

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
September 24, 2019, – 10:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on September 24, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners/Council meeting room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Gerald Wendel, Carol Westerman and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

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

Josh Low – LOW Security: Josh Low came before the Commissioners at the request of Tom Linkel to discuss the securities of the Low system. Mr. Linkel asked if the current settings allowed the treasurer full access to the auditor side and the auditor full access to the treasurer’s side. Josh Low said that it did. Auditor Bauman corrected Josh Low in that the Auditor did not have access to the Treasurer’s side. Andrew Low confirmed that the auditor did not have that access. Auditor Bauman stated that SBOA said that the duties of both offices should be segregated and that they will be auditing the securities with the 2019 audit. Commissioners agreed that the Auditor will have control of securities for her office on her side and Treasurer will have control on her side for her office. Each office will have viewing rights as is necessary for each to perform their jobs. Commissioners will send a letter to LOW to change the security administrator rights.

Doug Graf, USI – Gobbles Creek: Mr. Graf is waiting for a breakdown and will follow-up with a progress report. Larry Smith the new engineer will be starting October 1st.

Harry Graves – Road Closures, Alleged Disrespect, Right of Way Claims: Harry Graves came before the Commissioners to discuss several issues. Mr. Graves asked the Commissioners who had the authority to close roads. Mr. Graves was upset that Blue Creek Road was closed for bridge repair prior to the Franklin County Tractor Show. He was also upset that when he called the Commissioner’s office, he was transferred to the highway dept. Faye Hay explained that he was not transferred to the highway department but that an employee from the highway department walked in while she was on the phone with him. Since she is new, she believed the highway employee could answer his questions. He was also upset with the helicopter flying over cutting trees along the right of ways. The roads should be closed when this is going on. Commissioners explained that the road closure is set by the contractor once they receive the notice to proceed.

Brian Bauman requested that the barrier blocking Columbia Street and Wynn in Metamora be moved for Canal Days so his lot can be accessed. Commissioners agreed it could be moved.

Ordinance 2019-23 – Area Plan Commission: Grant Reeves presented Ordinance 2019-23 for the Commissioners consideration. This ordinance will re-establish the Area Plan Commission membership to match the current criteria of the standard Indiana statutory scheme. **Motion to approve Ordinance 2019-23 re-establishing the APC membership by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Proclamation – Burn Ban: Due to no rain for an extended period of time and the county wide drought conditions, the Commissioners discussed passing a Disaster Emergency Proclamation.

The burn ban will be in force for 14 days, unless rescinded by the Commissioners. It may also be extended an additional seven (7) days if necessary. **Motion to sign the Disaster Emergency Proclamation for the county wide burn ban by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Approve Minutes – September 17, 2019: Motion to approve the September 17, 2019 minutes by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Approve Claims: Motion to approve the claims in the sum of \$266,748.86, by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

Approve Payroll – Motion to approve payroll in the sum of \$175,076.76 and payroll deduction in the sum of \$83,435.88 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Brookville Lake Regional Waste District – Reappointment: Motion to reappoint Michael Saunders to the Brookville Lake Regional Water District Board of Trustees from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2023, by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Request to Change Capital Assets – Sheriff Dept.: The Sheriff's office filed requests to remove several items from the capital asset inventory and permission to dispose of them. Items included tv's, monitors and cameras. **Motion to remove said items from the capital asset inventory and dispose said items by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Tom Linkel – Commissioner Linkel has been in contact with the last homeowner on Kentucky Ave. who is interested in co-sharing the costs of chip and seal on that road. He told Glenn Bailey to touch base with him. Commissioners were also asked if there was any update on the bus turnaround. Commissioners stated they were still waiting on an agreement between the school and homeowner. The turnaround on Evans Road will be chip and sealed.

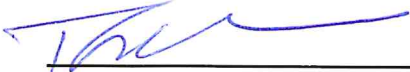
Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Others Present: Faye Hay, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Mark R. Simmermeyer, Betty C. Lecher, Bob Lecher, Andrew Low, Josh Low, Doug Graf, Neysa Raible, Veronica Voelker, Jolene Beneker, Sara Duffy, Glenn Bailey, Connie Bischoff, Daryl Kramer, Perry Knox, SJCA, Brian Bauman, Marty Han, E & H Brigde, Wayne Monroe and Harry Graves.

Minutes approved October 8, 2019.

AYES:

NAYS:



Tom Wilson

Tom Wilson



Tom Linkel

Tom Linkel



Gerald Wendel

Gerald Wendel

Attested By: 

Karla J. Bauman, Franklin County Auditor