

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
 APRIL 25, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.  
 COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM #203**

The Franklin County Council met in regular meeting on April 25, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Becky Oglesby, Jeff Koch, Glen Bischoff, Dean McQueen, Keith Hall, Joe Sizemore and Jenna Whittington, Chief Deputy Auditor.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Becky Oglesby.

**Approve Minutes-March 21, 2017:** Motion to accept March 21, 2017 County Council meeting minutes by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Jeff Koch, all in favor, motion carries.

**Melanie Schiller-Interest in Redevelopment Commission:** Melanie introduced herself and gave a brief statement about her history. Discussion took place on whether Melanie had contacted Bill Schirmer about the position. Motion to appoint Melanie Schiller to the Franklin County Redevelopment Commission by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Jeff Koch, all in favor, except Keith Hall opposed, motion carried.

**Transfer Resolution 2017-12:** Transfer of Funds Resolution 2017-12- The Franklin County Council certified the following actions in regards to transferring from one major budget classification to another and approved Certificate of Transfer 2017-12 with corrections made by Jeff Koch, seconded by Joe Sizemore, all in favor except Keith Hall opposed, motion carried.

The Franklin County Council hereby certifies the following action in regards to transferring from one major budget classification to another, "Public Law 54-S.B. effective April 14, 1971," was done at a meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2017

FROM: County General Commissioners-Payroll 1000-13800-000-0068	\$7307.66	
TO: County General Commissioners-Professional Services 1000-36975-000-0068		\$7307.66
FROM: Cover Bridge-Snowhill Road Cover Bridge 1134-60101-000-0000	\$5000.00	
TO: Cover Bridge-Snowhill Road Cover Bridge Supplies 1134-23061-000-0000		\$5000.00
FROM: Cover Bridge-Enochsburg Cover Bridge 1134-60000-000-0000	\$5000.00	
TO: Cover Bridge-Enochsburg Cover Bridge Supplies 1134-23062-000-0000		\$5000.00
FROM: Highway Edit-Wolf Creek Bridge 1112-23601-000-0000	\$18920.00	
TO: Highway Edit-Stone and Gravel Dist. 2 1112-23621-000-0000		\$18920.00
FROM: LIT Public Safety Jail-Jailers 1170-1571-000-0380	\$1900.00	
TO: LIT Public Safety Jail-Overtime		\$1900.00

1170-19800-000-0380		
FROM: Highway-Highway Secretary	\$15878.00	
1176-12927-000-0530		
TO: Highway- Part time Office Help		\$15878.00
1176-10010-000-0530		
FROM: County General Cir. Court-Pauper	\$2000.00	
1000-32750-000-0232		
TO: County General Cir. Court-Law Books		\$2000.00
1000-33100-000-0232		
FROM: General-Contractual Services	\$17.38	
1000-31000-000-0061		
TO: General-Misc. Office Supplies		\$17.38
1000-22000-000-0061		
FROM: Lawrenceburg Grant Fund/Redev.-Contractual Ser.	\$2500.00	
9127-31000-000-0000		
TO: Lawrenceburg Grant Fund/Redev. -Legal Services		\$2500.00
9127-31001-000-0000		
FROM: County General Cemetery- Equipment Repair	\$200.00	
1000-36500-000-0545		
TO: County General Cemetery- Equipment		\$200.00
1000-44000-000-0545		
FROM: Cum Cap-Equipment Repair	\$24.00	
1138-36500-000-0000		
TO: Cum Cap-Equipment		\$24.00
1138-44000-000-0000		

And that such transfers do not necessitate expenditure of more money than was set out in detail in the Budget as finally approved by the State Department of Local Government and Finance.

**Additional Appropriation Resolution 2017-13:** All request for additional appropriations were read by Becky Oglesby.

After much discussion, motion was made to approve the following Additional Appropriations as corrected by Jeff Koch, seconded by Joe Sizemore, all in favor, motion carried.

Fund Name: General 30000 Other Servicers & Charges- \$114,122  
Fund Name: Highway 20000 Supplies-\$1800; 40000 Capital Outlays- \$188,000  
Fund Name: GAL/CASA 30000 Other Services & Charges- \$10,000  
Fund Name: Vaccine 30000 Other Services & Charges- \$95  
Fund Name: Cum Cap 30000 Other Services & Charges- \$10,000  
Fund Name: CCMG Cum Bridge 20000 Supplies- \$12,900  
Fund Name: Title IV-D Clerk 10000 Personal Services- \$167  
Fund Name: Bulletproof Vest Program 40000 Capital Outlays- \$3,040  
Fund Name: Co. Elected Officials Training 30000 Other Services & Charges- \$500  
Fund Name: K-9 Donations 40000 Capital Outlays- \$12656

The following exceptions were made to the requests for additional appropriation:

Discussion: The Highway requests for additional appropriations were explained by Tom Linkel. Tom explained to purchase the new equipment they are looking into getting loans for some of the equipment needed but for two new pickups and a mower, the money is needed now because there is no loan to get. Keith Hall wants an account line set up for equipment payments. After discussion, council approved the additional for two pickups and a mower in the amount of \$188,000. Keith Hall asked for Tom Linkel to get the loan information and how much it was going to cost and bring it back to the next council meeting. Motion to approve \$1,800 in supplies and \$188,000 for capital outlays for two new pickups and a mower by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Dean McQueen, all in favor, motion carried.

A discussion took place on the CCMG funds for \$800,000 on whether they should approve the appropriations and Becky Oglesby stated that council has already been taken care of and approved and that it is now up to the Auditor to place in the right funds. Motion to deny Ordinance 2017-13 for the CCMG for the amount of \$800,000 by Jeff Koch, seconded by Joe Sizemore, all in favor, motion carried.

Keith Hall brings up the Audit Report. Next bidding is the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge but it is Federal. Keith talks about the new bridge on River Road and wants to see the audit reports. Keith wants to know what the resolutions are with the bidding process and if you take a look at the Audit then we haven't been doing it correctly. Keith says we need a form that assimilates all bids for any and all projects. Keith says that Tom Linkel doesn't believe the audit is correct and stated that none of them attended the meeting and had the opportunity to. A few council members did not know about the meeting. Keith says that if you believe what the audit stated was incorrect then you had ten days to appeal it and no one did. Becky says that the audit should be taken serious because we had two Auditor's pushed out due to audits. Keith asked Tom if they are going to bring the bidding to council which is a summary of bids you did or did not receive. Keith asks if there is no opinion on the violations with the county and asked if three of the council members have read the audit. Glen Bischoff asked if anyone was charged with anything. Becky says a what would happen is a certified copy of the audit needs sent to the prosecutor. Keith said all the findings in the audit are factual and the SBOA has hard copy data of it. The ones that attended the meeting were to directly receive papers and then also the SBOA directly sends it to the prosecutor and the attorney general automatically. The paper said Mel Wilhelm said he never received a copy but Keith says according to the process and procedures he was to receive it from the SBOA. As a fiscal board council should be wanting to look at it and understand it. Jeff Koch said usually just the Council President, the Auditor, Tom Wilson and one more elected official and that's all that was ever invited to the exit conference. Keith says it was open to the public and said maybe council should discuss the audit next month.

**Sharon Halcomb-GIS Plat Clerk:** Sharon would like the wording on the salary ordinance "not to exceed \$300 a month" to be removed. Dan Chaddon was taught by an instructor how to put on splits and was shown numerous areas that need cleaned up. He was working extra hours since it was fresh in his mind. Sharon will not exceed the \$3600 appropriated for the year. Jeff Koch motions to strike the words "not to exceed \$300 a month", seconded by Glen Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried.

**2017-7 Salary Ordinance Amendment 1:** Motion to strike the words "not to exceed \$300 a month" by Jeff Koch, seconded by Glen Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried. Motion to remove County Commissioner Attorney from Salary Ordinance 2017-07 by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Dean McQueen, all in favor, motion carried. Motion to change 2017-07 Salary Ordinance to Highway Part time and delete Highway Secretary by Jeff Koch, seconded by Glen Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried.

**James Sprague:** James Sprague is coming in as a taxpayer to thank council for scrutinizing and asking questions of the transfers and additional. It shows that you are attempting to be good stewards with the taxpayer's money. In his roll of a journalist he covers various county council meetings he wants to ask that department heads show up and explain to county council why they need the transfer or additional. He thinks it's a great idea and will add more transparency to the process that allows taxpayers to understand what some of their tax dollars are going for. James received a phone call from Senator Raatz about State Road 252 and he wanted to make it known to the public that it is set for major rework in the next couple of years. Keith Hall wants department heads to show up when they want an additional.

Becky talks about getting orders from the Judge and she got a response from her Attorney that is not open to the public. They did ask a few things to the attorney regarding public safety money, ems and volunteer fire services and there is a deadline of July 1 that they need to get their petitions in for the public safety money. Becky states that they may need a second attorney so she took it upon herself to approach another attorney in Richmond, Indiana because the local attorney represents you in something against a Judge then it doesn't sit well. Council gave money to the court reporter but now he needs it for his third Probation Officer. Glen Bischoff wanted to know why they approved the Judges budget at the budget meeting and just because it didn't all get turned in like it was supposed to then council turned it down. Becky stated they have been doing it wrong. You are not supposed to give more than you can generate. Becky wants to work with the Judge and get this done. Jeff Koch motions to satisfy the mandate from Judge Cox that we appropriate for the second Court Reporter for \$22,942.22, a third Probation Officer for \$33,112.00 and Support Staff for the Probation Department for \$20,870.89 with that number being prorated for the remainder of the year and that it's coming from General Fund. Glenn Bischoff seconds, all in favor. Keith Hall opposes.

Keith Hall says they incorporated two Probation Officers last month and this month. Joe Sizemore asks about the additional appropriations previously requested and what council is going to do with it. Becky says no way to the \$400,000. Joe says it's in the court order. Becky says council will do this and see what happens.

Keith Hall presented a document on the health care funds. Fund 4700 which was the previous general health care fund was depleted last month and now we are using 4701 and 4702 so we can differentiate county employee funds and county portion. The other thing council did with the last couple years was underfunding the health care costs to utilize the reserves that were in the health care fund. If you go back years ago they said we had 1.7 million to 2 million some in reserves so therefore we had lots of money and at some point, we would run out. On reserves at the beginning of the year we had 4700, 4701 and 4702 an CD. The Cd was \$459,000 and it still exists. At the beginning of the year we had approximately 2 million in reserves. 4700 was depleted in March. Expenses through the low system in the past five years the biggest expense it claims. Keith took an average of the past five years and the average is \$1,575,000.00. At the end of last year for 2016 we actually overspend or otherwise we underfunded that fund by \$229,740.00 so there we took out of the reserves 223,000 last year. We projected when we did the budget in August that we were going to take out \$300,000 this year. County Employees paid \$127,000 into the health care fund. The reimbursements were 118,000. Goal was to have one year's expense in reserves which is 1.3 million dollars. Excess reserves are \$624,000 so in essence we have about \$624,000 extra reserves before we get down to the one year's reserves. If we go back to the assumption that we had in August that in the end of 2017 and 2018 we would have depleted the excess reserves. We might be \$345,000 underfunded therefore the healthcare funds will be depleted within the next two years. By 2019 all funding will need to be coming from the general fund to pay for the excess. Approximately one fourth of the employee and one fourth of the health care costs

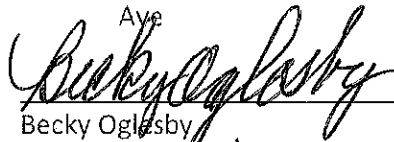
gets paid by the highway department. In two years, the highway will start having an extra \$100,000 in expenses that they weren't anticipating because of health care. Tom Linkel says we are paying now and Keith says yes but we are underfunding it now. Keith looked at the combination of General and Rainy Day to see what that will look like in several years. In conclusion on the health care that it appears that at the rate we are spending that it will be gone in two years and then we have to find funds from general and or highway to fund it.

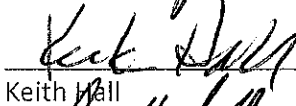
Grant Reeves sent a letter to council stating he would be their attorney for \$150 an hour and would have to excuse himself in certain instances that would be conflict of interest. Becky contacted J. Clayton Miller from Richmond, Indiana to be a backup attorney for council. She would to come to the next council meeting. Motion to accept Grant Reeves by Jeff Koch, Joe Sizemore seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

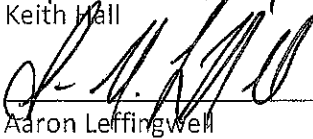
**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Joe Sizemore, Jeff Koch seconds, all in favor, motion carried.


**Others Present:** Ben Hiatt, Carol Hiatt, Betty Lecher, Bob Lecher, James Sprague, Mark R. Simmermeyer, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Sharon Halcomb, Tom Wilson, Monica Yane, Robert Braun and Gary Yane

Minutes Approved on May 23, 2017.

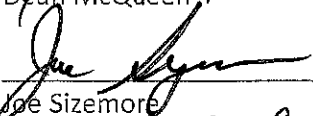
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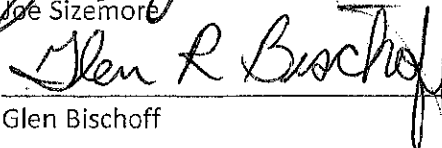
  
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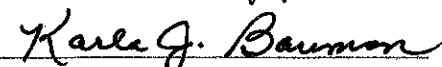
  
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Attested By:   
Karla J. Bauman, Auditor

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