

Franklin County Council
June 28, 2016
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

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

Auditor: Stephen Brack – Absent

Auditor Office – Kim Robinson

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

Midwest Data – Ramzi Nusiebeth – appeared before Council regarding technology needs for the County. He spoke about several items that he wants to focus on: a document managing system, new server for the government center, remote back for all county computer system and 15 replacement computers for some of the aging machines. Council asked that he put something together to present at the upcoming budget hearings.

Franklin County Highway – Ted Cooley: asked Council to sign a commitment letter for the Community Crossings matching grant program. The program states that matching funds must come from LOIT, RAINY DAY FUND or NEW WHEEL TAX. The deadline to apply for the grant is July 29 and awards should be announced at the end of August and money should be available mid-August to mid-September. The grant is capped at \$1MM. Mr. Cooley would like to apply for the maximum as there are 29 road and 7 bridge projects outlined for the grant money. Councilman Hall asked where the money would come from and that Mr. Cooley's figures do not match up. Mr. Hall questioned if the county would have enough to put towards the match and still be able to fund other projects that are committed. Council held discussion in regards to working with the Commissioners to find places to pull the money from. The vote to sign the letter was postponed until the July meeting. Commissioners Wilson and Linkel stressed that they did not want the county to miss out on getting the funds and they thought by waiting until the July meeting might be too late. A motion was made by Aaron Leffingwell to hold a Special Meeting July 12 and 2nd by Daryl Kramer. Motion carried. Councilman Kramer and Leffingwell will work with Ted Cooley on the funding.

SEIRPC – Councilman Sizemore asked for a 2nd vote on the grant offered to rehab homes owned by low income elderly and disable county residents. The grant requires a match of \$21,821 in order for the county to qualify for over \$350,000.00 in funds. Councilman Hall spoke against the grant stating this would set a precedent for other request later. Councilman Leffingwell didn't like the fact that \$70,000.00 of the money would be spent on administering the grant. A motion was made by Joe Sizemore and 2nd by Dean McQueen to approve. Motion carried with Joe Sizemore, Dean McQueen, Becky Oglesby and Jeff Koch in favor and Daryl Kramer, Keith Hall and Aaron Leffingwell opposed.

Minutes: A motion was made by Daryl Kramer to approve the Revised Minutes of April 26 and the minute of May 24 with 2 noted corrections and was 2nd by Joe Sizemore. Motion carried.

County Highway: Commissioner Linkel asked for approval to hire a second garage mechanic and 2 new truck drivers. He stated he has been asking for this for several months and it is dangerous to have only one mechanic working and the work load has increased. A motion was made by Aaron Leffingwell to approve the request of the 2nd Garage Mechanic and was 2nd by Daryl Kramer. Motion carried. A

motion was made by Daryl Kramer to amend the salary ordinance for the pay of the 2nd Garage Mechanic and was 2nd by Joe Sizemore. Motion carried. A motion was made by Aaron Leffingwell to fill truck driver position and was 2nd by Jeff Koch. Motion carried.

Credit Card: Discussion was held by Tom Linkel concerning getting a credit card for either the Highway or for County wide use to obtain needed equipment.

Transfers: A motion to approve transfers was made by Aaron Leffingwell and 2nd by Jeff Koch. Motion carried.

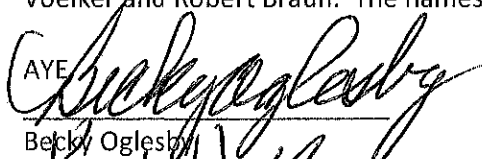
Additional: Aaron Leffingwell asked Commissioner Roberts about the TB testing by Board of Health. Also discussion was held concerning insurance on vehicles and Councilman Hall asked about just having liability only with vehicles having more than 175,000 miles and 10 years old. A motion to approve additional was made by Jeff Koch and 2nd by Joe Sizemore. Motion carried.

Reduction: A motion to approve the reduction was made by Daryl Kramer and 2nd by Jeff Koch. Motion carried.

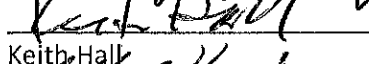
Fire Department Request: Local Fire Departments including: West College Corner, New Trenton, Eagle Fire Company and Blooming Grove requested revenue from the public safety tax. Blooming Grove has requested \$10,000.00 to help establish a satellite fire station on the east side of the causeway. No decisions were made at this time.

Voting Machines: Clerk Karla Bauman came to the Council regarding the possibility of future expenditures. The Indiana legislature has recently passed a law which changes straight ticket voting. She said that in the future no votes for county council-at-large candidates will be recorded if a voter votes a straight ticket. At this time the county voting machines are not equipped to handle the change and the state board of elections would soon be moving to de-certify the machines which the county currently uses. If this comes about it could mean the purchasing of new machines at a considerable expense. She also asked that a councilmember be on the study committee to discuss a future move from voting precinct locations to smaller county vote centers.

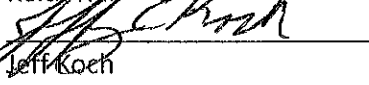
Others in attendance: Ramzi Nuseibeth, Mildred Simmermeyer, Betty Lecher, Sharon Halcomb, Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Marlene Flaspohler, Just Ball, Eric Roberts, Karla Bauman, Ted Cooley, Veronica Voelker and Robert Braun. The names are spelled correctly per the sign in sheet.

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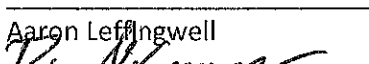
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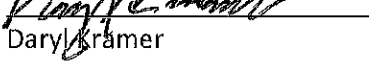
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Attest:

Stephen Brack, Auditor

Joe Sizemore

Dean McQueen