

FRANKLIN COUNTY COUNCIL
AUGUST 18, 2015
COMMISSIONERS COUNCIL MEETING ROOM 203

COUNCIL: Becky Oglesby, Keith Hall, Aaron Leffingwell, Jeff Koch, Joe Sizemore,
Daryl Kramer and Dean McQueen
AUDITOR: Stephen Brack

The Administrative Meeting was called to order by President Becky Oglesby and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Purpose: President Oglesby informed everyone that the purpose of this meeting is regarding the Options for Public Safety and to make sure everyone understands the Public Safety Tax. This means that this tax can only be used for groups such as the Sheriff's Dept., Fire Dept., etc. This tax could also free up money in the county general fund.

PERF: a discussion was held regarding the reduction of the County's contribution. Currently employees pay 3% and the County contributes 11.2%. The 11.2% is mandated by state law.

President Oglesby reminded everyone that the Commissioners are responsible for policy and the Council is fiduciary.

Insurance: discussion then turned to a possibility of savings, a cut in the county employee health care insurance. The county is self-insured, which means the employee's health care are paid out of the county's reserve unless an employee incurs more than \$50,000.00 in expenses. Following the budget hearings the Council sent a letter to the Commissioners regarding finding a savings in the current system. The Commissioners have not responded positively to the suggestion of changes that would transfer more cost to the employees. During the budget hearings Council found some savings by removing the Commissioners and Council from the health insurance eligibility. The Commissioners were asked to change the handbook to reflect changes. A motion was made by Aaron Leffingwell to cut the Commissioners Secretary from their 2016 budget. Much discussion was held concerning this matter and the President then asked that the motion be repeated. The motion stated: to cut the Commissioners Secretary

from the 2016 Budget contingent on the fact the commissioner's need to redo the personnel handbook so that the elected officials (Commissioners and Council) are part-time and remove from the insurance rolls and was 2nd by Daryl Kramer. Motion carried. Voting in favor: Aaron Leffingwell, Daryl Kramer, Keith Hall and Becky Oglesby. Opposed: Jeff Koch, Dean McQueen and Joe Sizemore. President will write a letter to the Commissioners.

The Administrative meeting was closed at 7:00PM.

Regular Meeting:

The Council meeting was called to order by President Oglesby and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Aaron Leffingwell to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and 2nd by Dean McQueen. Motion carried.

Franklin County Park – Ted Hensley: spoke of the need for additional part-time help. A motion was made by Daryl Kramer to allow for 2 part-time positions and was 2nd by Aaron Leffingwell. Motion carried.

EDC – Bill Schirmer: asked the council if the EDC could count on hiring a director in 2016? Council responded to Mr. Schirmer the budget for EDC is \$16,000. Mr. Schirmer said any money comes from the Commissioners who are in charge of EDIT. A motion was made by Aaron Leffingwell to approve EDC director with no additional to be used to fund the position. Aaron Leffingwell rescinded his motion. A motion was made by Aaron Leffingwell that no edit fund to used in salary of EDC Director. Motion died to a lack of a 2nd. A motion was made by Keith Hall to allow the EDIT money is spent on a director with stipulations of: the person that would be hired should be a contract employee and not a county employee with benefits and was 2nd by Jeff Koch. Motion carried. Voting in favor: Joe Sizemore, Keith Hall, Dean McQueen and Jeff Koch. Opposed: Daryl Kramer and Aaron Leffingwell.

Additional: A motion was made by Aaron Leffingwell to approve the additional as submitted and was 2nd by Daryl Kramer. Motion carried.

Transfers: A motion was made by Daryl Kramer to approve the transfers and was 2nd by Aaron Leffingwell. Motion carried

Salary Ordinance: a discussion was held pertaining line 17850 – Highway Truck Drivers from 12 to 11 at \$29,993.60. President Oglesby asked this be tabled until the next meeting. A motion was then made by Daryl Kramer to amend the line to be 11 Truck Drivers at a total annual salary of \$329,929.60 and a change from 12 drivers to 11 and was 2nd by Keith Hall. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Daryl Kramer to recess the Regular Meeting and was 2nd by Aaron Leffingwell.

Public Safety Hearing:

The meeting reconvened for the Public Safety Hearing.

President Oglesby then read the Public Safety Ordinance 2015-14 and the tax would be implemented January 1, 2016 at the rate of .25% for every \$10,000 of adjusted gross income. A lot of discussion was held from the audience as to how much money this tax would bring into the county, if the tax would mean the county employees would get a raise. Before the vote President Oglesby asked each council member to state their feelings regarding the tax. Mr. Kramer said that he saw no other option and without the tax severe cuts and more job loss including sheriff's deputies. Mr. Sizemore stated that last year budget cut for labor cost was the biggest and he is not in favor of any cuts. Councilman McQueen agreed with the tax and said this could keep us solvent. President Oglesby stated she would much rather see a lower rate such as .15% and then the county could look for other sources of revenue. Mr. Hall is opposed to the tax that this new tax would not solve the problem and a 2nd objection was the level of spending. He stated that health insurance is 20% of the budget and this has not been addressed. A third of objection of the new tax would provide the municipalities with a windfall. Council Koch said he favored the tax and he doesn't know where else a cut could be made. Mr. Leffingwell is in favor. He said we have to stop the bleeding. Also mentioned that there has not been enough buy-in from the commissioners and other elected officials. Daryl Kramer moved to adjourn the Public Hearing on Public Safety Tax and was 2nd by Jeff Koch. Daryl Kramer moved to pass Public Safety Tax Ordinance 2015-14 as written and was

2nd by Jeff Koch. A vote was then taken as in favor: Aaron Leffingwell, Daryl Kramer, Joe Sizemore, Jeff Koch and Dean McQueen. Opposed: Becky Oglesby and Keith Hall. Attorney Grant Reeves said that since the vote was not unanimous, Indiana law mandates a second vote, which does not need to be unanimous.

Special meeting: The Cum Bridge Public Hearing will continue on September 1, 2015 at 6:00PM in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203. A motion was made by Daryl Kramer to table this and was 2nd by Joe Sizemore. Motion carried.

Adjourn: With no further business to come before the council a motion was made by Jeff Koch to adjourn and 2nd by Joe Sizemore. Motion carried.

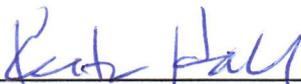
Others in attendance: Mark and Millie Simmermeyer, Shane Scalf, Sharon Halcomb, Pam Beneker, Eric Roberts, Ray and Debbie Richardson, Grant Reeves, Monica Yane, Kate Green, Roger and Julie Boomer, Bill Schirmer Ted Hensley, Linda Hall.

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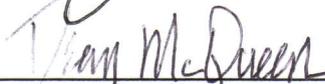
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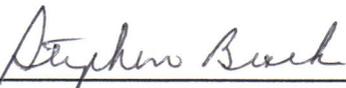
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Attest:



Stephen Brack, Auditor