

10:00 A.M.

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
August 24, 2021- 6:00 P.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on August 24, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Linkel, Gerald Wendel, Faye Hay, Commissioner's Secretary and Karla Bauman Auditor.

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

Assessor – Awarding of Cyclical Bids: The cyclical bids were opened at the August 10th meeting and given to Brenda Eckerle, Assessor, to review. The Assessor told the Commissioners she would like to award the contract for the cyclical assessments to Nexus Group, Inc. in the sum of \$113,000 per year for a four-year contract totaling \$452,000. **Motion to accept the Nexus contract for the Assessor's office in the sum of \$113,000 each year for four years by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

EMS – Fayette County – Jon Hundley: Jon Hundley with the Franklin County Communications office came before Commissioners to ask how the dispatchers should respond to an emergency situation if the Franklin County EMS did not have an ambulance available for service. Franklin County was informed by the Fayette County EMS that they would no longer be able to send an ambulance to Franklin County due to a staff shortage. What should the county do if the current contract is not being fulfilled? Commissioners suggested that Mr. Hundley check with the surrounding counties and see what they are doing. He will report back to the commissioners.

Sick Bank – The Commissioners' attorney Grant Reeves explained how the county's previous sick bank enacted by ordinance worked. The sick bank could only be used if the employee who needed additional time off was out of time. This would be available to all full-time county employees. Auditor Bauman stated that her payroll system would not be able to track this information. Any action on the sick bank was tabled at this time.

Soil & Water Coordinator Appointment: **Motion to appoint Rita Seig as the Soil & Water Coordinator by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

EMS Grant – The Franklin County Health Department grant for the test site located at the Franklin County EMS will be extended until the end of the year. The grant will be for an additional \$50,000. We will also need a new contract with Franklin County EMS from July until the end of the year.

AEP Indiana Michigan Utility Permit – Larry Smith, Engineer: AEP Indiana Michigan Transmission Company, Inc. proposes to install a single fiber cable line upon existing poles in and along the public rights-of-way, as shown on and in conformance with the exhibit drawings attached to the application. **Tom Wilson moved for AEP to bore across Johnson Fork Road 700 feet, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Change of Asset Form – Auditor: The auditor filed with the commissioners a change of asset form for a scanner that got fried during a storm. **Motion to accept the change of asset form filed by the auditor for the scanner by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Claims: **Motion to approve claims in the amount of \$594,914.05 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

Payroll & Payroll Deductions: **Motion to approve the payroll and payroll deductions in the total sum of \$191,060.61 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

August 10, 2021 Minutes: **Motion to approve the August 10, 2021 minutes by Gerald Wendel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried. Tom Linkel abstained.**

August 13, 2021 Minutes – Special Meeting & Executive Session: **Motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting and executive session on August 13, 2021 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried. Tom Linkel abstained.**

August 17, 2021 Minutes – Special Meeting: **Motion to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2021 special meeting by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Tim Wildman: Tim Wildman came before commissioners to discuss the current issues he sees within the Area Plan's Comprehensive Plan and requested certain items be removed, added and/or defined. He would like somebody to look at what he believes to be a nuisance under that plan including noise, odor and waste. Commissioner Linkel stated that Bob Braun will act as his designee under the unkempt ordinance passed a few weeks ago. **Motion for Bob Braun to investigate the presented issue by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

Health Board Appointments: **Motion to appoint Rachel Ramey to the Franklin County Health Board by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**


Motion to appoint Carol Westerman to the Franklin County Health Board by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion to appoint Lovely Lynn Griffin to the Franklin County Health Board by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn: **Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Others Present: Mildred I Simmermeyer, Jon Hundley, Perry Knox, Scott Lee, Bridget Hayes, Brenda Eckerle, Debbie Schoettelkotte, Greg Mehlbauer, Peter Cates, Rita Seig, Eugena Monroe. Viewing by Zoom: Lynn Westerfeld, R. Teufel, Sara Duffy, Protect A1, Nraible, Health 2, Kayla, Treasurer and 765-647-3106.


AYES:



Tom Linkel



Gerald Wendel



Tom Wilson

NAYS:

Tom Linkel

Gerald Wendel

Tom Wilson

ATTESTED BY: 

Karla J. Bauman, Auditor