

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JUNE 05, 2018 - 10:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on March 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman, and Derrike Kolb, Chief Deputy Auditor.

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

Public Hearing – Vacation of Ally (New Trenton) – Attorney Lowell McMillin presented a petition to vacate a portion of an ally located between Lots 16 and 17 in the plat of New Trenton, Indiana for his client Donald and Debbie Johnson. Mr. McMillin stated the ally has never been open for public use, there are no known utilities running through there, and the petition does reserve the right for government entity to utility easement. Eric Roberts noted the biggest concern to him is the effect of storm water. Tom Wilson asked if there were any comments from the public. Don Maucher is against the vacation of the ally and noted drainage issues and safety concerns if vacated because it offers a safe option to get onto US 52. Mr. Maucher noted the ally is neither paved or graveled but should be for public safety. Mr. Steve Clark was the next one to speak. His home borders the ally and he has lived there for 63 years. He noted the ally was opened years ago to move coal to homes. Mr. Clark did note the drainage issues and has tried to clear some debris away to help the drainage issues. Mr. Clark also noted that many people in the town use that ally to cross US 52 to get to the store, because it is the safest place to cross. Ms. Polly Maucher was the next to comment that she does not know why anyone would want to close an ally. Mr. James Hall was the next and noted the water problem and drainage issues. Then Mr. Clark commented that he heard in a previous commissioner meeting they would close down no more allies in New Trenton. Eric Roberts commented that there is defiantly a water issue in the town. Tom Linkel thinks the vacation should be revisited after the water issues is fixed. Tom Wilson ask Eric Roberts the potential for another 90/10 grant from OCRA. Mr. McMillin then stepped back up and stated the water issues have nothing to do with the ally being vacated. The Commissioners were all in favor that they would like to figure out the drainage issue first. **Motion to wait and gather some more information about the issue before proceeding with the potential vacation of the ally at another public hearing at a future date by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Motion to close regular meeting and open the Board of Finance Meeting by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Veronica Voelker, Treasurer, presented Investment reports and went over how much is invested from what funds and where the investments are held to the Commissioners. Questions were also posed to Veronica about how often the Board of Finance would like to meet? The consensus was to meet quarterly. Tom Wilson asked Veronica if there is a restriction of where funds can be invested and how much can be invested. Veronica stated that there is a list of depositories that is controlled by the State Board of Accounts and the limit of funds that can be invested is 25% of the cash balance in the fund. The question was also asked pertaining to the funds in Fund 4700 and whether they are considered co-mingled funds. Veronica was not sure and stated that would be a question for the Auditor.

Motion to approve the Franklin County Board of Finance Meeting minutes from May 22, 2018 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion to close the Board of Finance Meeting and reopen the Commissioners meeting by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

John Worth – F.C. Opioid – Mr. Worth wanted to give an update of the Opioid Case that was filed in the Cleveland Federal court. Also, Governor Holcomb has gotten involved with the Attorney General to take a closer look at the crisis in Indiana.

Joe Copeland- FC Engineer - Mr. Copeland presented some updates on current projects. Bridge 31 – North Hamburg is currently on hold waiting for USI Consultants to obtain State approval. Bridges 43 – Duck Creek and 59 – Highland Center are being pushed back because of permit issues. Also Bridge 59 needs DNR approval before proceeding, which has a 45-day waiting period. Mr. Copeland also presented the 2017 Annual Certification of Jurisdiction miles for the county, which is 623.261 compared to last year 622.830. A comment from the public was directed toward Mr. Copeland pertaining to the current work on the sixth street bridge and the way the traffic pattern is suppose to go and ways to communicate it to the public. Mr. Copeland stated he will look into and with a possibility of adding more signage leading into town. Mr. Copeland also asked the Commissioners to get a list together of potential projects for the next round of Community Crossing Grants. The commissioners stated they will work on a list for him. Mr. Linkel stated that he talked with Mr. Joe Dickman from All-American called him. He was contracted to do the project on Big Cedar. Mr. Dickman stated the project has been on hold for to long and he wants out of the contract. Mr. Copeland was going to go back and double check everything and find out how to proceed. Also, he is going to see if the project needs to be re-biddded or is they can go with the next lowest.

Approve Minutes- Motion to approve meeting minutes for May 22, 2018 with one spelling change noted by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Approve Claims-Motion to approve all claims by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried. There were also two previous bills from Ted Cooley, one that has been paid and one in the claims process, that included a hourly fee for preparing the invoice. **Motion to pay the invoice that is in the claims process but take the fee for preparing the invoice for this invoice and the previous one by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Approve Payroll and Payroll Deduction Claims – Motion to approve payroll and payroll deduction claims by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

Midwest Toxicology Service LLC – A proposed addition to the employee handbook was proposed to the Commissioners for their approval. **Motion to enact the Substance Abuse policy for all commercial license employees and non-regulated employees to the employee handbook by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Ordinance 2018-08 – Amending County Take Home/On-Call Vehicle Policy – A question was posed from the public pertaining to public use and potential liability to the county. **Motion to approve Ordinance 2018-08 Amending County Take Home/On-Call Vehicle Policy by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.** A copy of Ordinance 2018-08 is attached hereto.

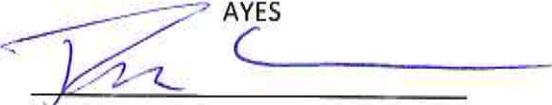
Adjourn- Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Others Present- Betty Lecher, Mildred Simmermeyer, Steve Clark, Wayne Monroe, Clovis Hall Jr., James Hall, Lowell McMillin, Amber Orozco, Joe Copeland, Polly Ann Maucher, Sara Duffy, Don Maucher, Veronica Voelker, and John Estridge.

Minutes for June 19, 2018 approved.

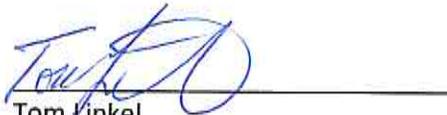
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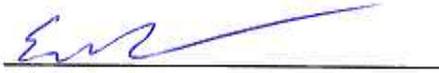
Tom Wilson

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Tom Linkel

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Eric Roberts

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ATTESTED BY: 

Karla J. Bauman, Auditor

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JUN 05 2018
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING COUNTY TAKE HOME/ON-CALL VEHICLE POLICY

Harold G. [Signature]
WHEREAS, it is determined that, Franklin County, IN, is in need of updates to its policy regarding the take home/on-call use of vehicles;

BE IT NOW ORDAINED by the Commissioners, that:

1. County Handbook Section **5.11 Take Home Vehicles** is hereby amended to read as follows:

Personal use of County owned vehicles without consent is prohibited. On call employees may be authorized to commute to and from home in government owned vehicles for the convenience of the County. Per IRS regulation, this is a taxable fringe benefit, the value of which will be included in taxable wages at the rates set by the federal government under its commuting value rule (\$1.50 per one way commute at the time of the adoption of this provision) with the following exceptions:

- Clearly marked police, fire, and public safety officer vehicles. The employee must be on-call, required to commute in the vehicle, and be prohibited from personal travel outside the jurisdiction.
- Unmarked vehicles used by law enforcement officers. The officer must be authorized to carry a firearm, execute search warrants and make arrests.
- Qualified specialized utility repair trucks.
- Any vehicle designed to carry cargo with a loaded gross vehicle weight over 14,000 pounds.
- Tractors.

The County and employee must timely report personal use as a wage. Such reports are processed by the Auditor's Office. Personal use of County vehicles, other than commuting, for travel outside of Franklin County is prohibited (e.g. vacation use).

2. If any provision of this ordinance is found to conflict with Indiana state law or with federal law, all other portions shall remain in full force and effect.
3. This ordinance shall become effective on passing.

Auditor

BE IT NOW ORDAINED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of June, 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, INDIANA

Tom Wilson
TOM WILSON

Tom Linkel
TOM LINKEL

Eric Roberts
ERIC ROBERTS

ATTEST: Karla Bauman DPK
KARLA BAUMAN, AUDITOR
FRANKLIN COUNTY, INDIANA



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Eric Holcomb, Governor
Joe McGuinness, Commissioner

May 1, 2018

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Subject: 2017 Annual Certification of Jurisdiction Miles
County of Franklin

This office has completed the Year 2017 certification of miles. Below are the results for your jurisdiction.

Summary of Certification

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| 2017 Mileage Certification | 623.261 |
| 2016 Mileage Certification | 622.830 |
| Difference (2017-2016) | .430 |

If you should have any questions regarding this, or any other aspect of the local road inventory, please feel free to contact me at:

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Or go to our website at: <http://www.in.gov/indot/3049.htm> where you can find recent mileage certification tables, an inventory map viewer, reference post information and documentation to request changes to your mileage certification.

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