissioner

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Attested by:



Karla J. Bauman, Auditor