



**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
MARCH 03, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.  
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in a regular meeting on March 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Gerald Wendel, Fayette Hay, and Derrike Kolb, Chief Deputy Auditor.

**OPEN:** The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Wilson.

**OPENING REMARKS:** Commissioner Wilson started the meeting with informing the public that the closure of US 52 will be delayed as they do tree trimming to get ready for the main work.

**MICHELLE RUSSELL/DANNY WARD – 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY COURT HOUSE LAWN:** Ms. Russell and Mr. Ward were wanting to use the Court house lawn for some vendors on 4<sup>th</sup> of July for their Car Show that will be going on around the Court House. **Motion to allow Main Street Committee to use the Courthouse Lawn by Commissioner Linkel, seconded by Commissioner Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**CINDY ORSCHELL – AREA PLAN DIRECTOR:** Ms. Orschell presented two Ordinances to the Commissioners for amend the Franklin County Citizens Zoning Code. The first change was to Sec 80.09.02 to removing the requirement the Notice of Agriculture Activity Disclosure be recorded in the Recorder's Office with a fee of \$25.00. Ms. Simmermeyer asked the Commissioners if the fees would be reimbursed to citizens that have paid this fee. Commissioner Wilson said no and what has been done is done. **Motion to approve Ordinance 2020-06 Amending the Franklin County Citizens Code by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

The next was is for Sec 80.06.04 Specific Conditional Uses to correct some of the wording for Drug related rehab places, but not limited to physicians. **Motion to approve Ordinance 2020-07 Amending the Franklin County Citizens code by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**LPA VOUCHER – BRIDGE INSPECTION:** Motion to sign the LPA Voucher totaling \$4,452.00 for Bridge Inspection by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**AFLAC – PAYROLL DEDUCTION:** The Auditor's Office presented a payroll deduction claim to AFLAC from February 2017 need to be reimbursed back to the employees. **Motion to have the auditor's office reimburse the funds back to employees it came from by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**CUMULATIVE CAP DEVELOPMENT/CUMULATIVE BRIDGE RATES:** Commissioner Linkel wanted to discuss with the other Commissioners the potential of raising both the Cumulative Cap rate and Cumulative Bridge Rate. His thoughts were to raise the Cumulative Bridge rate from \$0.0441 to \$0.530, which would not be a tax increase it would just take more of the pie from County General. Also, he wants to raise the Cumulative Capital Development rate from \$0.0147 to \$0.0235, which would be a tax increase. Commissioner Linkel stated that after talking with Council they would be okay with it in pieces and not an increase all at once. Commissioner Wilson stated why not just take as much as they can right

now. They have more than enough in County General and Rainy Day. **Motion to have Grant Reeves advertise the Cumulative Capital Development and Cumulative Bridge rate increase by Commissioner Linkel, seconded by Commissioner Wendel, 2-1; Yay – Tom Linkel and Gerald Wendel, Nay – Tom Wilson, Motion carried.**

**COMMUNITY CROSSING GRANT FUNDS:** Commissioner Linkel gave an updated about the County Matching Portion for the Community Crossing Grant. They are thinking of down a transfer of funds from Highway Unrestricted to Highway Restricted and spend down some of the Cash reserves.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 02/25/2020:** Motion to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2020 with the specification that the Pull barn at the Transfer Station is for the County Highway by Commissioner Linkel, seconded by Commissioner Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

**RIVER ROAD – MIKE FEHLINGER:** Mr. Fehlinger read aloud an email he sent to the Army Corp of Engineers and DNR and he also read the Army Corp of Engineers. The Army Corp of Engineers stated they could not do anything until they received an application from the County Commissioners. The Commissioner were in agreement to have the County Engineer submit the necessary applications and to come up with a temporary fix for the situation.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Ms. Duffy had some clarification questions about what funds were being used for the Matching portion of the Community Crossing Grant. Commissioners stated it would be MVH restricted funds. She also had a question pertaining to the projected growth rate and bond questions.

**Adjourn- Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioners Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Others Present:** Mildred I Simmermeyer, Perry Knox, Darryl Kramer, R. Teufel, Mike Fehlinger, Glenn Bailey, Michele Russel, Sara Duffy, Daniel Ward. Any names that are unable to read are not added to the minutes.

Minutes for March 3, 2020 approved.

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Karla J. Bauman, Auditor