

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MEMORANDUM & MINUTES
July 25th, 2011 @ 10:00 AM
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING ROOM 203

Those Present: County Commissioners: Thomas Wilson Tom Linkel Scott McDonough
County Auditor: Erica Hudson
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman

Thomas Wilson opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

OPERATION PULLOVER: DON SMITH- Don discussed the ongoing grant continuation for Operation Pullover with Batesville Police Department. The grant covers off duty patrol for the purpose of seatbelt safety as well as local statistical representation.

MOTION- Thomas Wilson motioned to approve the grant application for Operation Pullover. Scott McDonough 2nd. Tom Linkel (absent for this motion). AIF, MC.

MINUTES: 7/18/2011- **MOTION-** Scott McDonough motioned to approve the minutes for July 18th, 2011. Tom Linkel 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

PRECINCT BOUNDARIES: KARLA BAUMAN (CLERK) - This includes 5 Census blocks for the Precinct Boundary changes recommended per State. Karla trained on a program for 39 Degrees North and is very confident that there system will assist her in these Precinct Boundary changes. Karla felt that without the system it could be a very long and unnecessary process and she stated she has the funds to cover the expense; the current cost is \$5,000.00 but the Company is willing to negotiate based on changes. Karla stated that with 39 Degrees North the process should take approximately 30 minutes. **MOTION-** Thomas Wilson motioned to approve the Precinct Boundary changes recommended to combine Batesville 1 & 2. Scott McDonough 2nd. Tom Linkel, AIF. MC.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: FRANK THOMPSON- Frank discussed that Alice Priessman requested to be removed as a nominee for the Redevelopment Commission. **MOTION-** Thomas Wilson motioned to appoint Gary Shaw for the Redevelopment Commission. Tom Linkel 2nd. Scott McDonough, AIF. MC.

39 DEGREES NORTH (GIS): JEFF DOSSETT- Jeff was an elected official for 18 years; he served 12 years on Council, 4 years as Clerk, and 2 years as Auditor. 39 Degrees North was established 6 years ago through 129 years of upcoming and innovative experience with GIS. It is an Indiana based company with an international database that has been an award winning eGIS many times over. There are many features that this system offers including but not limited to linking documents, paying your taxes online through a link, bridge inventory, drain calculation, 24/7 server availability, and disaster recovery. There are also add on options that do not cost extra to access once the system is updated or improved. This company has also been selected to provide the State with assistance for the Precinct Boundaries as well as the public having direct access to who their elected officials are from State to Local just by entering their address. Another option is the AVO Locator which is the option to put a censor on County Vehicles to track them like a GPS which has the capability to generate a daily report, mileage, fuel, and even the condition of the vehicle; costs is \$300 for 8 censors and a flat monthly fee of \$30. There is also a self-help option where you can follow step by step instructions to assist yourself with navigating the GIS. Erica Hudson (Auditor) stated that according to the claims in 2010 approximately \$16,100 was paid out to our current GIS provider WTH. Sharon Halcomb (Assessor) stated that she shows her portion paid out of Reassessment was only \$8,100 and she cannot afford the additional costs for 39 Degrees North. The annual cost for 39 Degrees North is \$16,984 which includes full eGIS webhosting for the core basic product and web editing yearly; the company also mentioned that training would be available for the County including the public. There is also a one-time set up fee for \$8,700. Sharon was also concerned that 39 Degrees North does not currently have the option to print property record cards and these are very relevant. Jeff Dossett stated that anything is an option and they could add this feature onto the system if Sharon wanted it. Sharon stated that we need to remain with a local company and that WTH's quality is comparable to 39 Degrees North. Sharon felt that the County was making a drastic decision without informing every one of the change. Erica Hudson stated that the purpose of this presentation was to inform the County of the options so that the County as a whole could make an educated decision to better serve the public. Joe Gillespie stated that he was very impressed with the quality of 39 Degrees North but wasn't sure he could justify the expense for the drainage calculation portion of the system.

SRI (HOMESTEAD FRAUD): CLAIR SCHALER- Clair explained that individuals claiming a Homestead Exemption/Deduction are only allowed 1 for the residence that they reside in. According to State regulations the County has the option to go back 10 years and charge a penalty fee for those individuals found to have claimed or are still claiming fraudulent Homestead Exemptions. SRI has the capability to investigate, collect data, and notify for collection on behalf of the Auditor. SRI does not collect a fee unless the County collects. SRI will go back 3 years and there will be a 10% penalty fee for failure to notify the Auditor; for claiming more than 1 Homestead. In other States the penalty is far more severe; for example in Florida there is a 50% penalty fee. There is only one other company in North Carolina that provides this service, however their fee is 40%. In the event that there individuals have been investigated and found to have fraudulent homestead(s) a report would be generated and the Auditor would then have to certify prior to collection notices being sent out. Of those fees collected 1% is paid to the State and the remaining 99% would go into a non-reverting fund for the Auditor to be utilized for supplies. Then SRI would collect a 30% fee from the 99% that the Auditor received. **MOTION-** Scott McDonough motioned to sign the Consulting Services Agreement with SRI. Tom Linkel 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF.MC.

ANDERSONVILLE CLAIM VOUCHER- **MOTION-** Tom Linkel motioned Erica Hudson (Auditor) to sign the claim. Scott McDonough 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

DREW BARTH & TED COOLEY- Drew stated that he does not recommend the Commissioners base the bid for Bridge #117 on a completion date. Drew stated that the completion date could be changed from November 19th to November 7th, bid date of August 8th, and then a Special meeting would need to be held to award the bid. There will be a Special meeting on August 10th at 9 AM to award the bid. Ted commented that the Army Corp of Engineers will be at the August 8th or 22nd meeting. Ted submitted an updates sheet which includes FEMA projects, NRCS Damage Survey Reports, FHWA Damage Inspection, Bridge #117, Salt Dome, and Graf Road; for specifics details please refer to the Engineer Update.

COMMENTS- Sara Duffy inquired about rumors for INDOTS intentions on the Cedar Grove Bridge demolition; the Commissioners are not aware of any and commented that it is not a County Bridge. There is a rumor that Maryanne Hart resigned from the Tourism Board during last week's meeting; at this point there is no official documentation. Scott McDonough briefly discussed the Tourism Board and stated that from his understanding through some investigation, the board had to approve the expenditures prior to the transaction being made. The Commissioners question whether or not the Board is necessary, however Council created the 5% innkeepers tax. The Commissioners are going to get some input from the Beds and Breakfasts (hotels/motels) that are impacted by the Board and the tax. The Commissioners will then discuss the possibilities with County Council.

ADJOURN- **MOTION-** Tom Linkel motioned to adjourn. Scott McDonough 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

Others Present: Clair Schaler Keith Bias Drew Barth LT Don Smith Daryl Kramer
Jeff Dossett John Estridge Ted Cooley Joe Gillespie Sara Duffy John Worth
Brian Patterson George Hartman Karla Bauman Sharon Halcomb Frank Thompson Marty Hon

Note: Those names listed are spelled as correctly as possible due to the legibility on the sign in sheet.

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Tom Linkel
Tom Linkel

Scott M. McDonough
Scott McDonough

ATTEST: Erica Hudson
Erica Hudson, Franklin County Auditor

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Thomas Wilson

Tom Linkel

Scott McDonough