

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JULY 31, 2018 - 10:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on July 31, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman, and Derrike Kolb, Chief Deputy Auditor. Absent – Tom Linkel

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

Highland Center Bridge – Joe Copeland, Franklin County’s Engineer, provided an update on Highland Center Bridge. He is hoping to get started on the bridge the last week in August and the Hydro Demolition team getting started the Wednesday after Labor Day.

Ed Derickson – Zoning Changes – Mr. Derickson presented a binder full of information for the Commissioners to look over that highlight some of the issues he has with the current zoning code. He states that the current zoning code leaves for “grey” area where he would like for it to be “Black and White”. He cited multiple areas as examples of “grey” area around the Confined Animal Feed Operations (CAFO) and he urged the Commissioners to review his work before making their final decisions.

Cindy Orschell – Area Planning Director – Zoning Amendments – Ms. Cindy Orschell presented zoning amendments for the Commissioners to approve. Tom stated that he feels no final decisions should be made until all Commissioners are present and a public hearing is held. There were discussions pertaining to building size and lot size differences, “tiny homes”, differences between using “zones” and “uses”, what constitutes a junkyard, and setback requirements. The commissioners feel the amendments need to be more with current guidelines so they do not have to make amendments every time there are changes needed. **Motion to set public hearing for zoning amendment changes for August 28, 2018 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Eric Roberts, motioned carried.** The Commissioners asked if they would like to recommend any changes what is the process. Cindy stated they could be forwarded to her and she would present it to the Area Planning Board.

Joe Copeland- FC Engineer – Mr. Copeland updated the Commissioners on the project for Big Cedar. Joe stated the proposed contract with SJCA would go from permits through plans for the project. Also, due to plant growth the project will have to be pushed back to sometime next year. Tom Wilson asked what would be used to fund the project. Joe stated probably Highway EDIT funds possibly Local, Road, and Streets. **Motion to sign contract with SJCA for the Big Cedar Project by Tom Wilson.** Eric asked for Joe’s opinion about Dave Derrick. Joe stated that he knows what he is talking about but needs help with permits. Eric asked if there is possibility of SJCA and Dave Derrick partnering up as a consultant on the project. Joe said he will go back and try to work out a deal. **Motion dies from a lack of a second.** There was also discussion about the Schmidt project and if there are any potential issues with Stone Church. Joe said he would take a look and report back.

Harry Graves – Mr. Graves addressed his issues pertaining to the TIF districts in the county and if they were done properly.

Approve Claims-Motion to approve all claims by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Wilson, motion carried. Tom Wilson stated the bill for Total Solutions needed to be held until all the work was completed around the government center.

Approve Payroll and Payroll Deduction Claims – Motion to approve payroll and payroll deduction claims by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Wilson, motion carried. The question was posed to the Auditor’s Office pertaining to who is paying for the payroll taxes and insurance on the deputies for the Memo of Understanding with Infinite Speed. The Chief deputy was not sure and would get the Commissioners the answer prior to the next payroll.

Memo of Understanding – Infinite Speed – There was some discussion pertaining to the Memo of Understanding and why there were only three races approved but the agreement signed by the Commissioners, Sheriff, and Infinite Speed has eight races on it. Tom stated that the other races are contingent on Area Planning Board approval. There was also more discussion pertaining to safety issues and how it helps the county.


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

Others Present- Perry Knox, Mildred Simmermeyer, Betty Lecher, Joe Copeland, Makanna Mays, Jeff Larrison, Mike Keeva, Sara Duffy, Jason Landick, Mathew Neuman, Ed Derickson, and Cindy Orschell. Names that were not printed or legible were not included.

Minutes for July 31, 2018 approved.

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NAYS



Tom Wilson

Tom Wilson


Tom Linkel

Tom Linkel



Eric Roberts

Eric Roberts

ATTESTED BY: 

Karla J. Bauman, Auditor