
Franklin County Commissioners
August 29, 2016
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman
Auditor: Stephen Brack

Open: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and 2nd by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Claims: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve claims and was 2nd by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Unkempt/Unsafe Ordinance: Mr. Worth is still working on this and at this time no action is taken.

Franklin County Highway – Ted Cooley: Presented his weekly update: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to sign Supplemental Agreement for Bridge 144 and was 2nd by Tom Linkel. Motion carried. Mr. Cooley asked for permission to place ADA Disability Awareness brochures in the offices with public counters. Commissioner Roberts noted that all employees should read these brochures and sign a statement that they have done so. Bridge 31 – North Hamburg Road – Mr. Cooley stated he would be getting quotes from 3 consultants for assistance. Commissioner Linkel suggested that at least one Commissioner along with Mr. Cooley and Consultants visit the site. Mr. Cooley asked Kevin Loiselle for a second opinion as a beam is slipping and may require closing of one lane in the next two to four years. Commissioner Roberts asked Mr. Cooley to be read to bid this project early in 2017 so that repairs can be made in the summer of 2017. Bridge 139 – Wolf Creek – it was stated that at the Council meeting on Aug. 23, 2016 funding was approved for the construction and property agreement and Copperhead Excavation was the only bidder. A motion was made by Tom Wilson to award the bid at \$62,125.00 and was 2nd by Tom Linkel. Motion carried. Work

is to begin the week of Sept. 26 and Mr. Layton has subcontracted to split the work due to Mr. Layton's work schedule. Community Crossing Matching Grant: Officials will make the presentation of the award at 10:00 on Friday, Sept. 2, 2016. Councilman Kramer spoke about the project and noted that we need to coordinate the spending of the Grant and committee of Commissioner Roberts, the County Auditor, Highway Engineer Cooley, Highway Secretary and 3 Road Foreman and Jeff Koch and Aaron Leffingwell from County Council. Mr. Kramer also stated that a separate line be added for each project. The County also needs to spend the money before any reimbursements are made. It was suggested that we complete a project and get paperwork submitted to see how long it takes to get the reimbursement. It is the understanding there should be a 30 day turnaround. Commissioner Roberts suggested that a work sheet for specific projects be done for each district.

Employee Handbook: Commissioner Linkel presented 2 ordinances for the Standard/Highway handbook and that of the Sheriff/Jail&911 regarding time and a half for sick and vacation days. A motion to approve Ordinance 2016-26 was made by Tom Linkel and 2nd by Tom Wilson. Motion carried. Commissioner Roberts was opposed. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve Ordinance 2016-27 and was 2nd by Tom Wilson. Motion carried. Commissioner Roberts was opposed.

United Way: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to give approval for United Way to visit county offices to solicit for donations and was 2nd by Tom Linkel. Motion carried. This will not be payroll deducted.

Councilman Daryl Kramer: came before the commissioners to ask them to reverse a decision which was made in June 2016 and the consequences which allows more access to the LOW computer system. In June, Treasurer Veronica Voelker stated that she could not do her job with limited access. After a 2 week period the commissioners voted to add Treasurer Voelker and Auditor Steve Brack as Co-Administrator for the LOW system. Councilman Kramer stated the Auditor should control only the financial records and the Treasurer only the fund records. They should be able to view but not change records in the each other's departments and only the payroll deputy should have access to employee information such as social security numbers. Commissioner Wilson stated that the commissioners and departments should be able to view information in LOW

by not make changes. Mr. Kramer noted that departments should view only their own data to avoid accidental errors. If at any time the books do not balance it should immediately be brought to the commissioner's attention. At this time no decision was made for changing access to the LOW SYSTEM.

Payroll: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve payroll and was 2nd by Tom Linkel. Motion carried. Commissioner Roberts stated that the Small Animal Control officer time sheet showed 37 hours straight time and 29.5 hours of overtime for two weeks. Commissioner Wilson said the time sheet should be corrected. The time sheets should also be submitted every pay period.

semi- Public Comments: Mrs. Simmermeyer mentioned that the county pays \$29,630 annually and asked Auditor Brack how much was paid to LOW for coming to his office to train the new 1st Deputy. Auditor Brack stated that we have so much approved for support and training that are included in the contract and there was no extra charge during this time. Mrs. Simmermeyer also objected to the change in the county's overtime policy and the way the commissioners handled it. Commissioner Linkel said he previously talked about bringing up an important change but not voting on it until the following meeting. Mrs. Simmermeyer also asked why the Handbook Committee did not handle the change. Commissioner Linkel said he did send an email to other departments before make the change and there were no objections.

Meeting – Water for Residents: Attorney Worth stated that Lt. Governor Holcomb's staff will be coming to Franklin County to hold a public meeting about residents without access to water from a public utility company. No date and time have been set at this time.

Others in attendance: Betty Lecher, Mildred Simmermeyer, James Sprague, Ted Cooley, Brent Roberts, Sara Duffy, Bill Hale and Marty Han. The names are spelled correctly per the sign in sheet.


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Tom Wilson



Tom Linkel



Eric Roberts

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Tom Wilson

Tom Linkel

Eric Roberts

ATTEST:

Stephen Brack, Auditor