

**FRANKLIN COUNTY 2020 BUDGET WORKSHOP**  
**August 19, 2019, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Conference Room #101**

The 2020 Budget Workshop was opened by Jeff Koch.

Coroner – Brian Baxter gave a short presentation to council on the number of hours it takes for just one case. (35 hours) He requested that \$60.00 be added for longevity; increase the per diem for each call to \$250.00; clothing allowance and an increase in the elected official's salary.

Extension Office – They gave a brief presentation on what the educators do. They are requesting an additional full-time clerical position. If approved they would not need the part-time position then. If it is not approved, they would like to increase the part-time amount to \$17,000.

Safe Passage – Mary Mattingly gave a brief presentation on what Safe Passage does for the County. She thanked the County for their support in the past and is requesting \$2,125.00 for the 2020 budget year.

Treasurer – The Treasurer requested to have the hours increased in her office to 35 per week. She also is requesting a full-time deputy to be shared with the Recorder.

Recorder – The Recorder presented an overview to council of her requested budget. She is requesting to increase the hours in her office to 35 per week. She also is requesting a full-time deputy to be shared with the Treasurer.

Assessor – The Assessor requested that her office hours be increased to 35. Council asked questions in regards to the need of \$5,000 in equipment and if it could wait until the 2021 bond.

Surveyor – Mr. Bailey was not present. Scott McDonough read his letter stating he was out of the State on vacation.

Area Planning – Cindy Orschell gave a history the area planning commission office from years past wherein there were 4 employees and now there are 2. She also stated that the county employees went 7 years without raises. She is in need of replacing the Building Permit Program software. The current one they are using is 21 years old. She is asking for a new full-time position which would eliminate the need for part-time. The building inspector is certified and must attend training every 3 years.

Clerk – The biggest difference in this year's budget was the moving of Computer Maintenance and Service Agreements from Clerk Perpetuation Fund to County General. The Clerk Perpetuation Fund can only be used for the preservation of records. She is also requesting new equipment for the 2020 election.

Prosecutor – The Prosecutor is requesting a part-time investigator and explained to council why his office needed this. The pay would be \$12.00. He also requested modest raises for his employees.

EMA – Mr. Hollenbach gave a brief presentation on what he does with hazard mitigation and exercises, as well as the after-action report. He also announced that he will be retiring sometime next year.

Health Department – There was no discussion other than “Any questions”.

Court – Judge Kellerman stated the budget is relatively the same as 2019 with a \$5,000 increase for appeals. The cost of appeals has gone up.

Probation – None: Judge Kellerman did not discuss the probation office budget.

Park – Ted Hensley is asking for the hourly rate paid for part-time and guards be increased from \$10.00 to \$12.00. He also stated that they had planned on buying a tractor this year but wasn't able to. Council reviewed the requested equipment with Ted to see what was needed next year and what could wait for the bond.

Auditor – The Auditor reviewed the requested budget with Council. Requesting an increase of \$800 for Printing & Advertising due to the requirement that the Commissioners are required to publish the Annual Report. If this is not budgeted in the Auditor's budget it will need to be budgeted in the Commissioners. Computer maintenance agreement with Low Associates is currently being renegotiated and the requested amount should be around \$84,000 instead of \$87,000. We are still maintaining the service agreement on the second copier until it is no longer working. This service agreement was not included in the 2019 budget. Microfilming is a new line for the preservation of permanent records.

Staying Alive – Melinda Brown went over the annual report and the request of \$2,500 from the Commissioners budget.

Veteran Office – Mr. Wyatt did not appear before council. Council discussed reducing the transportation by \$1,500 and move to equipment line.

Highway – the consultant prepared the highway budget for 2020. There is an increase in the pay for the County Engineer to \$95,000. Mr. Linkel also stated that he forgot to put a vehicle in the budget for the Engineer.

Sheriff – Sheriff Cates reviewed his requested budget with council. He is requesting three new deputies, one of which will be a second SRO. He is also requesting three new vehicles, 6 new radios, 15 laptops and a new line be added for \$20,000 for a K-9.

Jail – Sheriff Cates is requesting three new jailers. He also stated that the cooks are grossly underpaid and would like to increase their hourly rate to \$12.72 and increase the total sum of part-time to \$17,160.

Commissioners – Tom Linkel announced that their secretary will be retiring next April. They also are requesting the funding for a Human Resource position and a second custodian for the courthouse.

Economic Development – John Palmer gave a brief presentation to council on the work Economic Development and Redevelopment Commission have been doing.

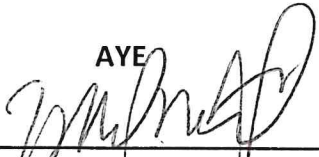
#### **Motions:**

**Motion to reduce County Council Contingency to \$70,000 and put \$20,000 in the K-9 line, by Becky Oglesby, seconded by Scott McDonough, all in favor, motion carried.**

Meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m., August 20, 2019.


August 19, 2019 Workshop Minutes approved September 24, 2019.

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Karla J. Bauman, Auditor