



**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2020 – 10:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met on August 25, 2020, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners/Council meeting room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Gerald Wendel, Faye Hay and Karla Bauman, Auditor. Tom Linkel attended thru Zoom.

Open: The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance was led by Gerald Wendel.

Service Price Estimate – Recorder & Surveyor: The recorder and surveyor presented quotes from IRA for digitizing records in their offices. The records will be available to the public online which will help with social distancing and reducing the spread of covid-19 by less person to person contact. Franklin County will seek reimbursement from the CARES Act. **Motion to approve the service estimate quotes for the recorder in the sum of \$39,980.40 and for the surveyor in the sum of \$14,771.83 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

County Line Road: Grant Reeves presented the current issue with County Liand the property owned by Mr. Wilhelm. Mr. Wilhelm's attorney and realtor were also present. Commissioners had requested that the County Engineer research the matter and report his findings to them. Mr. Smith presented his findings, a copy of which is attached. **Motion to do the minimum maintenance required to repair County Line road using our own workforce not to exceed \$5,000 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel. Ayes: Tom Linkel and Gerald Wendel Nays: Tom Wilson. Motion carried. Motion for Grant Reeves to contact the town of St. Leon to see if they are amenable to providing gravel for the minimum construction of a gravel road and report back at our next meeting by Gerald Wendel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

County Health Insurance Renewal – Mike Kramer: Mike Kramer presented a brief history of the County's health insurance coverage over the past year. He also presented the cost for Sun Life Premium Coverage for next year which would be \$730,037.00. Mildred Simmermeyer asked what did insurance cost per employee for the year and it was determined to be about \$14,000.00. **Motion to accept the Sun Life Premium coverage for one year at \$730,037.00 by Gerald Wendel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

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General Obligation Bond: Auditor Bauman delivered the General Obligation Bonds that were approved by Council to the Commissioners for their approval and signature. Said bonds will be issued in the sum of \$1,220,000.00 on September 2, 2020. **Motion to sign the general obligation bonds by Gerald Wendel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.** Tom Linkel requested that Faye stamp his signature on the bonds.

Monthly Report for July – Clerk: Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Clerk’s report for July by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Monthly Report for July – Treasurer: Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer’s report for July by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Payroll Deductions – August 14, 2020: Motion to approve the payroll deductions for August 14, 2020 in the sum of \$74,998.61 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Payroll – August 28, 2020: Motion to approve the payroll in the sum of \$185,716.12 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Claims – August 25, 2020: Motion to approve the claims in the sum of \$954,308.39 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Derrick Kolb: Derrick Kolb, chief deputy in the auditor’s office requested the commissioners to consider direct deposit for all county employees during the Covid-19 pandemic. He also asked for a county policy to control the office supplies that would be required to take home during any time period the employee was working remotely. There have been two requests for reimbursement for office supplies, one around \$1,700 and the other around \$1,900. If the other offices also submit claims the total purchased for office supplies to work remotely would be around \$10,000 to \$14,000. That is a lot of office supplies. It has been suggested that all supplies be kept perhaps in the commissioner’s office and then handed out as needed. Commissioners will forward to Grant Reeves for a policy.

Sara Duffy – Sara Duffy with the Observer asked the following questions:

1. What two offices presented invoices for office supplies in the amounts of \$1,700 and \$1,900 for remote work? **The recorder was around \$1,900 and the treasurer around \$1,700.**
2. Who purchased the bond? **Auditor Bauman will send her the information following the meeting.**
3. What was the realtor’s name for Mr. Wilhelm? **Dan Day**

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

Others Present: Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Connie Bischoff, R. Teufel, Bob Wilhelm, Judy Kramer, Mike Kramer, Dan Day. Others were also in attendance by zoom and/or not legible on sign in sheet.

Minutes approved September 8, 2020.


AYES:

NAYS:



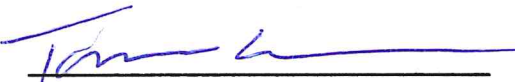
Gerald Wendel

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Attested By: 

Karla J. Bauman, Franklin County Auditor