

# Franklin County Council Meeting

July 23, 2013

Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Council: Jeff Koch, Joe Sizemore, Daryl Kramer, Dean McQueen, Hollie Maxie, Becky Oglesby and Aaron Leffingwell.

Auditor: Stephen Brack

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Koch and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A correction was made in the Reductions of the previous meeting on the Salary Adjustments from \$5,000 to \$10,000. After the correction was noted a motion was made by Hollie Maxie to approve and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Aaron Leffingwell. Motion carried.

President Koch made a statement regarding people speaking at the meeting and said that each person would be allotted 5 minutes.

Veterans Service Officer: Charles Thomas spoke first and thanked all of the Veterans for coming and there were a lot of changes are made of which many are mandatory. He also mentioned things he needs from the state. Chuck then introduced Russ Eaglin, IDVA Deputy Director. Mr. Eaglin stated that Indiana was fourth in the nation among all states providing military recruits. In terms of providing pensions and compensation, Indiana is ranked 48<sup>th</sup> out of 52 states and that the unemployment rate for Indiana vets ages 18-34 is 20.1%. His organization is trying to remedy the lack of service to vets. He also stated that he supported Mr. Thomas for becoming full-time. Next to speak was Tim Dyke, IDVA Training Coordinator. Mr. Dyke stated that new legislation require that all Veterans Officers be accredited. His organization is providing a week long training in Indianapolis which will conclude with an accreditation test. The county is expected to send the Veterans Officer and pay for a hotel and a per diem even though the training is free. There were several Veterans in the audience, Todd Thalheimer, Joe Minniti, David Bridgeford and Bob Bradley, that voiced their opinion in support of the full time position. Council member Becky Oglesby noted that she was aware of 800 numbers <sup>and</sup> web addresses <sup>not</sup> posted in the Government Building and wondered if those sites or a combination and an additional part-time Veterans officer could assist with the unmet needs. Carrie Knecht said that Joe Minniti had hired an attorney for this but Chuck was more helpful. Council member Daryl Kramer moved to make the Veterans Officer position full-time at \$32,500a year. Council President Koch said in past budget hearings, Mr. Thomas had threatened to quit if the position was not funded as full-time. Mr. Thomas said he was not threating to quit but he couldn't do the job as a part-time employee. Council member Aaron Leffingwell pointed out that the \$32,500 would be \$19.23 per hour for 32.5 hours per week. Currently Mr. Thomas is making \$14.75 and at \$19.23 per hour he would be the highest paid office-holder and how would council answer to county employees making \$23,000 to \$24,000. Mrs. Oglesby spoke of increasing cost the county is facing and cuts in health benefits for full-time employees. She also added that the Sheriff will be hiring new jailers and the ATV ordinance will require additional help in licensing.

After a long discussion council voted to keep the Veterans Officer position part-time. Council members Daryl Kramer, Joe Sizemore and Dean McQueen voted in favor of full-time and Hollie Maxie, Jeff Koch, Becky Oglesby and Aaron Leffingwell voted against. Motion carried.

Police Cars: President Koch told of the problem of financing the police cars as the commissioners were reluctant to use Cum Cap for one of the cars. It is typical that the Sheriff replaces 2 cars per year with one purchased from the Commissioners Fund and the other from Council's Funds. Mr. Kramer suggested that the shortfall be made up with money from the CAGIT contingency.

Courthouse Project: Council discussed the \$95,000.00 quote to pay for cleaning the pigeon droppings out of the attic, closing up pigeon entry areas and repairing the bell-tower. Council member Aaron Leffingwell suggested that Commissioners come up with an accurate cost and then look at any unspent money from their budget before request funds from Council. Council agreed the project should be funded but makes use of money that is already appropriated in their Cum Cap fund.

EDC – Bill Schirmer spoke about hiring a part-time person for 6.5 hours per week at \$10.00 per hour. The secretary would be responsible for answer phone, scheduling meeting, taking minutes for meetings. It is noted that UNI-REF is up and running but was unsure of the number of employees were from Franklin County.

Additional – A motion to approve the following Additional: Auditor's Ineligible Fund, County Misdemeanor Fund, IN Local Health, Health Vaccine, Clerks Perpetuation, Surveyor/Coroner Perpetuation Fund, was made by Daryl Kramer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Becky Oglesby. A motion was made by Daryl Kramer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hollie Maxie to deny \$16,000 from Rainy Day – motion carried. The commissioners will cover the \$16,000. A motion by Aaron Leffingwell to approve the \$10,000 from General for Prosecutor's Supplemental pay 2<sup>nd</sup> by Becky Oglesby. Daryl Kramer and Joe Sizemore voted against. Motion Carried.

Transfers – A motion was made by Aaron Leffingwell to approve transfers 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Sizemore. Motion carried.

EXTENSION: A motion was made by Joe Sizemore to approve 28 hours per week in the Extension Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hollie Maxie. Motion carried.

EDC – since Council did not make an appointment to EDC the Commissioners appointed Bob Braun.

No further business a motion to adjourn was made by Joe Sizemore and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean McQueen.

Others in attendance: James Sprague, Sharon Halcomb, Todd Thalheimer, Rick Gill, Bryce Hinz, Joe Gillespie, Ed Ison, Robert Bradley, Curtis Ward, Kim Robinson, Diane Thomas, Dan Bridgeford, Sheldon Strothman, Bill Pierce, Joe Minniti, Carey Knecht, Scot McDonough, Charles Thomas, Russ Eaglin Tim Dyke, Bill Schirmer, Monica Yane.

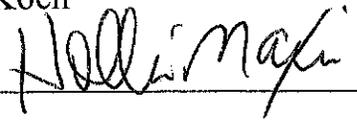
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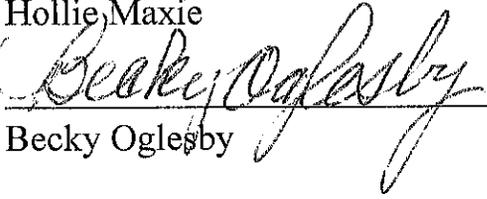
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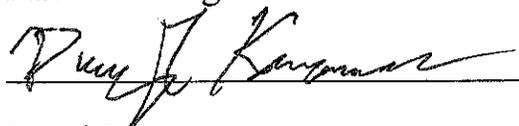
  
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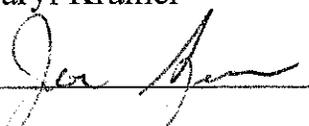
  
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Stephen Brack, Auditor

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