

FRANKLIN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 23, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING, ROOM, #203

The Franklin County Council met in regular meeting on April 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Becky Oglesby, Jeff Koch, Joe Gillespie, Dean McQueen, Joe Sizemore and Karla Bauman, Auditor. Glen Bischoff was absent.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jeff Koch.

Approve Minutes – March 26, 2019: Motion to approve the March 26, 2019 minutes by Scott McDonough, seconded by Joe Sizemore, all in favor, motion carried.

Requests to Advertise – Additional Appropriations: The Franklin County Health Department filed a request to advertise for additional appropriations for Funds 4105, 4907 and 9116. Commissioner, Tom Linkel, had two requests for Council's consideration for additional appropriation. The first was for the Franklin County Park to purchase a low-side dump truck (one that does not require a CDL). The Park has about \$16,000 in their equipment line they could use but would need an additional to cover the additional cost. The cost for this truck would be approximately \$35,000. The second request he had was for the highway department, repairs Mr. Linkel would like that \$14,000 appropriated to make the necessary repairs to the road grader. **Motion to advertise health department's request to advertise for additional appropriations by Becky Oglesby, seconded by Dean McQueen, all in favor, motion carried.** Council denied the request to advertise \$14,000 address where the Auditor should receipt in the \$14,000 check to be received for the sale of the road grader due to not be able to ascertain what fund originally paid for it. **Motion for Auditor to receipt the \$14,000 into Fund 1176, by Scott McDonough, seconded by Joe Sizemore, all in favor, motion carried.**

Commissioner Linkel also requested permission from Council to hire a County Engineer due to the ADA Coordinator duties. After discussion, Council agreed to transfer \$52,000 from contractual services to highway engineer. **Motion to transfer \$52,000 from Fund 1176 contractual services to highway engineer by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Scott McDonough, all in favor, motion carried.**

Tom Linkel also requested that Council consider hiring a human resource person for 2020 as the Commissioners are constantly dealing with handbook issues. He truly believes hiring a human resource person would be good for the County. Auditor Bauman and councilmember Sizemore both stated that the Commissioners are ultimately responsible for the County's human resources, not the auditor. The Auditor cannot make the decisions in regards to the handbook. Councilmember McDonough said hiring a HR person gives all department heads one point of contact in dealing with personnel issues and standardizes the way those issues are handled. Commissioner Linkel stated for HR are to handle handbook issues and insurance issues. Councilmember Sizemore also stated that he has been in favor of a HR person for the past several years.

Tom Linkel also informed Council that they will be seeing a lot of transfers in the upcoming months as they work on their slides.

Transfer of Funds – Resolution 2019-14: Resolution 2019-14 was read into the record. Councilmember McDonough stated that all transfers on this resolution are same series transfers and if it were not for a prior ordinance by council, none of these transfers would need council approval. He would like to at some point have a further discussion about this. He further stated that we are pushing hard for departments to make

transfers within their budgets before requesting additional funds and at the same time making them go thru red tape. He didn't know why we would restrict a State approved tool. **Motion to approve Resolution 2019-14, Scott McDonough, seconded by Becky Oglesby, all in favor, motion carried.**

A transfer of funds for a lawnmower was filed after the deadline with the Auditor's office and was presented for Councils' consideration separate from Resolution 2019-14. Councilmembers questioned Commissioner Linkel on the purchase of the lawnmower and thru discussion that the lawnmower was for the government center. Councilmember Oglesby stated that is not the purpose of the waste management fund. Council would like to do more research on this fund. **Motion to table the transfer for Fund 4013 in the sum of \$2,800.00 by Becky Oglesby, seconded by Joe Sizemore, all in favor, motion carried.**

In follow-up discussion on why council approves same series transfers over \$1,000, Councilmember Oglesby stated the reason council wanted oversight is because department heads would transfer the money within their budgets and council would not see them. Things got out of hand with the transfers and then the department heads would come back for additional money. It was the shell game. Auditor Bauman clarified what Councilmember Oglesby was stating. For example, if somebody transferred their money out of contractual services to another line, then the department head would come back and say they need more money for contractual services. Councilmember McDonough asked then if councilmembers just needed to be notified when transfers were being made. Councilmember Jeff Koch stated that as president he just signed a huge stack of transfers that other councilmembers don't see either. Some times he even has to make a trip over to sign transfers if the department head calls him and it is urgent. Councilmember McDonough read Ordinance 2016-03. Councilmember McDonough suggested making arrangements with the Auditor's office to be informed of all transfers made during the month and if we disagree with the transfers that are being done, we could use that as the basis to deny any additional. Councilmember Koch stated that it is important if this ordinance is rescinded that department heads at budget time understand that if they transfer all their money out of office supplies and use for a different purpose then they shouldn't be budgeting for office supplies. If they money is being transferred out then you really didn't need it. They should budget according to how they are actually spending the money. It just can't be a shell game. Department heads need to be responsible. **Motion to rescind Ordinance 2016-03 by Scott McDonough, seconded by Joe Sizemore. Ayes: Sizemore, McQueen, McDonough and Gillespie Nays: Oglesby**

Since the vote was not unanimous, Council will look at it again at their May 28th meeting.

Resolution 2019-13 – Allocation of Title IV-D Funds (Clerk): Resolution 2019-13 was read into the record. Auditor Bauman explained that a Title IV-D Audit was conducted in the Clerk's office in June 2015. The audit results were reported to the Clerk at that time in October, 2016. The audit found that certain portion of the clerk deputies' pay were not eligible to be paid from the Title IV-D funds and needed to be paid from county general. Title IV-D money can only be used for Title IV-D expenses. After the audit report was received, the Clerk hired Dossett Consulting who conducted a time test to determine how much time in the Clerk's office was spent doing Title IV-D work. Also, Dossett Consulting was working with the State on how to comply with the Audit findings. The Clerk then transferred to the Auditor's office and a new clerk appointed. During the 2019 Title IV-D audit it was noted that the payment from County General to the Title IV-D funds had not been done. This ordinance completes the audit. **Motion to approve Resolution 2019-13 by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Dean McQueen, all in favor, motion carried.**

Request to Amend Salary Ordinance – Sheriff Overtime: Motion to amend the Salary Ordinance for Sheriff Overtime in the sum of \$11,000 by Scott McDonough, seconded by Becky Oglesby, all in favor, motion carried.

County Council Opinion on proposed APC Ordinance: Councilmembers reviewed the proposed ordinance on the APC board membership. Commissioners requested council express their opinion on whether they wanted

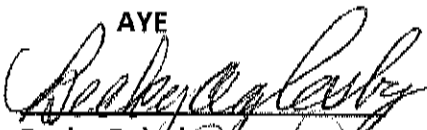
to make one appointment or two appointments. Councilmember Koch likes the idea of one appointment which can either be a member of council or a citizen. Councilmember Oglesby likes the idea of having a citizen appointed. Commissioner Linkel likes the idea of having an elected member serve. Councilmember Gillespie served 40 years on the APC Board as the elected surveyor and was the only elected member. All other members were appointed and he does see the benefit of having other elected officials also serve on that board. Councilmember McDonough likes the direction the Commissioners are going with this ordinance in putting more elected officials on the board. At the end of the day, we are the ones who get voted in and voted out. Councilmember Sizemore will go with whatever the other decide. Councilmember McQueen also likes the direction Commissioners are going. Councilmember Oglesby gave her blessing.

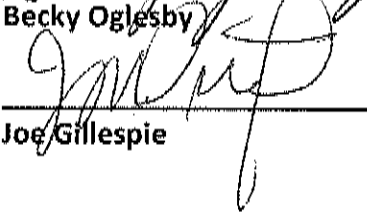
ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Scott McDonough all in favor, motion carried.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mark R. Simmermeyer, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Sara Duffy and Olivia Fledderman

MINUTES APPROVED MAY 28, 2019.

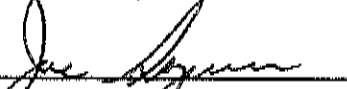
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Glen Bischoff: Absent 4/23/19 meeting

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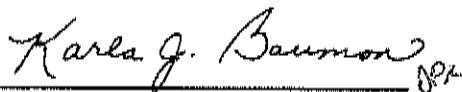
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ATTESTED BY:


Karla J. Bauman, Auditor