

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MEMORANDUM & MINUTES
March 22nd, 2011 @ 7:00 PM
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING ROOM 203**

Those Present: Council Members: Jeff Koch Carroll Lanning Jason Allen (absent)
Joe Sizemore Daryl Kramer Aaron Leffingwell Hollie Maxie
County Auditor: Erica Hudson

Jeff Koch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES 2/28/2011- MOTION- Hollie Maxie motioned to approve the minutes for February 28th, 2011. Joe Sizemore 2nd. AIF. MC.

RESOLUTION 2011-11: ADDITIONALS-

<u>FUND NAME</u>		<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>	
Tobacco Money	30000 Services and Charges	\$315.00	
Cum Bridge	20000 Supplies	\$550,000.00	
	30000 Services and Charges	\$7,000.00	TOTAL= \$557,000.00
EMA Duke Energy Grant	40000 Capital Outlay	\$1,000.00	

MOTION- Carroll Lanning motioned to approve Resolution 2011-11 with the exception of an additional requested for \$10,000.00 in Cum Cap 30000 Services and Charges. Hollie Maxie 2nd. AIF. MC.

RESOLUTION 2011-13: TRANSFERS-

COUNTY GENERAL

FROM: SAC-Other Services and Charges 100-129-4367.00 \$28.49
TO: SAC- Equipment 100-129-4440.00 \$28.49

MOTION- Aaron Leffingwell motioned to approve Resolution 2011-13. Joe Sizemore 2nd. Opposed (1)- Hollie Maxie. AIF (5). MC.

ORDINANCE 2011-07: AMENDED SALARY-

Department 105-Sheriff Line-4145.00 Civil Process Server/Transport Officer Salary (+) \$1,000.00= \$26,916.00
Department 130- Board of Commissioners DELETED Line 4115.00 EMS Secretary

MOTION- Aaron Leffingwell motioned to approve Ordinance 2011-07. Carroll Lanning 2nd. Opposed (1)- Hollie Maxie. AIF (5). MC.

APPOINTMENTS- MOTION- Aaron Leffingwell appointed Daryl Kramer to the Personnel Administration Committee. Joe Sizemore 2nd. Abstained (1)- Daryl Kramer. AIF (5). MC.

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BRENT ROBERTS- Brent Roberts from Butler, Fairman, and Seufert came before County Council requesting their support through a letter of recommendation to INDOT to apply for the 4th time for Federal Funding on Bridge No. 10 Duck Creek. This is the first attempt of four that Council is being asked to provide support in an effort to obtain federal funding for this project. In 2010 INDOT received 17 applications and only 3 were partially or fully funded. There was \$3.9 million in federal funding available in 2010 and an anticipated \$3.7 million available for 2011. The total estimated costs for this project is \$2 million and construction anticipation is set for 2014. Approximately \$400,000 would be Franklin Counties obligation given that this funding is 80% reimbursable. A statement of support is being asked from the President of Commissioners (Thomas Wilson) as well as President of Council (Jeff Koch). The deadline for this application is April 22nd. Bridge No. 10 is considered the highest priority for federal funding in Franklin County. For more details please refer to the memorandum submitted to Council and the Auditor from Brent Roberts. MOTION- Carroll Lanning motioned for Council to follow Brent Robert's recommendation to support the application process for Bridge No. 10 through a letter of support. Daryl Kramer 2nd. AIF. MC.

FRANK THOMPSON: PROPOSAL & TAX ABATEMENT REQUEST- The tax abatement request is for a Food Processing Company to be input with a proposal at the old J&J location. The first step is for the Commissioners and Council to form a Redevelopment Commission; the Commissioners appoint 3 and Council appoints 2 members to this Board. The tax abatement would be 70% over a ten year period. This company intends to hire approximately 120 employees within a two year time period and the starting rate of pay is \$13.00 per hour. An estimated 83% of the employees will be Franklin County residents. The Companies Headquarters is currently located in Cincinnati Ohio, but plans to relocate to the Brookville location. Frank Thompson had previously asked the Commissioners to consider a T.I.F. District for the old J&J location; please refer to the Commissioners minutes for March 21st, 2011. There is a 30 day time period to setup the Redevelopment Commission Board for the proposal to be signed by the Commissioners and Council. For more details on the T.I.F. District or the tax abatement please contact Franklin County Economic Development Director Frank Thompson. MOTION- Carroll Lanning motioned to sign an agreement in the next 30 days for the proposal including a 70% tax abatement for 10 years at the previous J&J Building. Joe Sizemore 2nd. AIF. MC.

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS- Aaron Leffingwell motioned for Personnel Committee to review the handbook amendments. Carroll Lanning 2nd. Abstained (1)- Hollie Maxie. AIF (5). MC.

SHERIFF'S DEPT. POSITION REQUESTS- Ken Murphy mentioned that he plans to stay within his budget and if extra funding is needed he would utilize jail commissary. MOTION- Daryl Kramer motioned to allow the Sheriff to fill the vacant positions as requested. Motion amended. MOTION- Daryl Kramer motioned to allow the Sheriff's Department to fill the following positions; 1 P/T Jailer, 1 F/T Jailer, and 1 Custodian. Aaron Leffingwell 2nd. AIF. MC.

MOTION- Carroll Lanning motioned to allow 911 to hire the 3 positions requested. Motion amended. MOTION- Carroll Lanning motioned to allow 911 to hire 2 P/T Dispatchers, 1 F/T Dispatcher, and a 911 Director. Aaron Leffingwell 2nd. AIF. MC.

1782- Erica Hudson (Auditor) discussed the 1782 notice that pertains to 2010's Budget and Budget Cuts for which she was not present. These problems are required to be fixed per the DLGF and SBOA. The funds that are involved include Park (216), Health Department (214), and County General (100). The problem is that the Budget setup for 2011 does not match the 1782 provided by the DLGF. The Park Fund was approved by Council at \$1,379.00 less than what the DLGF approved; solution is to place the \$1,379.00

into the Parks Health Insurance (216-000-4149.00). The Health Department was approved by Council at \$18,645.00 more than what the DLGF approved; solution is 3 parts, cut \$16,118.84 from their Health Insurance (214-000-4149.00) and also cut \$2,526.16 from their Longevity (214-000-4158.02) (totals \$18,645.00). Then pay all of the Health Dept. Health Ins. Out of the County General Health Ins. (100-130-4149.00). Also, pay the Longevity for the Health Dept. employees out of Councils Salary Adjustment (100-151-4101.00). Last, Council approved \$54,683 less than what the DLGF approved in County General; solution is to place the entire amount into Councils Contingency (100-151-4120.00). MOTION- Daryl Kramer motioned to approve all parts of the solutions for each fund. Hollie Maxie 2nd. AIF. MC.

UNEMPLOYMENT- The County only budgeted around \$12,000.00 to fund unemployment for the entire year and February's statement is \$12,465.00. Aaron Leffingwell wants to know if elected officials qualify for unemployment. Erica Hudson discussed that the information on the statement is for Councils information and that the public has the right to be informed, but at the same time the specifics are confidential per IC 22-4-8-2. Aaron Leffingwell mentioned that there are discrepancies' as to whether or not certain individuals qualify. Tom Linkel wants to look into quarterly payments which he figured would be approximately 3%; \$6,000/month. At the rate we are going the County would need approximately \$80,000.00 for the rest of the year. MOTION- Aaron Leffingwell motioned to table this discussion. Motion withdrawn. Hollie Maxie mentioned that the money could come out of Contingency; reduction (Council) and additional (Commissioners). MOTION- Hollie Maxie motioned for the Commissioners to submit an additional in the amount of \$30,000.00 and then to do a reduction in Councils contingency. Carroll Lanning 2nd. AIF. MC.

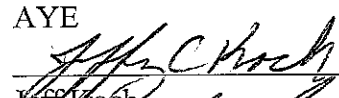
COMMENTS- Daryl Kramer discussed the rumors that Council is going to be laying people off and firing. Daryl mentioned that the Property taxes (CAGIT and EDIT) are the reason for the drastic budget cuts. For this year the county received \$400,000.00 less than previously. Daryl said that this decrease is expected to continue at approximately 5% less for next year's budget; - \$80,000.00 (\$320,000.00). This is why Council put the hiring freeze into effect and that he would like to do an attrition within which would cut 2 jobs. Laying off people does the county no good because then you end up with more unemployment. The Contingency and Rainy Day Funds are very slim, but the county can get by. Joe Sizemore mentioned that no one's job is safe. Daryl mentioned that the County received more money in CAGIT taxes in 2007-2010 than in 2011; estimated 2.8%-5% less for next year. Jeff Koch stated that it is not Councils position to hire and fire; the county cannot function without employees and it is important to maintain at budget time. Frank Thompson commented that the numbers show an increase in the local economy as far as the interest of businesses looking at Franklin County. Tom Linkel mentioned that he wants to put the Highway employees on a 4 day work week at 9 hours per day which totals 36 hours per week; conserving the Highway budget averages out to approximately \$66,000.00 annually. Erica Hudson mentioned that she cutback part time help in her office because there are interns available in the spring and fall; conserving the budget for the end of the year. Daryl Kramer mentioned that any increase in CAGIT and EDIT cannot be expected until 2015 per AIC (Association of Indiana Counties). Carroll Lanning mentioned that he did some research on the APC and there were 238 building permits last year, 26 of those were new homes; total \$46,683.00.

ADJOURN- Joe Sizemore motioned to adjourn. Hollie Maxie 2nd. AIF. MC.


Others Present:	Joey Sizemore	Diane Thomas	Karla Bauman	Tom Linkel
	John Estridge	Ruth Estridge	Brent Roberts	Wayne Monroe
	Vicky Neeley	Veronica Voelker	Sara Duffy	Becky Oglesby
	Ken Murphy	Frank Thompson		

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 Jeff Koch



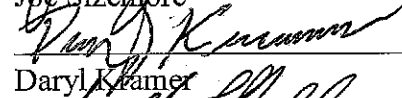
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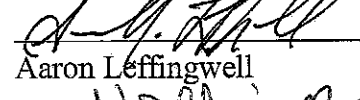
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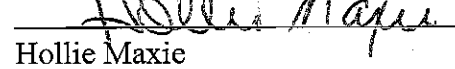
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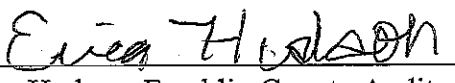
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ATTEST: 
 Erica Hudson, Franklin County Auditor