

Franklin County Commissioners  
January 20, 2015  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners – Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts – Tom Wilson – Absent

Commissioners Secretary – Carol Westerman

Auditor – Stephen Brack

Open – The meeting was called to order by Vice President Tom Linkel and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes – A motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report – a motion was made by Eric Roberts to acknowledge receipt of the report and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Ted Cooley – gave updates on various projects: Bridge 168 – to be submitted to DNR, FHWA Projects, Bridge #55 Blue Creek, annual Contract for Construction Services and Jail roof – Gabel roof option - \$9,000.00 to design and repair option – to meet with Contractor on Wednesday. A motion was made by Tom Linkel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts to sign the Letter of Understanding concerning the closure of US 52 for an emergency slide correction. Motion carried.

Bids – The commissioners are considering soliciting bids for unit price, labor and equipment. There will be 3 companies awarded, to be used in case of emergencies or when the Highway needs extra equipment. The commissioners also want to change the bid form before giving final approval.

Lieberman Contract – a motion was made by Tom Linkel to have Eric Roberts sign the contract for the software product which is the receipting system used by the Sheriff's Department and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Ordinance – Unsafe Building Law – will be taken under advisement and was tabled for 2 weeks.

Ordinance – declaring a reasonable and safe maximum speed limit on St. Mary's road. Mr. Cooley asked the speed limit be reduced from 45 to 35. This will be advertised before a decision can be made.

SEI PI/Workforce – A motion was made by Tom Linkel to appoint Eric Roberts to represent Franklin County and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Alliance - Aaron Leffingwell, on behalf of the Alliance, to ask the Commissioners to reactivate the 911 Advisory Board which was eliminated in January 2013. He also addressed concerns about 911 dispatchers of not following established policies, which have resulted in fire

chiefs constantly sending complaints or emails to the Sheriff. The commissioners agreed to give their support and to reactivate the Advisory Board.

Payroll – a motion was made Tom Linkel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts to approve. Motion carried.

Canoefest – Mark Reese approached the Commissioners in regards to designate some roads as one-way for the 5k run on June 27. The Commissioners were agreeable to possibly closing the road for 2 hours.

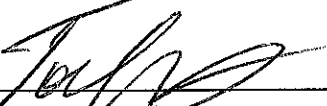
Highway Foreman – Councilman Aaron Leffingwell asked the commissioners to consider combining the foremen jobs for Districts 1 and 2. Currently the county has two permanent foremen under Commissioners Linkel and Wilson. Commissioner Roberts has been using a truck driver as a temporary foreman. Commissioner Roberts suggested one supervisor over all highway workers and all roads in the county. Commissioner Linkel does not like the idea. However, he did tell Roberts and Leffingwell to bring a plan and he would consider. Commissioner Roberts also discussed the operation of the Highway Department and the fact that there isn't a need to have 3 sets of equipment and that we are spending too much money on buying equipment as opposed to renting. Money could be saved also by repairing equipment as opposed to purchasing new. At this time no decisions have been made and discussion will continue.

Adjourn – with no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Tom Linkel and 2<sup>nd</sup> Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

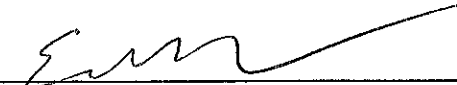
Others in attendance: Linda Hall, Sara Duffy, Mark Reese, Ted Cooley, Becky Oglesby, John Estridge, Aaron Leffingwell, Cindy Orschell and Keith Hall. The names are spelled correctly per the sign in sheet.

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Tom Wilson



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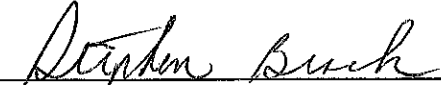
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Tom Linkel

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Eric Roberts

Attest:



Stephen Brack, Auditor