

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
ANNUAL MEETING – BUDGET ADOPTION
OCTOBER 10, 2017
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM #203**

The Franklin County Council met for their Annual Meeting (Budget Adoption) on October 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners/Council meeting room. Those present were Jeff Koch, President, Dean McQueen, Joe Sizemore, Glen Bischoff, Keith Hall, Becky Oglesby and Karla Bauman, Auditor. Aaron Leffingwell was absent.

Opening: The meeting was called to order and Pledge of Allegiance led by President, Jeff Koch.

Ordinance 2017-20: Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates for 2018 Budget was presented to County Council by the Auditor. Jeff Koch read Ordinance 2017-20 into the record which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. County Council discussed prior to any motion on Ordinance 2017-20 to forego a second reading if there was unanimous passing of it on first reading. If the vote was not unanimous, the Ordinance would be read again.

Prior to the vote, Keith Hall made the following statement:

“So back on August 28, 2017, I took a look at our income and it looks like we are about \$400,000 over being a balanced budget. And then the second item I looked at was cum bridge we put in \$300,000 and I have very little hope that we will keep them at \$300,000 and not the \$500,000. So if we don’t hold fast on that that is another \$200,000. We got in the neighborhood of something less than \$1,200 in the healthcare fund and I mean \$200,000 in the healthcare fund in the budget and we will get employees numbers and we will get reimbursement but if the contract that came through MedBen that had maximum forecast of \$1,780,000, were to occur we would be around \$350,000 over there. I know Eric and everybody says that we will never reach that, and that is probably true, but in reality we are going to exceed I believe in the budget. Last year we over exceeded by \$230,000 and we will probably over exceed this year and next year. So, when I take a look at all of that, a quarter million there, we are in the neighborhood of \$850,000 over being a balanced budget. Now we keep hearing that we got reserves. So back in June I went back with Jenna and we had about 3.1 million in composites of General, Cagit and Rainy day. And in the health care we have around 2.1 million but if we take one year’s worth of reserves, we are down to about \$600,000. Net ballpark – 3.5 million dollars in reserves and my only concern there again is that what we are doing now is working fine but is not sustainable over the next couple of years. But if we keep on this path, we will not have enough and then at that point the State will come in say this is what you can afford, cut your budget. We are not balanced.”

Keith Hall asked for the thoughts of the other County Council members. There was no response.

The budget projections is calculated at 85% of the Net Assessed Value. Farm values have also decreased which has affected the tax rate.

Becky Oglesby stated that next year is an election year and by 2019 there will be new faces on the board and people need to be aware of who they are voting for.

Floor was opened for a motion to approve the Ordinance. **Becky Oglesby** motioned to approve **Ordinance 2017-20, the 2018 General Budget for Franklin County**, seconded by **Joe Sizemore**. **Jeff Koch** requested a roll call vote of the members. **Ayes: Glen Bischoff, Joe Sizemore, Dean McQueen, Becky Oglesby, Keith Hall and Jeff Koch. Nays: None**
Arron Leffingwell - Absent

Keith Hall questioned the consequences if the vote were not unanimous. Jeff Koch responded that the Ordinance would be read for a second time.

Joe Sizemore asked Keith Hall a question about the prediction that we would be in the red by \$600,000 in 2016 and the year before and asked what happened with that. No response.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Becky Oglesby, seconded by Dean McQueen, all in favor, motion carried.

Others Present: Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Mark R. Simmermeyer, Bob Lecher, Betty C. Lecher, Julie & Greg Guilfoyle and Sara Duffy.

Minutes approved November 28, 2017.


Ayes:

Nays:



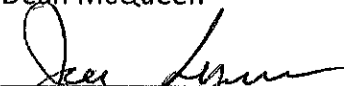
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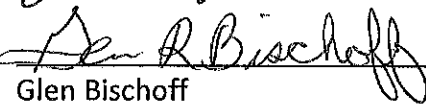
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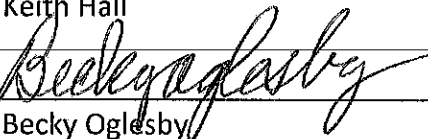
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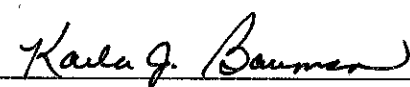
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Aaron Leffingwell: Abstain

ATTEST: 

Karla J. Bauman, Auditor