

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
October 1, 2021
Special Meeting of the Economic Development
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203

The Franklin County Commissioners met in a special meeting on October 1, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Linkel, Gerald Wendel, Grant Reeves, John Palmer, Curtis Ward, Crystal McQueen, Commissioner’s Secretary and Eugena Monroe, Deputy of Auditor, and Bridget Hayes (Press, Observer).

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

Special Meeting of the Economic Development:

This meeting was held to discuss the OCRA Sponsored HELP Grant.

Tom Linkel: After our meeting on Tuesday, we agreed as Commissioners to go separately for the HELP program. John confronted me and explained the program in more detail. He advised me to maybe called Colette Childress from the OCRA. I called her went through every detail I could think of and she made it very plan that if we did not join with Brookville our efforts will be pretty null for our application to go through. We have a much better chance if join as a community with Brookville. So, I got a hold of John again. I told him I was in favor of changing my opinion. That if John wanted to talk to the other two Commissioners. That we the Commissioners would have a special meeting and here we are special meeting. So, we have a resolution here on it is for John is a Resolution on Joint Participation in OCRA Help Program. The **Resolution on Joint Participation in OCRA Help Program (Resolution No. 2021-32)** was read out loud by Tom Linkel. Resolution No. 2021-32 is attached following the minutes. So, my thought is to John, so Indiana is going to match a million dollars?

John Palmer: What there going to due is match up to a million and they require the two entities to go together and dedicate 30% of their ARPS Funds to this program.

Tom Linkel: I got you.

John Palmer: The Town of Brookville already passed an ordinance. So, they have \$500,000 on the line and we have a million. We will get a million coming to match that then since we are two thirds and they are third that is how it will be split.

Tom Linkel: So, we get two million back again. I got it. Grant, I see you are at the podium.

Grant Reeves: Yes, I have looked at the grant and it echoes the general requirements. I checked into the program after the last meeting. I have spoken with someone in another community which has had success with OCRA and this working cooperatively is consistent with OCRA vision now in local cooperation and regional cooperation. Something they really want to see. This is helping to transforming entire communities and not a just a little pocket here and there. So, what that’s what the resolution is and you also got the joint letter with Brookville. The Brookville grant I have check over and all the numbers are consistent. It is more of a general policy statement. Just what the communities are looking for here.

Tom Linkel: I have read the letter. I see nothing that would jeopardize anything. I mean the idea is that we can file together and then we can each have our own projects. So, I think we are good. Do you have any comments, Gerald?

Gerald Wendel: I am ready to conclude.

Tom Linkel: Resolution number 2021-32. So, John do you have an idea or have anybody in mind to take on the program yet or not? Will the position be called a coordinator?

John Palmer: It will be called a Community Coordinator. They will participate in a 52-week training. There are some ideas floating but I do not want to say anything until after we get the grant.

Tom Linkel: But for least for now you can take of things until we know if we received the grant.

John Palmer: Yes, right now I am taking a copy after it has been sign and scan it to be uploaded into the application form. We will just have to wait to see what they say. In the meantime, anything that comes up I can handle it.

Tom Linkel: Very good.

Bridget Hayes: When will the grant be awarded?

John Palmer: Probably not truthy until the end of the year or first of next year. The program is moving fast now. They require a lot of things. Yesterday we completed the application.

Eugena Monroe: I have a couple of questions. Once the grant is obtained is the Auditor receiving the funds and invoices are being paid in advance and then reimbursed? Or are the funds being received in one sum up front and then invoiced for expenditures through the Auditor's Office? Who will be keeping track of the grant financial funds?

John Palmer: This is not a reimbursement grant.

Eugena Monroe: So, the money will be put into?

John Palmer: It will go through the County to be disbursed to the Town.

Eugena Monroe: It will be in an account here within the County and/or within the Town.

John Palmer: Yes

Eugena Monroe: Then the Auditor will be handling the money for the County?

Grant Reeves: What we can be get a local agreement with the Town. So, it can either be going through the Town Treasurer or the County Auditor to make sure all the procedures are being followed. This will be the best way so we are consistent with reporting in however we lay it out. That way we make sure we get all the Is dotted and the Ts crossed. That all the requirements are met because we both have to follow them.

Tom Linkel: Any other questions?

Gerald Wendel: If we have trouble finding someone to take the position are you willing to take the position? Or are you too busy?

John Palmer: That is a good question. I would be willing to do it. For this reason, I think position has to make sure there is one foot in Brookville camp and one foot in the Franklin County camp. I have the time. I could do that.

Tom Linkel: I am going to move to make a motion for Resolution 2021-32 grant solution and joint participation in OCRA Help Program with the Town of Brookville.

Gerald Wendel: I second the motion.

Tom Linkel: Mr. Wilson are you on Zoom?

Call was placed to Mr. Wilson. To see if he wanted to put a vote in. Mr. Wilson is not on Zoom.

Tom Linkel: The other item we have is a letter from the Town of Brookville. This is a letter of interest for the Town of Brookville to join with the Commissioners of Franklin County, Indiana in an agreement for a joint adventure. (Please see attached letter.) I make a motion we sign the letter.

Gerald Wendel: I second the motion.

Tom Linkel: The letter requires my signature and Curtis Wards. Curtis Ward signs the letter in the meeting.

Adjourn- Motion to adjourn by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried. 8:54 a.m.

Others Present: Please see the attached paperwork: Due to some signatures unable to be read and online people we have combined the sheet.

Minutes approved October 05,2021.

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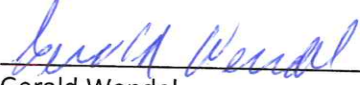
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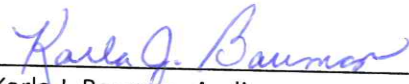
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ATTESTED BY:



Karla J. Bauman, Auditor