

FRANKLIN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
April 27, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203

The Franklin County Council met in regular meeting on April 27, 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.

Chris Huerkamp, Franklin County Prosecutor: Mr. Huerkamp came before Council to explain the new grant award he has received from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute and the new position created therefrom. He will use the Pre-trial Diversion Fund for the portion required for the County's match. It will not cost the County any additional money.

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

Resolution 2021-11: Resolution for Additional Appropriation: President Koch read Resolution 2021-11, a resolution for additional appropriations. The following additional appropriation was requested:

Community Crossing Grant - \$948,975.00

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-11 as presented by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Scott McDonough, all in favor, motion carried.

Auditor Bauman informed Council that the \$80,089.00 additional from County General that was tabled at their March meeting is not needed at this time. She believed that the insurance was actually budgeted twice and that there should be enough money appropriated to cover the insurance cost.

Resolution 2021-12: Resolution for Transfer of Funds: President Koch read Resolution 2021-12 for the transfer of funds from one major budget classification to another. **Motion to approve Resolution 2021-12 for transfer of funds by Scott McDonough, seconded by Joe Sizemore, all in favor, motion carried.**

Pete Cates, Franklin County Sheriff: The Franklin County Sheriff came before Council to give them an update on the purchase cost of the K-9 dog and the training that will be taking place. Council thanked him for keeping them up to date.

Jon Hundley, 911 Communications: Mr. Hundley came before Council to request permission to advertise for appropriation of Statewide 911 funds for a new grant. This grant will be reimbursed at 60% and should cost the County around \$35,660.00. The County's match will also be paid from the Statewide 911 funds. Council agreed for him to advertise for appropriation.

Resolution 2021-14, Transfer of Cares Fund: Jeff Koch read Resolution 2021-14, a resolution to transfer the balance of CARES Act money that was received in 2020 for Covid-19 related expenses. **Motion to approve Resolution 2021-14 by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Carroll Lanning, all in favor, motion carried.**

Salary Ordinance Amendment One to Ordinance 2020-25: Jeff Koch read Amendment One (1) to Ordinance 2020-25, Salary Ordinance for Calendar Year 2021. The following amendments were requested:

Prosecutor Deputy – 8350.14580.000.0000 - \$1,285.52 bi-weekly
2502.14580.000.0000 - \$346.38 bi-weekly

Health Department – 1206.10010.000.0000 - \$15.98 per hour

LIT Economic Development – Secretary – 1112.12922.000.0068 - \$1,164.31

Motion to approve the amendment one to the 2020 Salary Ordinance 2020-25 by Scott McDonough, seconded by Glen Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried.

Reedy Financial Group 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 Glen Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried.**

Retirement Payouts: Auditor Bauman brought a request to Council to pay for two payouts from County Council's contingency. One of the payouts in the amount of \$5,154.30 was due to a retirement for medical reasons and the other in the amount of \$692.64 was for comp hours for an employee changing departments. Auditor Bauman would like to see a policy approved for future payouts to come from council contingency. It is very difficult for some departments to have to wait before a retiring employee can be replaced. **Motion to approve the payouts of \$692.64 and \$5,154.30 county council's contingency line by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Scott McDonough, all in favor, motion carried.**

Franklin County EMS – Public Safety Request: Grant Reeves explained the reason the request from Franklin County EMS was so high. An amount approved for public safety cannot be more than was requested but can be lowered. Franklin County EMS requested \$500,000.00 of public safety funds for 2022. **Motion to acknowledge receipt of the public safety request from Franklin County EMS for \$500,000.00 by Scott McDonough, seconded by Glen Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried.**

PTABOA Board Appointment: Brenda Eckerle, Franklin County Assessor has requested that County Council appoint Mary Ann Bridges to the PTABOA Board for a 2-year term. **Motion to appoint Mary Ann Bridges to the PTABOA Board for a 2-year term by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Glen Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried.**

Auditor Bauman – Auditor Bauman explained the difference in ending balances from November, 2020 to February, 2021. The property tax settlement was completed and distributed during December, 2021. The amount collected as shown on the November end of month report was \$5,741,478.83.

Joe Gillespie: Councilmember Gillespie prepared a statement in response to the comments Mildred Simmermeyer stated at the March 30, 2021 council meeting. He explained that the 2020 expenditures for Reedy Financial Group included expenses from December, 2019 that were encumbered and paid in 2020. He also stated that the expenses for Barada Law Firm included the paper fees paid by the Court to Paul Barada. Mr. Reeves further stated that the total amount for his legal services in 2020 were for all county departments, not just for council. He further stated that the County has a cash balance to cover 300 days and that the county offices have changed for the better. We are now in our 3rd year with Reedy for our financial planning. Mildred Simmermeyer stated in light of the situation with the finances at Franklin County School she wanted assurances that the County would not raise taxes. Franklin County is classified as a poverty level county.

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

Public in attendance: See attached sign-in sheet.

Minutes approved May 25, 2021

Ayes:



Joe Gillespie



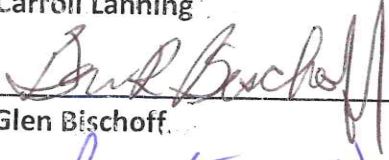
Jeff Koch

Nays:

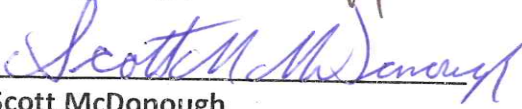
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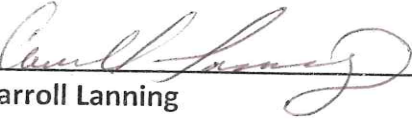


Scott McDonough

Joe Sizemore

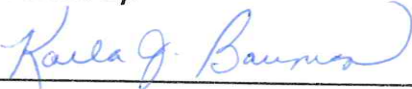


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