

# FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

## MEMORANDUM & MINUTES

FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 @ 10:00 AM

### COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING ROOM 203

Those Present: County Commissioners: Thomas Wilson Tom Linkel Scott McDonough  
County Auditor: Erica Hudson  
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman

Thomas Wilson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Followed by a moment of silence for the passing of Marilyn Miller's mother.

**MINUTES-** Tom Linkel motioned to approve the minutes for January 24, 2011. Scott McDonough 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thomas Wilson. AIF. MC.

**UTILITY CLAIMS-** Tom Linkel motioned to approve utility claims. Thomas Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Scott McDonough. AIF. MC.

#### TREASURERS REPORT

**JANUARY 2011-** Thomas Wilson motioned to acknowledge the Treasurers Report for January. Tom Linkel 2<sup>nd</sup>. Scott McDonough. AIF. MC.

#### DARE DITCH

**JOE GILLESPIE-** Joe would like to install prior to April 20, 2011; he also wanted to setup open bids.

**MOTION-** Scott McDonough motioned to have open bids on Dare Ditch on February 28, 2011 at 1:00 PM. Tom Linkel 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thomas Wilson. AIF. MC.

#### BRIDGE NO. 117

**DREW BARTH-** Drew wanted to see where the Commissioners were at with Bridge NO. 117. Tom Linkel talked to the Mayor and will be going to the Council meeting in Batesville to see if they will pay for the sidewalk portion on Bridge NO. 117 which is \$40,000.00. This will be discussed at the Commissioners meeting on February 22, 2011. Tom Linkel also asked Hollie Maxie to do an appropriation on Bridge NO. 117 out of Cum Bridge. Drew said that there is no real impact on their part of the job other than construction costs depending on whether or not the sidewalk is incorporated.

#### BRIDGE NO. 117 & 135

##### EARTH EXPLORATION PROPOSALS

**GEORGE HARTMAN-** George said that Earth Exploration on Bridge NO. 117 for Geotechnical Evaluation is \$4,635.00 and the asbestos survey is \$752.50. Bridge NO. 135 Geotechnical Evaluation is \$4,235.00 and the asbestos survey is \$752.50. Totals for both is \$10,375.00.

**MOTION-** Tom Linkel motioned to have George Hartman proceed with the Earth Exploration on Bridge NO. 117 and 135 and for Thomas Wilson to sign. Scott McDonough 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thomas Wilson. AIF. MC.

The Commissioners are going to use the Acrow Bridge for Bridge NO. 135 and the Highway Department will do the work.

Tom Linkel said the Salt Dome he has in mind for the Highway Department will be approximately 40 x 60 and under \$65,000.00; it will need to be put on an 8 inch thick concrete slab.

#### FAIRFIELD CAUSEWAY & BRIDGE NO. 10

**BRENT ROBERTS-** The Jobs Bill for the paving of Fairfield Causeway did not get funded; it would cost \$1,400.00 to do the work. If the Commissioners want to pursue funding for this project the application would need to be done from March 21<sup>st</sup> through May 20<sup>th</sup>. Brent discussed Duck Creek, Bridge NO. 10 is in inventory; need to complete the Federal funding application between February 21<sup>st</sup> through April 22<sup>nd</sup> (80% reimbursable). The County would be looking at approximately 2 million in costs for these projects if they are not federally funded. INDOT is in charge of determining what projects are of high importance and if they qualify and whether or not they will receive federal funding. With federal funding the County would need to front 20% and 80% is reimbursable. The Commissioners are going to try again to get federal funding for Bridge NO. 10; they have already tried 3 times and been denied for this project. Brent is going to collect some more information for the Commissioners.

#### HARRY GRAVES

**\$509,600 (WWBWCA)-** Harry asked for written procedures for approving claims from the Commissioners. He said that the SBOA has this information on their website. He also wanted to know if it was legal for the Auditor to sign the check for the Whitewater By Way Canal Association for \$509,600.00 considering that she was not bonded at the time the check was signed. The Auditor explained that the Grant started in 2010 and was approved; however the check was not issued until 2011 (it was encumbered). Harry claims the Commissioners made an offer. Thomas Wilson said that the By Way Association actually made the offer and the paperwork reflects that the Commissioners were the LPA. Thomas Wilson suggested that if Harry has legal questions then he needs to ask the County Attorney. Thomas Wilson told Harry if he's not happy and he finds something then file a lawsuit. Harry wants to know if the Commissioners are amending the code for the APC and how; there are four ways to amend the code.

**HISTORIC METAMORA-** Gary Schlueter sent an email to the Commissioners pertaining to Historic Houses in Metamora. Letters were sent to Larry Franzman. Tom Wilson wants to know who Gary is and what authority he has to take such action as defined in the email. Tom Wilson feels that before any other action was taken, the Historic Council should have come before the Commissioners to discuss these houses; Connor House and the Gingerbread House aka the Allison House. Tom Linkel feels the Council should hold a Public Meeting and whether or not Metamora even needs this board. Scott McDonough feel the Commissioners need to give some direction to the Metamora Council on these issues and what needs to be done as well as when. This will be tabled until Spring; middle of April. The issue is that the Metamora Board is wanting these structures fixed or a lawsuit will be filed. Haroline Ison is concerned about how the details of the conditions within these houses was determined; was someone trespassing. This board is supposed to be an advisory board for the County Commissioners and they should have come before them first.

**RESOLUTION 2011-07-** This is replacing Resolution 2005-20; Thomas Wilson mentioned the only change being made is that bread services for the Jail are being added. The bread services at the jail are currently on COD.

**MOTION-** Tom Linkel motioned to approve Resolution 2011-07. Scott McDonough 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thomas Wilson. AIF. MC.

#### MIDWEST TOXICOLOGY

**SERVICES, INC.-** The drug testing contract is going to end and the County will be with a different company. Alternative contact for notification of drug testing will be Tom Linkel as well as Bev Singer.

**MOTION-** Tom Linkel motioned to go with Midwest Toxicology. Scott McDonough 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thomas Wilson. AIF. MC.

**ADJOURN-** Scott McDonough motioned to adjourn. Tom Linkel 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thomas Wilson. AIF. MC.

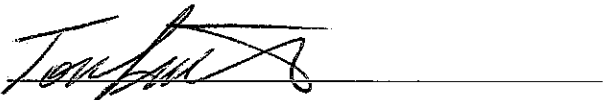
Others Present:    Haroline Ison       Drew Barth       Katy McDonough       Darrell Smith  
                         Harry Graves       Steve Robertson       John Estridge       Larry Knierim (?)  
                         Sara Duffy       George Hartman       Joe Gillespie       Brent Roberts  
                         Wayne Monroe       Larry Franzman

Note: Those names listed appear as correctly as possible due to the legibility on the sign in sheet.

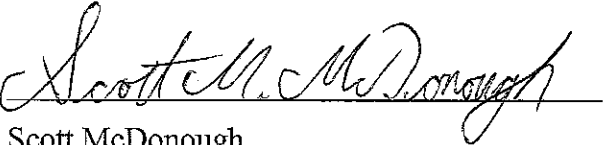
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Thomas Wilson



Tom Linkel



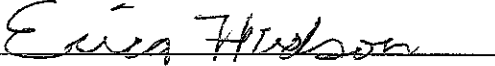
Scott McDonough

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ATTEST: 

Erica Hudson, Franklin County Auditor