

FRANKLIN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
May 25, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203

The Franklin County Council met in regular meeting on May 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Jeff Koch, President, Joe Gillespie, Scott McDonough, Carroll Lanning, Brian Patterson, Glen Bischoff, Joe Sizemore and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

The meeting was called to order and pledge of allegiance was led by Jeff Koch. Mr. Koch also took roll call and a quorum was present.

Approval of April 27, 2021: Motion to approve the April 27, 2021 minutes by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Glen Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

Amy Lindsey – Part-time help: EMA Director, Amy Lindsey came before council to request administrative part-time help to help her with meeting agendas, social media and state reporting. She stated that the funds are already appropriated. She is asking for approximately \$1,600.00 for 100 hours of work at \$16.00 per hour. **Motion to approve part-time administration help subject to available funding by Scott McDonough, seconded by Glen Bischoff. Amended motion to amend salary ordinance for \$16.00 per hour for EMA part-time administrative help by Scott McDonough, seconded by Glen Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried.**

Resolution 2021-15 – Resolution for Additional Appropriation: Motion to approve Resolution 2021-15 as presented by Scott McDonough, seconded by Carroll Lanning, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution 2021-16 – Resolution for Transfer of Funds: Motion to approve Resolution 2021-16 as presented by Joe Sizemore, seconded Scott McDonough, all in favor, motion carried.

2021 Salary Ordinance – Holiday Pay: Auditor Bauman requested clarification from council in regards to holiday pay as stated on the salary ordinance. She explained that the ordinance states that holiday pay shall be at 8 hours per day. Departments with varying work schedules are claiming more than the 8 hours on holidays. For example, if the employee regularly works 10 hours, they are claiming 10 hours for holiday pay. However, dispatchers and sheriff deputies

who may work 12-hour shifts are only being paid 8 hours. After discussion, Council agreed that all employees shall be paid up to 8 hours of holiday pay. If an employee works 6.5, they receive 6.5. If an employee is regularly scheduled 10 on a holiday, they will get paid for 8 and must make up the additional two hours. Holiday pay shall be up to 8 hours per day.

Reedy Financial Group – Invoice #1241 - \$3,900.05: Motion to approve invoice #1241 in the sum of \$3,900.05 by Scott McDonough, seconded by Joe Sizemore, all in favor, motion carried.

Reedy Financial Group Contract: Council discussed the proposed contract with Reedy Financial Group. It was stated that this contract includes the February 11, 2019 addendum. **Motion to approve the contract with Reedy Financial Group, with the inclusion of the February 11, 2019 addendum by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Scott McDonough. Ayes: Scott McDonough, Joe Sizemore, Joe Gillespie, Carroll Lanning & Jeff Koch. Nays: Brian Patterson. Motion carried.**

Auditor Bauman: Auditor Bauman requested permission for Reedy Financial Group to pick back up on the special capital assets project they began in late 2019/early 2020. Correct capital asset values for buildings, land and improvements will be needed for the annual report filed in 2022. **Motion for the Auditor to continue communication with Reedy Financial Group in regards to asset documentation by Scott McDonough, seconded by Glen Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried.**

Barada Law Office Invoices: Motion to pay invoice #23064 in the sum of \$280.00 and invoice #23061 in the sum of \$700.00 by Scott McDonough, seconded by Joe Gillespie, all in favor, motion carried.

Public Safety Request – Blooming Grove: Council acknowledged receiving the request from the Blooming Grove Fire Department in the sum of \$20,000.00.

Joe Gillespie: Councilmember Gillespie brought up for discussion the premium pay that is allowed under the American Recovery Act. He would like to pay the employees a raise or bonus with the money since raises were not given. He would like to make everybody whole to what they would have been paid had a raise been given. Raises were not given due to unknown reductions in revenue.

John Palmer: John Palmer came before Council to discuss the funds the County will be receiving shortly from the American Recovery Act. He cautioned council not to spend the money on things that will need continued funding down the road. Spending is allowed for loss revenue, water, sewer and broadband infrastructure and premium pay. Presently there have been over 48 questions answered in this regard. Mr. Palmer is requesting a letter of support from council to participate with SEI READI initiative for pursuing the Indiana Economic Development Corporation's Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative. The State will have over 500 million available for economic development. The State will be divided

into 10 districts with each district receiving 50 million. Motion to approve a letter of support to participate with SEI READI initiative by Joe Gillespie, seconded by Scott McDonough, all in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Glen Bischoff, seconded by Joe Gillespie, all in favor, motion carried.

Public in attendance: See attached sign-in sheet.

Minutes approved June 29, 2021

Ayes:



Joe Gillespie



Jeff Koch



Carroll Lanning



Glen Bischoff



Scott McDonough



Joe Sizemore



Brian Patterson

Nays:

Joe Gillespie

Jeff Koch

Carroll Lanning

Glen Bischoff

Scott McDonough

Joe Sizemore

Brian Patterson

Attested By:



Karla J. Bauman, Auditor