

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MEMORANDUM & MINUTES
May 14th, 2012 @ 7:00 PM
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING ROOM 203

Those Present: County Commissioners: Thomas Wilson Tom Linkel Scott McDonough
County Auditor: Erica Hudson
Commissioners Attorney: John Worth
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman

Thomas Wilson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIDS: BRIDGE #37 STIPPS HILL (Deck Demolition & Replacement Project): Ted Cooley presented the bids as follows; Ballenger (\$185,000), Lykins (\$192,689), C&H/M (\$115,814), Bischoff (\$71,996.70), and All American (\$99,974.10). **MOTION:** Tom Linkel motioned to approve the Engineers' recommendation and sign the notice to award the bid to Ken Bischoff for \$71,996.70. Scott McDonough 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

PARK TANK & TOWER PROJECT: EMA Director Ed Hollenbach: Ed provided a proposal for Preferred Tank & Tower for the 198' self-support tower located in the Franklin County Park. Ed explained that the importance is indescribable and is utilized by EMA, Highway, and Sheriff's Department. **MOTION:** Scott McDonough motioned for a transfer to be submitted to County Council prior to approval; \$31,350. Tom Linkel 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

ORDINANCE 2012-16: REZONE: Randy Siedell: MOTION: Scott McDonough motioned to approve the favorable recommendation of the APC Board for the rezone on 8032 Davidson Road to allow a business for selling weapons (guns); Ordinance 2012-16. Tom Linkel 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

METAMORA REGIONAL SEWER BOARD: Steve Collier: Steve expressed great concern for the Legislatures recent decision to enact House Bill 1117 to be effective July 1st. The Regional Water and Sewer Districts will be impacted in reference to tax lien and sewer lien foreclosures and the tax sale allocation process. Steve stated that from what he understands this bill will eliminate eligibility for properties qualifying for a tax sale with sole qualification of foreclosure due to liens. Steve commented that the Board is liable for USDA (US Dept. of Agriculture) loan and currently the debt is between \$70,000-\$80,000. Steve stated that between sewer and tax liens the revenue in 2010 was approximately \$20,000 and in 2011 approximately \$30,000 for which the success is derived from such lies and the threat of tax sales. Steve went on to explain that there is a grant involved in the loan which requires the Board to meet the obligations as defined by the agreement or result in default. There are currently 2 unfunded accounts that are also requirements that have not been met due to economic circumstances. The Board was established for 200 customers, which barely qualified the Board for the loan or grant. The rate calculations were based on estimates and therefore have never been accurate. The Board is also 5 members versus the regular 7 which limits the advice for making these decisions. Steve explained that the electric alone was calculated at \$800/month but averages \$1,300. There is the option to purchase equipment to reduce costs through efficiency, however no funds to purchase the equipment. The loan payment is due January 2013 with an interest rate over 4% which ultimately means the County will be liable to cover the payment if the Board cannot. The County would need to pay the US Dept. of Congress an overall total of \$500,000. Scott McDonough suggested restructuring as a privatized entity through incorporation which would ultimately double sewage rates. Scott recommended that Steve address the Board with the option to maintain the entity or transition to a privatized entity; the ultimate goal is to relieve the County from the debt. Steve expressed that the option to increase sewage rates would only increase the problem and that the citizens cannot afford an increase. Steve explained that the Board would possibly discuss and consider refinancing if this is an option to offset such restrictions per the legislature. Steve stated that a rate study is being conducted and there is IC on rate increases. Steve commented that all together there are 2 grants, 2 bonds, and 1 loan involved. Steve also suggested an attorney to review the situation and provide all options. The Board is not sure that the present attorney is experienced in this area. Thomas Wilson stated that at this point there is no answer. Steve commented that he simply wanted to inform the Commissioners and also that the Board could be impacted due to the fact that you are required to be a paying customer in order to legally serve.

SPYGLASS: Dan Bodin: Dan explained that Spyglass is an auditing firm specific towards electronic data analysis via internet and phone service providers. Spyglass associated with public sectors to accomplish the data analysis. There is no obligation and future commitment is contingent, based upon the data analysis report. Scott McDonough clarified that Phase I consists of verifying history through past claims and Phase II consists of the analysis. If the County decides to proceed via agreement/contract the first year's savings would cover the fee and the overcharge collections from prior records would be split 50/50 between Spyglass and Franklin County. Dan also explained that the first step in the process is to identify recovery, then eliminate underutilized services, and finally to review the general cost reduction comparison; prior versus current. The Commissioners reached the consensus to table the discussion for 1 week to allow John Worth to review and discuss the option on May 29th. Dan explained that Spyglass requires 2 months of billing as well as copies of contracts.

ORDINANCE 2012-15: Personnel Policy Amendment (Nepotism): MOTION: Scott McDonough motioned to enact Ordinance 2012-15 due to State and Federal requirements. Tom Linkel 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

APPOINTMENT: FC Library Board Trustees: MOTION: Scott McDonough motioned to reappoint Gay Worth. Tom Linkel 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

APPOINTMENT: Dist. Planning Council for IN Homeland Security Dist. 9: MOTION: Thomas Wilson motioned to rescind his previous motion to appoint himself on May 7th 2012. Tom Linkel 2nd. Scott McDonough, AIF. MC. **MOTION:** Thomas Wilson motioned to appoint Dave Stutzman. Tom Linkel 2nd. Scott McDonough, AIF. MC.

MINUTES: Executive Session (5/7/2012 @ 9:00 AM) & Commissioners Meeting (5/7/2012 @ 10:00 AM): MOTION: Scott McDonough motioned to approve both sets of minutes. Tom Linkel 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

UTILITY CLAIMS: MOTION: Scott McDonough motioned to approve. Thomas Wilson 2nd. Tom Linkel, AIF. MC.

ENGINEER UPDATES: MOTION: Tom Linkel motioned to sign the notice to proceed for Bridge #37 for the temporary run around and embankment repair to Ballenger. Thomas Wilson 2nd. Scott McDonough, AIF. MC. Ted Cooley reviewed the update sheet submitted which includes Bridge #37 Stipps Hill Road (notice to proceed on 5/29), Stipps Hill Road embankment stabilization (\$390,000 with 80% funded), FEMA (Levee Road scope change submitted and reimbursement request for \$57,000), Elkhorn Road culvert wing wall repair (construction package in progress for contractors 75% funded), Bridge #124 Sunman Road E embankment repair and guardrail installation and tree clearing project (construction specifics in progress), Blue Creek Road and Wolf Creek Road embankment stabilization (rerouting creek), and Enterprise Liquids pipeline utility agreement; for specific details regarding the updates discussed refer to the sheet submitted. The Commissioners were in consensus to request Enterprise Pipeline to make a presentation before the Commissioners, Engineers, Surveyor, and the Public.

PAYROLL: MOTION: Tom Linkel motioned to approve. Scott McDonough 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

METAMORA REGIONAL SEWER DIST.: Emergency Agreement for Goods & Services: MOTION: Scott McDonough motioned to approve/enact the MRSD agreement. Tom Linkel 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

ORDINANCE 2012-13: Zoning Code Amending Ordinance 2011-24 & Resolution 2011-14: MOTION: Scott McDonough motioned to approve due to clerical error on the cover letter for the Franklin County Zoning Code. Tom Linkel 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

ORDINANCE 2012-14: Commissioners Recommendations on Zoning Amendments per Towns Proposed Amendments: MOTION: Scott McDonough motioned to approve with the correction of #2 amended to reflect as #13 representing an unfavorable recommendation. Tom Linkel 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

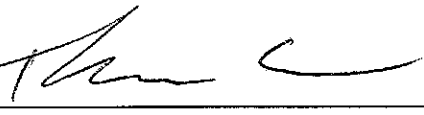
COMMENTS: Thomas Wilson expressed gratitude for the hard work superseding expectation of those including Doug Flaspohler (Custodian), Darren Brack (Custodian), and Charles Thomas (VSO). **MOTION:** Scott McDonough motioned to send a letter of notification denying the Towns request for a special meeting to discuss the Zoning Code and amendments. Tom Linkel 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC. The Commissioners were in consensus to send a letter of support for Bridge #10 to reflect the high priority and request for funding from INDOT.

ADJOURN: MOTION: Tom Linkel motioned to adjourn. Scott McDonough 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

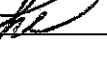
Others Present: Ed Hollenbach Dan Bodin Randy Sidell Darlene Sidell George Hartman

David Mannix John Estridge Judy Stevens Steve Collier Daryl Kramer

Note: Those names listed are spelled as correctly as possible due to the legibility on the sign in sheet.


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Thomas Wilson



Tom Linkel

Scott McDonough

ATTEST: 

Erica Hudson, Franklin County Auditor

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Thomas Wilson

Tom Linkel

Scott McDonough