

Franklin County Commissioners
June 22, 2015
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.

Bruns/Harvey Ditch: Glen and Gerald Bruns, Roy Harvey, Jr and Darrell Harvey came back to the Commissioners meeting with additional questions concerning the Bruns/Harvey Ditch. Glenn Bruns reported that there were hidden costs of the drainage ditch. Mr. Bruns had several documents from 1997 to the present, including copies of bills paid by the county and stated the numbers didn't add up. The BHD contractor, Clyde Bolser was paid \$107,342.89 and the land owners are paying a total of \$120,000. Both Glenn and Gerald objected to the \$3,250 that was paid to Seig Assoc. for the survey that was done incorrectly in 2007. Commissioner Linkel stated that everything had been corrected and the expense was correct. The Bruns's also complained about the billing of the landowners and asked several times why this was turned into a project. Commissioner Wilson stated it was out of the Commissioner's hands and said this was between the Treasurer and the Auditor. Treasurer Voelker explained that it was the commissioners as the Drainage Board made the decision and not the Treasurer or the Auditor. It was stated by Glen Bruns that he and Darrell Harvey were ready to pay the taxes and were told not to as the billing was wrong. There were also several questions regarding the interest on the bank loan. Commissioner Roberts explained the numbers were from a worksheet and were not official. Again the overall cost of the BHD was discussed and that the loan is for \$113,076 for 5 years at a rate of 2.37% of which the landowners would be paying \$120,000, which is the original engineering amount from Surveyor Joe Gillespie. A question was asked if the interest could be lowered and was told from the Treasurer that it could not be and explained again the tax settlement. Commissioner Roberts explained that the new loan requires payment every 6 months with interest first and then balance to principal. Commissioner Linkel offered to provide Mr. Bruns a complete statement from the bank and Commissioner Wilson explained that no additional money could be drawn on the loan. Mr. Bruns stated that it seems that wheels are just spinning and the commissioners made no decision to the property owners

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

Clerk's Report: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to acknowledge receipt of the Clerk's report and was 2nd by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Franklin County Highway Engineer – Ted Cooley: noted that flashing speeds signs will be placed later in the week to help slow down traffic on the US 52 detour. Discussion was held as to how overtime is handled in the 3 districts of the Highway department. Commissioner Roberts asked that if an employee stays late to finish a project, should they receive OT or COMP time off? Both Commissioners Wilson and Linkel agreed that employees should be paid OT unless the employee would request COMP time. Commissioner Linkel was going to check with a Labor Law Attorney. Bids will be opened July 20 at 10:00AM for construction of the new Stockpile Road Bridge. Option 1 includes: installing and welding

the bridge deck and guardrail at an estimate of \$17,000. Option 2 includes: additional work such as digging holes and building the bridge approaches. The Highway Dept. may do the extra work to save money.

Jail: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to authorize Quality Plumbing to repair the 12 toilets in the Jail in the amount of \$3,210.00 and was 2nd by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.


Region 9 Workforce Investment Board: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to appoint Eric Roberts and was 2nd by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to adjourn and was 2nd by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Others in attendance: Glen Bruns, Gerald Bruns, James Sprague, Sara Duffy, Roy Harvey, Jr., Renee Estridge Darrell Harvey, Veronica Voelker and Ted Cooley. The names are spelled correctly as per the sign in sheet.

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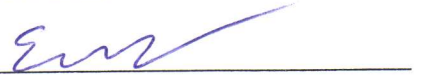
Tom Wilson

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Tom Linkel

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Eric Roberts

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Attest:

Stephen Brack, Auditor