

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM 203  
JANUARY 24, 2017  
7:00 P.M.

The Franklin County Council met on January 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Those present for the meeting were: Becky Oglesby, Jeff Koch, Dean McQueen, Joe Sizemore, Glen Bischoff, Keith Hall, Aaron Leffingwell and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

The meeting was opened and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Becky Oglesby.

**MINUTES:** Minutes from December 14, 2016 meeting were read and approved at January 3, 2017 meeting, signed at this meeting. Motion to approve minutes from January 3, 2017 was made by Jeff Koch, seconded by Joe Sizemore, all in favor, motion carried.

**TRANSFERS:** Motion to approve Transfer of Funds Resolution #2017-1, was made by Aaron Leffingwell, seconded by Jeff Koch, all in favor, motion carried:

FROM: 9110 Ebola Grant – Equipment 9111.44400.000.0000 - \$320.00  
TO: 9110 Ebola Grant - Radio Repair 9110.35000.000.0000 - \$320.00

FROM: Ind. Sec. School Safety Grant – Deputy 9126.11801.000.0000 - \$6500.00  
TO: Ind. Sec. School Safety Grant – ILEA Certification 9126.11802.000.0000 - \$6500.00

**TED HENSLEY – PARK PART-TIME PAY:** Brad Stacy, Park Board Member, had four items to bring to the attention of County Council:

1. **Extra Help** – In the current budget for 2017, County Council has placed zero money in that account line and instead has placed the money that would be for extra help at the park and put it in the Supervisor and Asst. Supervisor account line. County Council also increased the hours worked by these two individuals from 32.5 hours to 40 hours per week. It is the Park Board that sets the hours worked by the Park Employees and the Board has set those hours at 32.5. The Park Board would like the money allotted for the 40 hours worked to be moved back into the Extra Help account line. Aaron Leffingwell advised the Park Board representative that they would need to submit a transfer to the Auditor. An account line will be added to the salary ordinance for the extra help.
2. **Seasonal Help** – Requested permission from County Council to advertise for seasonal help. Motion to approve request to advertise for seasonal help by Aaron Leffingwell, seconded by Joe Sizemore, all in favor, motion carried.

3. **2017 Budgeted Health Insurance FYI** – Only \$13,000 was budgeted for 2017 for health insurance for both the Supervisor and Asst. Supervisor and last year that cost was around \$24,000. Aaron Leffingwell acknowledged that County Council was aware that it was underfunded.
4. **Park Board Appointment** – Brad Stacy's appointment on the Park Board ended on December 31, 2016. Joe Sizemore motioned to appoint Brad Stacy to the Park Board, seconded by Glen Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried.

**ENCUMBRANCES:** All encumbrances were read into record by President Becky Oglesby. There was a discussion in regards to the consulting fee for 9127 Lawrenceburg Grant Fund/Redevelopment, Invoice Number 10030, The Wheatley Group in the sum of \$20,000. Keith Hall questioned whether the work was actually performed in 2016 or if the invoice was for work to be completed in 2017. Keith Hall does not believe we should be paying encumbrances for services that have not yet been rendered. Cum Cap 1138.36425.000.0000 was adjusted to \$29,421 and Commissioner's 1000.39953.000.0068 was added in the sum \$51,071 for a total of \$80,492.00. Motion to approve all encumbrances, except for 9127 Lawrenceburg Grant Fund/Redevelopment 9127.31000.000.0000 - \$20,000 and all other corrections made, by Aaron Leffingwell, seconded by Keith Hall, all in favor, motion carried.

**EMS – PROPOSED CONTRACT FOR 2017:** Tom Linkel distributed the EMS Contract to all County Council members. Jeff Koch commented that the contract provides for services to the citizens of Franklin County including Ray and Butler Townships. Those townships pay for EMS service out of Batesville through Fire Territories. Aaron Leffingwell commented that it was a poorly written contract and we are still getting two ambulances to the best of our ability and we are doubling our costs. Eagle Fire Department is a Fire Territory. Sunman gets paid by Highland Township, through the small amount paid by the Township Trustee. Jeff Koch presented a map covering EMS Services. Franklin County EMS covers the rest of the territory. Jana Selke asked a question in regards to an emergency situation in her home, which EMS would respond? Batesville would respond. Ray and Butler are already paying for the service on their property taxes through the Fire Territory, in essence paying double. It wasn't such a big deal when the amount was only \$50,000 or \$75,000, but now we are talking about \$300,000. Jeff Koch would have to vote for this contract only because he would not want to see the rest of the County go without EMS services. We are going to have to switch to Fire Territories for the entire County. Keith Hall explained that years ago EMS was a BLS service. The County demanded that the EMS be ALS which required putting in full-time people, 24/7. That additional cost put them over the limit. Roughly every two years the EMS would be able to purchase new ambulances, without getting a loan. They have not purchase a new ambulance for the past four years. With the change to ALS, EMS expenses have gone up. Keith Hall 100% believes that \$150,000 is not enough. Franklin County is a rural community and there are certain things we have to accept. Due to the lack of response time the citizens will need to address the situation first. Franklin County will not get the kind of service that Batesville gets without paying more in taxes. It would cost up to \$1,000,000 per vehicle. People need to understand the concept of Public

Safety. The Public Safety tax implemented was to balance the budget. Tom Linkel explained where the \$300,000 figure came from. It started with a \$220,000 shortfall for 2017. They wanted another \$170,000. Tom Linkel asked if they would sign the contract for \$300,000. EMS said yes. Tom Linkel suggests that County Council sign the one year contract. Jeff Koch stated this is a contract. We don't look at their financials. If we think for the services, we will get for \$300,000 and that is what we need to look at, then we should do it. Becky Oglesby stated that in her opinion they should show their financials because they are a 501(c)(3) corporation, so they should be able to expose their financials to us. We have a problem with the Sheriff's Department being understaffed and full with inmates sleeping on cots. So we have a problem there and Becky doesn't know where the money would come from to pay for this contract. Becky Oglesby is more worried about getting a lawsuit from the Sheriff's Department than anything else. Becky Oglesby wouldn't mind seeing the contract bumped to \$175,000 but feels \$300,000 is too much. Bill Schirmer stated as a taxpayer that Franklin County imposed a \$1,000,000 plus tax on him for public safety and he received nothing for that in 2016. Dispatchers were added to 911 to cut down on the overtime paid. Three public safety positions were added: Jailer, Dispatcher and Jail Commander. Bill Schirmer asked if those positions cost \$800,000? Becky Oglesby replied no. Aaron Leffingwell stated that the question that was asked was what did you get for the public safety tax? Aaron Leffingwell then asked what additional services are we getting under this contract? We are getting two ambulances to the best of your ability. When we contract for road work, we don't tell them to pave the road to the best of their ability and if you can't get it done in a year, that's okay. This is a poor contract, two ambulances to the best of their ability. The only thing they are providing is ALS, which is an Advanced EMT. Aaron Leffingwell stated that when we asked EMS to submit their request for their contractual fee from Public Safety, they requested \$165,000. We approved \$150,000 because that is the contract we had in front of us. And now, in December 2016, \$150,000 wasn't going to get it. EMS is in essence holding the citizens of this County hostage threatening not to provide service if they can't get more money. What drastically changed in their books since August to December that the amount of request went up \$138,000. Bill Schirmer explained that 12 months of expenses were needed to get an accurate look at their budget. We are under contract until March 31, 2017. Motion to table the EMS contract for further fact finding, by Aaron Leffingwell, seconded by Jeff Koch, all in favor, motion carried. County Council members, Aaron Leffingwell, Keith Hall and Joe Sizemore will meet with County Commissioners. Aaron Leffingwell gave an explanation of the current money in reserves.

**Appointment of Andy Saner to Batesville Economic Development Commission: Motion:** Motion to appoint Andy Saner to Batesville Economic Development Commission by Glen Bischoff, seconded by Jeff Koch, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Auditor, Karla Bauman:** Karla Bauman requested permission from County Council to fill the vacancy in her office not before February 6, 2017. Aaron Leffingwell motioned to allow the advertising to fill the vacancy, but not fill the vacancy until they could look into outsourcing payroll, seconded by Keith Hall. Ayes: Aaron Leffingwell and Keith Hall. Nays: Glen Bischoff, Joe Sizemore, Dean McQueen and Jeff Koch. Motion failed. Motion to allow the Auditor to advertise and fill the vacancy for deputy by Jeff Koch and seconded by Joe Sizemore. Ayes: Jeff

Koch, Joe Sizemore, Den McQueen and Glen Bischoff. Nays: Aaron Leffingwell and Keith Hall.  
Motion Carried.

**Addendum to Salary Ordinance – SAC/Transfer Station employee (2017-01 Salary Ordinance presented with corrections):** The 2017-01 Salary Ordinance was presented to amend the 2016-30 Salary Ordinance with the following corrections:

Reassessment Section 1224: Level 3 Certification Longevity plus Annual Salary was changed from \$886.00 to \$2,500; Part-time Description was changed to GIS Plat Clerk and the approximate annual salary for GIS Plat Clerk was changed from \$2,000 to \$3,600.

Board of Commissioners – Section 1000 Department 0068 – Soil & Water Secretary – The Approximate Annual Salary was “blacked out”. The sum of \$25,350 was entered.

Clerk – Section 1000 – Department 0001 – Clerk – Longevity in the sum of \$360 was removed and the overtime rate was also removed as the elected position is exempt from overtime; the longevity for 1<sup>st</sup> deputy was also removed.

Highway Section 1176 – Department 0530 – The Department number was corrected from 0503 to 0530; Administrative Secretary longevity was corrected to \$1,020; Highway Engineer the hours worked per week was changed from 40 to 32.5.

Park & Recreation – Section 1219 – Park Superintendent Approximate Annual Salary was changed from \$35,063.58 to \$29,134.73 and hours changed from 40 to 32.5; Asst. Park Superintendent Approximate Annual Salary was changed from \$30,622.79 to \$25,449.24 and hours changed from 40 to 32.5

Plan Commission Section 1000 – Department 0079 – Director the overtime was removed as this position is Exempt.

Prosecuting Attorney Section 8895 – Department 9601 – Part time help in the sum of \$9,000 was removed as this amount was covered under Prosecuting Attorney IV-D Section 1000 – Department 9601.

Prosecuting Attorney IV-D Section 1000 – Department 9601 – Part-time help – Fund Number with amounts were changed from 8895.10100.000.9601 - \$9,000 to 8895.10100.000.9601 \$9,500.

Small Animal Control – Section 1000 – Department 0626 – SAC Officer Pay per holiday was removed; hours changed from 40 to 32.5 and Overtime Hourly Rate was changed from \$28.01 to \$22.59.

E911 Landline – Section 1222 – Communication Asst. Supervisor – Approximate Annual Salary was changed from \$33,490.00 to \$33,800.

Sheriff – Section 1000 – Department 0005 – Deputy Sergeant Approximate Annual Salary was changed from \$38,860 to \$36,860.

Jail – Section 7311 Public Safety - Department 0380 – All fund numbers for Jailers were changed from 7311.15700.000.0380 to 7311.15701.000.0380.

Karla Bauman, Auditor, discussed that there were some additional changes that still needed to be made as well as every time there is a change with an employee, due to longevity being included, the salary ordinance would need to be amended. Motion to approve the corrections to the Salary Ordinance retroactive to January 1, 2017, by Aaron Leffingwell, Seconded by Jeff Koch, all in favor, motion carried.

**SBOA – Letter of response (CONFIDENTIAL):** A letter in response to an Exit Conference was signed.

**Ordinance 2017-02 Amending Ordinance 2016-34:** Becky Oglesby read Ordinance 2017-02, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2016-34 into the record. Retroactive to January 1, 2017. Approved January 3, 2017 and Adopted January 24, 2017. All in favor.

Becky Oglesby acknowledged receiving a report from the Sheriff in regards to understaffing and inmates sleeping on cots.

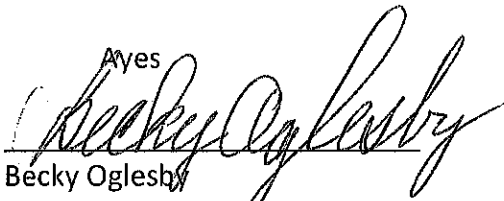
Bill Schirmer commented that the EMS meeting held several weeks ago, was an open meeting and Mr. Schirmer is willing to meet one on one with any of the members if they need more information.

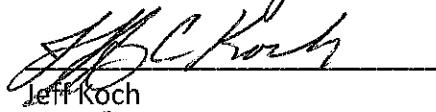
Aaron Leffingwell: Aaron Leffingwell read the Hiring Freeze Ordinance 2015-12, and stated it is not being followed. The three positions added to the Sheriff's Department during the budget hearings, it was said during the budget hearing that before those positions could be filled, the Sheriff would need to get permission. The Jail Commander position is a new position. There is money appropriated in that line, however, he has not come before County Council and received the answer "yes" to fill that position. Aaron Leffingwell would like the Auditor to withhold the pay. The only way we can build up 2.6 million dollars is by being frugal. Becky Oglesby will write a letter to the Sheriff informing him that he cannot fill those positions until he comes before County Council.

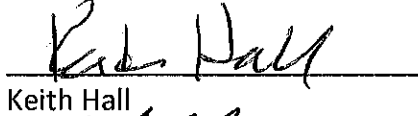
Motion to adjourn the meeting by Joe Sizemore and seconded by Dean McQueen. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

MINUTES APPROVED February 28, 2017.

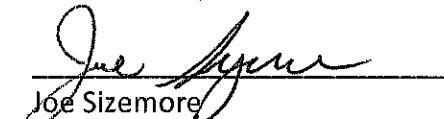
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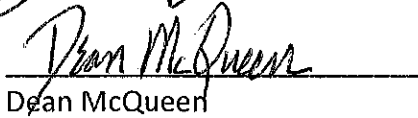
  
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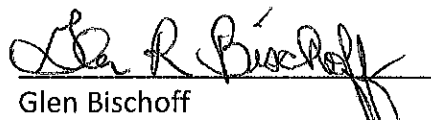
  
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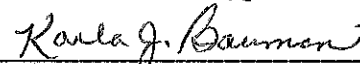
  
Keith Hall

  
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Joe Sizemore

  
Dean McQueen

  
Glen Bischoff

Attested:   
Karla J. Bauman, Auditor

Nays

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