

Franklin County Council

June 24, 2014

Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

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

Auditor: Stephen Brack

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

Minutes: A motion was made by Becky Oglesby to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hollie Maxie. Motion carried.

S.E. Indiana Regional Planning Commission – Susan Craig presented programs and services available to the county along with a list of Grants and strategy. The commission is working with INDOT on updating traffic count.

Mike Deniston – is a former DLGF employee and has a Budget Consulting firm. He noted that Franklin County's budget has been growing at a high rate in recent years. He told council if hired he could tell them "what could be done to get back on track." He would also lay out council's options for raising revenues. Mr. Deniston offered a 6 month contract at \$75.00 per hour and 10 hours per month.

Ted Cooley – came before the council to have them sign a letter agreeing with the commissioners to support the Franklin County Federal Aid Application for the rehabbing of Bridge #144. A motion was made by Daryl Kramer to have the President of the Council to sign the letter and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Sizemore. Motion carried.

Additional/Transfers – a motion was made by Becky Oglesby to approve the Additional and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daryl Kramer. Motion carried. A motion to approve the Reductions was made by Aaron Leffingwell and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Sizemore. Motion carried. A motion to approve Transfers was made by Daryl Kramer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean McQueen. Motion carried.

Salary Ordinance – A motion was made by Daryl Kramer to approve the amended Salary Ordinance 2014-11 with the correction of Highway truck drivers being changed from 13 to 11 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean McQueen. Motion carried with Hollie Maxie abstaining.

Budget – continuing the discussion for the 2015 budget Councilwoman Oglesby spoke up and said that Council is relying on their own expertise which hasn't helped. She also added that corporations have the advantage of advice from lawyers and consultants. President Koch also stated that there is a lack of guidance from the DLGF as well. Some comments were heard from the audience that hiring a consultant would be a good move and also the council needs to act fast as there are only 3 months left before budget hearings. Councilwoman Oglesby made a motion to hire C.L. Coonrod and Associates from Indianapolis at \$175.00 per hour for 6 months and possibly as much as \$15,000 a year. She favored Mr. Coonrod because he is a CPA, a former auditor and was recommended by Assoc. of Indiana Counties. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hollie Maxie. The motion carried with Oglesby, Maxie, Koch and McQueen voting in favor and Leffingwell, Sizemore and Kramer opposed.

CUM CAP – a motion was made by Becky Oglesby to pursue the increase in CUM CAP and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hollie Maxie. Motion carried with Aaron Leffingwell being opposed.

Adjourn – No further business being discussed a motion to adjourn was made by Becky Oglesby and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Sizemore. Motion carried.

Others in attendance – Marlene Flaspohler, Walter Heffron, Roy Hall, Monica Yane, Kate Green and Carroll Lanning. The names are spelled correctly as per the sign in sheet.

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ATTEST:

*Stephen Brack, Auditor*  
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