

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JULY 30, 2019- 10:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in a regular meeting on July 30, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Gerald Wendel, 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.

REDEVELOPMENT FUNDING – SCOTT MCDONOUGH: Mr. McDonough gave a brief overview of how the Redevelopment was originally funded through a grant. He stated the grant funds are running low and needs a new way of funding. Mr. McDonough asked the Commissioners if they would be willing to divert \$12,000 per year from LIT Economic Development funds. The commissioners stated they would look into it what they need to do.

MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT – CONNIE BISCHOFF: Ms. Bischoff brought forward her maintenance agreement for her Oce machine for commissioners' approval. Ms. Bischoff stated she will need to get funding approval for this maintenance agreement from County Council in August and with changes to her budget she will need to go back for additional appropriations every month until the end of the year. Ms. Bischoff stated she was not made aware of the law change for her Recorder's Perpetuation fund in October 2018, when Karla Bauman brought it to her attention that it had been in effect since 2015.
Motion to approve the maintenance agreement for Eastern Engineering by Commissioner Linkel, seconded by Commissioner Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Vacate Schumaker Road – Glenn Bailey: Mr. Bailey presented a Petition to Vacate Schumaker Road to the Commissioners. The Commissioners set the Public Hearing for the Petition to Vacate Schumaker Road for August 27, 2019.

DOUG GRAF – MONTHLY UPDATE: Mr. Graf gave an update on Community Crossing Grants for this year and next year. He stated the application for the 2019 Community Crossing Grant was submitted last year, and the current Community Crossing Grant program. Mr. Graf then discussed the Big Cedar Stabilization project. The Army Corp of Engineers stated the creek naturally mitigated itself, but the county will still need to do its mitigating. Mr. Graf suggests the commissioners contract it out to a company from them to handle it. He also stated that the ADA compliance letter will be delivered to the Commissioners for their approval soon. Mr. Graf also updated the Commissioners of Bridge 144 with 2 change orders (one causing a credit to the county, and the other one is no price change). **Motion to sign both change orders for Bridge 144 by Commissioner Linkel, seconded Commissioner Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Lastly, he stated the Asset Management Plan for the highway needs to be updated annually before the end of the year to be eligible for 1st Call Community Crossing Grants.

John Bear – Mullin, McMillin & McMillin – Batesville Aviation Survey: Mr. Bear presented a survey to the Commissioners for their approval for Batesville Aviation to re-zone part of their land from A-2 to I-1. **Motion to approve the Batesville Aviation rezone Ordinance 2019-14 by Commissioner Linkel, seconded by Commissioner Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Follow-up questions were asked by Ms. Duffy after signing of the Ordinance as to the action take at this meeting and the last that no public hearing for the re-zoning was called, and no recommendation from Area Plan Commission was accepted or denied seems to be in violation of Indiana Code. Ms. Duffy also asked if they have any concern about violating the Indiana Code. Commissioner Linkel stated he was not because it was noted on the agenda and that he was advised through council that they were okay to do it because the acreage did not go outside of the parcel.

She also asked if she was aware if the commissioner were sued over the decision that the county would have to pay both sides legal fees if the Commissioners were to lose. Commissioner Wilson said they are okay because of their advise of counsel.

APPROVE MINUTES – JULY 16,2019: Motion to approve July 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes by Commissioner Linkel, seconded by Commissioner Wendel, all in favor, motion Carried.

PAYROLL: Motion to approved Payroll for August 3, 2019 and payroll deductions by Commissioner Linkel, seconded by Commissioner Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

CLAIMS: Motion to approve all claims by Commissioner Linkel, seconded by Commissioner Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATNESS: Mr. Frank Black presented a Certificate of Appropriateness to the Commissioners for their approval for him to build a portable building in Metamora Historic District. The Commissioners asked the Director of Area Plan, Cindy Orschell, if there were any issues. She stated as long as he leaves the necessary setbacks then it is fine. **Motion to approve the application is conditional upon the necessary setbacks being met by Commissioner Linkel, seconded by Commissioner Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

SCHOOL BUS TURNAROUND: Amber Orozco attorney for Franklin County Community School Corp is proposing a bus route turn around on River Road that would encumber on personal real estate that would need to be maintained by the county and be renewable annually. Commissioner Linkel asked about using Oak Tree Road as a possible turn around. Ms. Orozco stated Oak Tree Road was turned down based on safety by the School Board. Commissioner Linkel stated he is not going to contest anything that will hinder getting bus service down River Road.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was a question to the Commissioners pertaining to the security of records stored in the basement.

Adjourn- Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Wilson.

Prior to a second to the adjournment the owner of the property that would be encumbered on for the turn around stated they want to know what the next step is. She would much rather them use Oak Tree Road but does not want to hold up bus service on River Road. Commissioner Linkel said he is going to send some Highway workers to clear up Oak Tree Road, and he would attend the next School Board Meeting to help get it work out.


Seconded motion to adjournment by Commissioner Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Others Present: Dick Robertson, Mildred Simmermeyer, Betty Lecher, Wayne Monroe, Doug Graf, Velda Clark, Pat Clark, John Bear, Don Westerfeld, Jana Selke, John Estridge, Connie Bischoff, Sara Duffy, Glenn Bailey, Amber Orozco, Delores Dobbs, Jodi Hensley, Steve Hensley, Colleen Ransick, Laura Westerfeld, and Mark Westerfeld. Any names that are unable to read are not added to the minutes.

Minutes for July 30, 2019 approved.

AYES

NAYS



Tom Wilson

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Tom Linkel *Absent*

Tom Linkel



Gerald Wendel

Gerald Wendel

ATTESTED BY:



Karla J. Bauman, Auditor