

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
MARCH 12, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.  
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on March 12, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council meeting room, #203. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Gerald Wendel, Carol Westerman, Secretary and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

**The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Wilson.**

**Doug Graf, USI – LPA Matching Funds (Causeway Bridge):** Doug Graf with USI came before the Commissioners to discuss the letting for Bridge #144 which took place on March 11, 2019. There were four bidders with Dave O'Mara being the low bidder at \$1,972,000.00. This is slightly over the estimated construction costs of \$1,953,209.45. The difference is \$18,790.55 which the County will be required to pay 100% of. The total cost of construction the County will be required to pay including the water line relocation is \$770,720. This amount must be submitted to INDOT in order for the project to start. Mr. Graf recommended that the County allow for some extra, just in case and suggested \$800,000.00. **Motion to sign the LPA Agreement on Bridge #144 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Approve Minutes – March 5, 2019:** Motion to approve the March 5, 2019 minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Approve Claims:** Motion to approve claims as well as the claims that were filed in Fund 1169 in which Council just approved a loan this morning by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Approve Payroll and Payroll Deductions:** Motion to approve payroll and payroll deductions by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Clerk & VSO February, 2019 Monthly Reports:** Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Clerk's and VSO's February, 2019 monthly report by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Ordinance 2019 - \_\_\_ PTABOA:** The ordinance for the PTABOA board was not ready for this meeting and will be addressed at a different time.

**Ordinance 2019-07 Standard/Hwy Personnel Handbook and Ordinance 2019-08 Sheriff/Jail/E-911 Personnel Handbook:** Ordinance 2019-07 is an ordinance amending the Standard/Hwy Personnel Handbook on the accrual of sick leave. The ordinance also amends the rounding of time worked from quarters to tenths. Ordinance 2019-08 is an ordinance amending the Sheriff/Jail/E-911 Personnel Handbook on the accrual of sick leave as well as the rounding of time worked from quarters to tenths. **Motion to approve Ordinance 2019-07 amending the**

**Standard/Hwy Personnel handbook and Ordinance 2019-08 amending the Sheriff/Jail/E-911 Personnel Handbook by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Letter of Support – FC Convention, Recreation & Visitors Commission:** Commissioners had a letter of support for the Whitewater Canal Trail to receive the 2019 Indiana Greenways Outstanding Trail Group. The Whitewater Canal Trail group of volunteers were nominated by Franklin County Convention, Recreation and Visitors Commission. **Motion to sign the letter of support for the Whitewater Canal Trail by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Indemnity Agreement – Metamora Fire Department:** An Indemnity Agreement between Metamora Volunteer Fire Department and Franklin County was presented for consideration to hold harmless Franklin County against any claims or damages caused by fireworks purchased during 2019 with funds provided by Franklin County. **Motion to sign the Indemnity Agreement with Metamora Volunteer Fire Department by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Curtis Ward – Town of Brookville:** Curtis Ward came before the Commissioners and requested that they not contribute to the spread of rumors in regards to the possible purchase of the golf course and annexation. Mr. Ward also read from the October 23, 2018 Commissioners' minutes wherein Mr. Ward presented a map of the proposed annexation to them.

**Additional Comments:** Commissioner Tom Linkel discussed that he would like to put District 1's road grader up for sealed bid to be opened two weeks from now. Aaron Leffingwell from the audience suggested the commissioners look into govdeals.com, a website similar to e-bay, but is for auctioning of government property. Aaron explained to the commissioners how it worked and that they have used the website to auction ambulances. Mr. Linkel will look into govdeals.com.

Auditor Bauman wanted to clarify two items from the previous meeting in regards to the administration of the MVH funds and Jeff Myer Ditch project. Bauman stated that it was not just the LOW Financial system that was unable to do sub-funds as required by the SBOA in regards to Funds 1176 and 1173, but that no financial systems used by the Auditors in Indiana are capable of doing it. She believes she has worked out the process for administering the two funds according to SBOA guidelines and the webinar training. She also wanted to clarify that the Jeff Myer Ditch project has been set up and the landowners will be receiving their billing on that shortly. Although they are being billed now, they will have until May 2020 to pay in full before being assessed any interest or penalties.

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

Others Present: Perry Knox, SJCA, Doug Graf, USI, Sara Duffy, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Wayne Monroe, John Estridge, Terry Duffy, Curtis Ward and Aaron Leffingwell

Minutes approved March 26, 2019.

**AYES:**

**NAYS:**



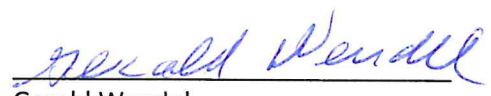
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Karla J. Bauman, Franklin County Auditor