

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on August 6, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners/Council meeting room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Gerald Wendel, Carol Westerman and Karla Bauman, Auditor. Tom Linkel was absent.

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

Approve Minutes – July 30, 2019: Motion to approve the July 30, 2019 minutes by Gerald Wendel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

Approve Claims: In addition to the regular claims, there were three “special” claims presented to the Commissioners for consideration that was filed by the Franklin County Health Department. The three claims filed were for August contractual services and Linda Vaughan was requesting that they be paid on August 16, 2019 with the payroll. Auditor Bauman stated that the Commissioners could approve whatever they wanted, but that she would not be able to sign it because it would be paying services in advance of performance. She further stated that the State Board of Accounts in a prior audit indicated that advance payment was not allowed. In the prior audit there was a finding for paying pauper counsel contractual services in advance of counsel completing performance. Auditor Bauman suggested the Commissioners have their attorney review the contracts and claims. Commissioners will give to Grant Reeves to review paying independent contractors in advance of performance. **Motion to approve the regular claims submitted by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

LPA Voucher – USI-Bridge Inspection: Motion to accept the LPA Voucher which has been examined and approved for signature by Gerald Wendel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

Glenn Bailey: Surveyor Bailey presented photos of a water issue in Country Charm Estates. Since the issue is on private property there is nothing the Commissioners can do.

Clerk Raible & Auditor Bauman: Both the Clerk and Auditor requested that the Commissioners follow-up with their attorney in regards to the Town of Laurel and the unpaid expenses from the 2015 election. Since there will be another election in 2019 for the Town of Laurel, the County should be paid for the 2015 election expenses before incurring additional costs for conducting the 2019 Town election. Auditor Bauman also asked if the unpaid amount could, under Indiana law, be withheld from their tax distribution at settlement. Commissioners will have their attorney review the unpaid election expenses and distribution question.

Sara Duffy: Sara Duffy asked the Commissioners if they intended to put a burn ban in place after the fire that occurred at a hotel in Indianapolis. A cigarette butt was thrown in the mulch which then caught on fire. Commissioners stated that the EMA director lets them know when a burn ban needs to be put in place. They will contact Ed with EMA and ask.

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

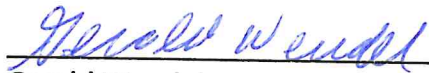
Others Present: Faye Hay, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Glenn Bailey, Sara Duffy, Wayne Monroe, Randulf Teufel, Neysa Raible, Linda Vaughan and J. Steven Cox.

Minutes approved August 13, 2019.

AYES:



Tom Wilson



Gerald Wendel

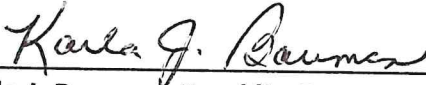
NAYS:

Tom Wilson

Gerald Wendel

Tom Linkel absent at August 6, 2019 meeting.

Attested By: _____


Karla J. Bauman, Franklin County Auditor