

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 30, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Council met in regular meeting on March 30, 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 and Karla Bauman, Auditor. Not present – Joe Sizemore

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.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from March 30, 2021 by Carroll Lanning, seconded by Scott McDonough, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution 2021-09: Resolution for Additional Appropriation: President Koch read Resolution 2021-09, a resolution for additional appropriations. The following additional appropriations were requested:

Surveyor's Perpetuation - \$ 63,925.00
Local Road & Street - \$ 30,000.00
MRC Federal Grant (Health Dept.) - \$3,005.00
County General - \$102,089.00

Council discussed the request for County General and the needs of the county to fully fund both the Workmen's Comp and Unemployment insurance for the remainder of 2021.

Councilmember Patterson suggested that Council approve \$12,000.00 for workmen's comp and \$10,000.00 for unemployment. Auditor Bauman requested that the remaining \$80,089.00 that was requested be tabled until next month. **Motion to approve Resolution 2021-09 as presented with the exception of County General being \$22,000.00 and the remaining \$80,089.00 tabled by Scott McDonough, seconded by Glen Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried.**

Resolution 2021-10: Resolution for Transfer of Funds: President Koch read Resolution 2021-10 for the transfer of funds from one major budget classification to another. **Motion to approve Resolution 2021-10 for transfer of funds by Carroll Lanning, seconded by Scott McDonough, all in favor, motion carried.**

Bill Schirmer – TIF Funds & Franklin County Community School Corporation: Bill Schirmer, President of the Franklin County Redevelopment Commission came before Council to inform them that the Franklin County Redevelopment Commission had agreed to give to the school

system a portion of the TIF money that has been collected. Indiana law allows them to pass thru up to 15% of the annual income received. While the Redevelopment Commission does not need the blessing of Council to pass thru this money, he wanted to keep them informed.

County Council Expenditures – Approve Reedy Invoice: Council reviewed the invoice from Reedy Financial Group for the month of March, 2021. The total invoice was \$5,783.44. **Motion to approve the Reedy Financial Group Invoice for March in the sum of \$5,783.44 by Scott McDonough, seconded by Brian Patterson, all in favor, motion carried.**

Mildred Simmermeyer – Reedy and Barada costs for 2020. Mildred Simmermeyer came before Council to discuss her observations on the total costs the County paid for Reedy Financial Group and Barada Law firm in 2020. She asked Council if they knew the total amount of money that was invoiced by both Reedy Financial Group and Barada Law Firm in 2020 and if it was according to the contracts with the County. Due to the bond issued in 2020 the County was now \$1.1 million in the red. She also stated that the 2021 budget was not balanced.

Resolution 2021-11 – Supplemental Encumbrance for Staying Alive: Council reviewed Resolution 2021-11 for an encumbrance of \$1,500 for Staying Alive which was not paid in 2020. **Motion to approve Resolution 2021-11 for encumbering \$1,500 to Staying Alive by Carroll Lanning, seconded by Scott McDonough, all in favor, motion carried.**

Salary Ordinance Amendment: The prosecutor has requested that the salary ordinance be amended for the new position in his office that was created from the VOCA Grant. Councilmember Gillespie stated that no new positions should be added until a time study was completed. Councilmember McDonough said it did not matter in this case because it was grant money. Councilmember Patterson requested they be provided more information on the salary amount and suggested that they approve at this time no more than \$9,600.00 until their next meeting in April. **Motion to approve \$9,600 for the deputy prosecutor position under the VOCA grant until April 27, 2021 by Brian Patterson, seconded by Scott McDonough, all in favor, motion carried.** Council requested that the prosecutor attend the meeting in April to explain this new position.

Commissioner/Highway Sharing Employee: Jeff Koch explained to council that he had spoken with Tom Linkel about sharing the employee who is presently the Engineer's secretary with the Commissioner's secretary position. A proposed schedule was also presented. Council was in consensus that it was fine with having the employee work both as the engineer's secretary and the commissioner's secretary. Auditor will setup the financials for that.

Auditor – Legal Fees – Pending Lawsuit Auditor/Treasurer: Auditor Bauman requested that the County Council use their contingency line to pay for the Barada Invoice in the amount of \$1,587.50 for legal services for both the Auditor's and Treasurer's office. This invoice is for legal services provided to both offices in a lawsuit that was filed challenging a tax sale redemption. **Motion to pay the Barada invoice for the Auditor and Treasurer from council's contingency in**

the amount of \$1,587.50, by Scott McDonough and Joe Gillespie, all in favor, motion carried. Council requested that Grant Reeves send them an email explaining the nature of the lawsuit.

Bond Expenditures – 10 Computers & Wifi Purchase: Auditor Bauman informed Council as requested that expenditures from the bond were being purchased for computers and wifi were being Midwest Data, Inc. would be purchasing the ten computers and Wifi as approved.

Mildred Simmermeyer asked Council if they over-expended the \$65,000 contracted amount with Reedy Financial in 2020. President Koch stated they would have to look into it.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Brian Patterson, seconded by Carroll Lanning, all in favor, motion carried.

Public in attendance: See attached sign-in sheet.

Minutes approved April 27, 2021.

Ayes:



Joe Gillespie



Jeff Koch



Carroll Lanning




Glen Bischoff



Scott McDonough

Attested By:



Karla J. Bauman, Auditor

Nays:

Joe Gillespie

Jeff Koch

Carroll Lanning

Glen Bischoff

Scott McDonough

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ATTENDANCE SHEET

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