

Franklin County Council  
July 12, 2016  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203  
Special Meeting

Council: Becky Oglesby, Keith Hall, Jeff Koch, Aaron Leffingwell, Daryl Kramer, Joe Sizemore, Dean McQueen  
Auditor: Stephen Brack

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

Purpose: President Oglesby stated the purpose of the Special Meeting is for Council to authorize \$1 Million Dollars of matching funds required for state 50-50 grants.

Presentation: was made by Daryl Kramer which analyzed county income and expense for the Cum Bridge Fund. He stated this was the best information possible at the time. The county would end 2016 with \$460,560.00 in CUM Bridge. The outlook for 2017 could be different with a negative balance of \$42,000.00. Mr. Kramer stated the county is already committed to the following: 6<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Project and federally required bridge inspection in 2017. It was also stated that the Commissioners want another \$280,000.00 to repair four additional bridges: Snail Creek, Hamburg, St. Mary's and Fairfield. There is also a new expense that will be added to the 2017, which the Commissioners never asked for previously of \$70,000.00 in Operating Supplies. Mr. Kramer stated that this expense to the budget could be cut. Mr. Kramer stated that he is convinced that the Commissioners could pay all of the bridge bills by delaying some projects. The reimbursement of grants can take up to 6 months but Indiana states the 50-50 state grants could be reimbursed within 30-60 days.

Councilman Hall asked whether the Commissioners really needed all of the bridge money. He said that there is a \$17,000.00 discrepancy in the estimate for the new Wolf Creek Bridge and asked where the extra money was going. Commissioner Linkel asked the council "How close do you want to run?" He also stated there are times when there is possible overruns on expenses. Mr. Kramer then stated that any unused money must be returned to the CUM Bridge Fund, to which Commissioner Linkel agreed. Mr. Kramer also gave a "warning" that basically stated, "We got \$17,000.00 left over. Let's sneak a new project and nobody is going to know. Commissioner Linkel stated that he hopes the log book system at the Highway will keep track of this.

Following this; Mr. Hall stated that the dilapidated condition of county roads, state grant money of \$800,000.00 should be exclusively for road repairs. Cum Bridge tax money could pay for bridge repairs. Commissioner Linkel agreed but wants to wait to see how much grant money is awarded to the county.

Paser Study: Councilman Hall asked to see the results of the Paser Study as the Public wants to know that their money will be spent well. He also asked for more transparency about the commissioners plans for road repair as right now it seems to be a secret. Commissioner Linkel and Roberts noted that at this time they have only a map showing the conditions of the roads in color.

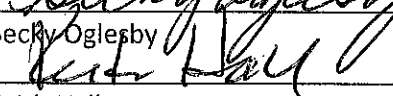
A motion was made by Keith Hall to have the \$1 MM in matching funds as follows: \$600,000.00 Senate Bill 67, Rainy Day \$200,000.00 and \$200,000.00 in CUM Bridge and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Sizemore. Motion carried.

Adjourn: With no further business being discussed a motion was made by Joe Sizemore and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Koch. Motion carried.


Others in attendance: Betty Lecher, Mildred Simmermeyer, Sara Duffy, Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts. The names are spelled correctly per the sign in sheet.

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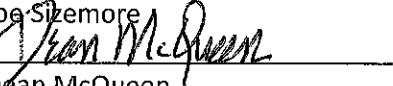
  
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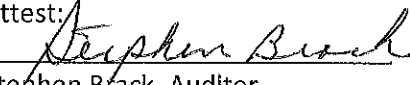
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Stephen Brack, Auditor