

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**July 27, 2021 - 10:00 A.M.**  
**COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in a regular meeting on July 27, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those presents were Tom Linkel, Tom Wilson, Gerald Wendel, Fayette Hay and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

**OPEN:** The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Linkel.

**Resignation Health Officer:** Tom Linkel received a letter of resignation from Dr. Marstellar as Franklin County Health Officer. **Motion to give Tom Linkel authority to sign the emergency appointment of Dr. Jetmore, as interim Franklin County Health Officer by Gerald Wendel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Executive Director for Public Health Department-** Health Department wanted approval from Commissioners to go to County Council so they could hire an Executive Director in place of a supervisory nurse. This would be a change in position title only and the salary would be the same. **Motion to approve the change in position from supervisory nurse to executive director by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.** Commissioner approved taking to County Council.

**Health Board Recommendation for renew of Contract:** Health Board would like to renew the contract they have with Jesus Olvera **Motion to approve the LEPC Contract with Jesus Olvera by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Cupola:** Larry Smith said he received a bill for 10% of the work that will be done on the Cupola. **Motion to approve the invoice for payment by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Ordinance to Accept Plat of Survey, Ordinance 2021 12:** **Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-12 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Resolution Establishing remote Participation in meetings for regular business and During Certain Emergencies Resolution 2021-22:** 50% of the board members must be present in meeting for a County Council or Commissioners to join meeting being remote. **Motion to approve Resolution 2021-22 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Campground Water Supplies Tom Ritz:** His family has had the campground in cedar Grove for over 35 yrs. He has been testing the water ever 3 months. If you have water on for over 60 days you have to test the water. EPA told him a list of things he needed to change and follow. He made the changes and had them come down and they gave him A+. However, the health department Mike Mettler said that the campground emergency and they need to shut down the campground. They never told him what the emergency health risk was. He has sent a letter to find out what he needs to do or why. He also brings up that our county sells water and we need to stop it from going out. If it does go to different areas that the county needs to be paid for it.

**Dave Padur:** would like the commissioners to approve that if the developer of a subdivision meets all the standards with the county that they would except the road as part of the counties. Linkel is going to have Larry Smith get a list together. If the developer meets All the standards and Larry agrees that they are met then the county would take over the road. **Motion to accept the road if all standards reviewed by County Engineer by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Old State Rd 1 Tom Linkel:** will take over the INDOT garage. They have come to an agreement that we would take over the garage and parts of Old State Rd 1. This is 3 part of the road that come out to about 2 miles of road. We will receive payments from the state. First part will be around \$600,000. and 2<sup>nd</sup> part will be around 2 million next year. **Motion to accept by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried. 1<sup>st</sup> Linkel 2<sup>nd</sup> Wendel AIF Wilson**

**Flooding- Roy Hall** Down in New Trenton on St Peters Rd they put stone down and with the last flood it was wash away. They would like Larry Smith to go down and find out what they can do to protect the area before the next flood. Roy asked if we could get with the DNR to see what they would approve in the creek bed to stop it from washing away.

**Cemetery Roy Hall:** He would like the cemetery land to be deeded over to the township. They have been going to different cemeteries and making signs and reset headstones. They have not gone into cemeteries that are land locked or owned by private land owners. He would like the land to be deeded over. If the cemetery is older than 1850 belongs to county and anything past 1850 it is with township. He would like them all to be own by township. That way the state could send money to the township for the cemeteries.

**Meeting Minutes-July 13, 2021 Motion to accept 1<sup>st</sup> Wendel 2<sup>nd</sup> Wilson AIF Linkel**

**Claims for \$1,154,707.64 on July 27, 2021 Motion to accept 1<sup>st</sup> Linkel 2<sup>nd</sup> Wendel AIF Wilson**

**Payroll for \$198,368.73 on July 27, 2021 Motion to accept 1<sup>st</sup> Linkel 2<sup>nd</sup> Wendel AIF Wilson**

**Community Crossing Grant Larry Smith-**would like to chip and seal Bulltown Rd/Old US 52 and Hickory Rd **Motion to accept 1<sup>st</sup> Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> Wendel AIF Linkel**

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Mille Simmermeyer:** would like to know the numbers with the Delta Virus. Linkel has not heard any numbers. He said if we had a major outbreak, he would have heard of it. Wilson said he heard they are reporting about 43,000 in the US.

**Curtis Ward:** Small Animal Control (SAC) He would like the county to rethink about the town paying them for SAC. He said he has looked at the times that the officer has put in for overtime or coming back out in the evenings. He said the officer came to the town about 10 ½ hrs. in a 7 month. He feels that the people from the town pay tax's and it goes towards paying SAC officer. Linkel would like to track the time that the officer goes to the town on his time off or weekends. SBOA is asking for a Inter Local Agreement that the town and county has. The commissioners are going to have Grant from County and Tammy from town to work on one.

**Pete Cates: Ordinance to establish sick bank:** Sheriff Cates would like the county employees to be able to donate sick time to one another. So, if an employee is ill and runs out of time other employees can donate sick time to them that employee. **Motion to accept 1<sup>st</sup> Wendel 2<sup>nd</sup> Linkel AIF Wilson**

**Millie** brought up St. Mary's Rd that between the bridge and road you have a big pot hole and if someone hit it with a motorcycle it could kill them. She wanted to know when it would be fixed. Linkel said they are working on it.

**Amy Lindsey EMA-** She said she had someone come from Indiana Homeland Security to look at all the damage from the rain storms. She is needing to separate the damage according to the dates. The state is looking at only giving us around \$1 million dollars. Since another county has damage also.

**Snail Creek-** Linkel asked for the commissioners to sign the agreement for this bridge to start getting worked on. **Motion to accept 1<sup>st</sup> Linkel 2<sup>nd</sup> Wilson AIF Wendel**

**Bridge #31** The bridge is going to cost more than what the agreement is for. The state is going to pay the difference. This is a 50-year-old bridge. Linkel said we already started working on it so we should finish the bridge. He acknowledges the new amount and is okay for Larry to sign of on it. **Motion to accept 1<sup>st</sup> Linkel 2<sup>nd</sup> Wendel AIF Wilson**

**INDOT-** Linkel said we are taking over Old Rt 1 in Cedar Grove and will take over the garage.

**Meeting Adjourn 1<sup>st</sup> Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> Wendel AIF Linkel**

**Others Present:** Please see the attached paperwork: Due to some signatures unable to be read and online people we have combined the sheet.

Minutes approved August 10, 2021.

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Karla J. Bauman, Auditor