

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

MEMORANDUM & MINUTES

FEBRUARY 22nd, 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 Mehlbauer Family.

PUBLIC HEARING (WEHR DITCH)

JOE GILLESPIE- Joe sent out a letter to the property owners on December 13th, 2010 stating that the account had been ran into the red due to the account only having a little over \$32.00 in it and the repair costs were \$1,800.00; the Commissioners and Auditor approved. Joe is asking for an assessment of \$3,500.00 to make repairs in the future similar to this one.

Assessment (%) Per Property Owner:

Michael and David Kolb 62%

Dale McClure 6.82%

Richard and Barbara Kolb 21.32%

James Gifford 8.35%

Todd Frondorf 0.33%

Joseph and Jason Herrman 0.78%

In order to calculate the assessment (\$3,500), take the assessment times the percentages. The assessment will go out with the spring taxes. MOTION- Scott McDonough motioned for the assessment of \$3,500.00 for the Wehr Ditch. Tom Linkel 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC. MOTION- Thomas Wilson motioned to close the ditch board meeting. Scott McDonough 2nd. Tom Linkel, AIF. MC. MOTION- Thomas Wilson motioned to open the Commissioners meeting. Scott McDonough 2nd. Tom Linkel, AIF. MC.

MINUTES 2/7/2011- Scott McDonough motioned to approve the minutes for February 7th, 2011. Tom Linkel 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

GUTS: CHAD MCQUEEN

& GREG JORDAN- Greg Jordan with GUTS represented the company along with Chad McQueen on the Tax Sales Services provided to Franklin County; GUTS is the current provider as of last year. GUTS provided an informational booklet to the Commissioners and Auditor. The Tax Sale and GUTS services are provided mainly to assist the Treasurer and Auditors offices. Franklin County Treasurer prefers GUTS and would like to continue using their services.

BRIDGE NO. 117 (COLUMBUS AVE)

DREW BARTH- Mayor Fledderman and Batesville Town Council will contact Tom Linkel in approximately 2 weeks; the week of February 28th, 2011 in regards to the \$40,000.00 sidewalk addition and how it will be paid for. Drew Barth suggests that the Commissioners go ahead and get started on the basics; such as Joe Gillespie surveying the site. Tom Linkel said that the Mayor had some concerns with starting this project and possible conflict due to INDOT replacing the bridge on 229 and the Mayor doesn't want two bridges closed at the same time; ultimately will impact access into town. The Commissioners feel this project needs to get moving and completed prior to INDOT's work on 229 to prevent conflict. Tom Linkel is going to have Hollie Maxie at the Highway Department submit an appropriation for \$550,000.00 on Bridge #117; out of Cumulative Bridge. The last week of March will be for bids on Bridge NO. 117.

There was an invoice from INDOT for Bridge NO. 94 in the amount of \$10,129.00. George Hartman checked into it with Brandi Fischvogt at INDOT; Total Change Orders \$50,645.00, the LPA (Local Public Agency) pays 20% which equals the \$10,129.00 previously listed.

MOTION- Tom Linkel motioned to sign the agreement for Bridge NO. 117. Scott McDonough 2nd. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

LPA INVOICE VOUCHER

BRIDGE NO. 48 (ALLEY FORD BRIDGE)

& VOUCHER (CLARK DIETZ, INC.)- LPA Invoice Voucher #6 for \$7,769.57 (Clark Dietz, INC.) of which \$6,215.66 is reimbursable (80%); Seymour District. MOTION- Thomas Wilson motioned to sign LPA Claim #6 for Bridge NO.48 and the Clark Dietz Voucher. Tom Linkel 2nd. Scott McDonough, AIF. MC.

Tom Linkel has an idea for the Salt Dome which he got from Batesville, he asked George Hartman to check into this and let him know his opinion as well as get bids for this project.

WAGE DETERMINATION (BATESVILLE SCHOOL)- Thomas Wilson motioned for Tom Linkel to represent the Commissioners. Scott McDonough 2nd. Tom Linkel, AIF. MC.

BLOOMING GROVE FIREHOUSE ADDITION- Thomas Wilson motioned to waive the permit fee for the Blooming Grove Firehouse Addition. Scott McDonough 2nd. Tom Linkel, AIF. MC.

HISTORIC METAMORA: STEVE COLLIER- The Gingerbread House in Historic Metamora is in poor condition and ready to fall down. Larry Franzman informed Steve that if he addressed the Commissioners they could then direct Larry to do something and he would. The Conner House is also in bad shape and needs attention; falling down. The owners live in Cincinnati Ohio and there is no communication. Steve said that the intention of the letter previously sent was to get the Commissioners involved and to heighten the awareness of the County and to ultimately see if the Commissioners will send a letter to the Property Owners. Steve feels the board members in Metamora are just trying to do the right thing and he feels this board is just what the Commissioners would want. Scott McDonough feels the Commissioners could send a letter to the property owners to open up the communication that is currently lacking; find out what their intentions are, if they want to fix the houses up. Thomas Wilson feels the Conner House is in worse condition compared to the Gingerbread House. Thomas Wilson said the Commissioners can send a letter to the property owners asking them to get in contact. Thomas Wilson is not sure if either of the properties are listed on the Historic Registry. Steve Collier said that they are listed as Contributing Structures under the Historic District on the National Registry.

HARRY GRAVES

\$509,600 (WWBWCA)- Harry Graves mentions that the Claims Procedures are listed on the SBOA (State Board of Accounts) website. Harry also addressed the WWBWCA (Whitewater By Way Canal Association) \$509,600.00. Harry discussed the legality of the documentation. Harry questioned the signatures on the documentation and wanted to know if the signatures were actual or file stamped. Thomas Wilson verified that it was in fact a file stamp for which Carol Westerman has permission to use. There is also a Candy Yurcak's signature; she picked up the check, signed the check, and notarized the documents. Eric Roberts had also signed as president of the Commissioners during that time. Thomas Wilson mentioned that the state did not follow procedure either. Harry said

the money had not been appropriated as of September 7th, 2010 however that was when the voucher was issued; thus no one should have signed the documentation. Scott McDonough said that there are some discrepancies' that need to be cleared up in regards to the taxing units interest and whether or not the money was spent accordingly. Harry mentioned that the deed and title is not accurately reflected either. Harry said that the statues must be followed by everyone.

PERSONAL HANDBOOK- Tom Linkel would like to make some adjustments to the Highway portion of the County Employee Handbook; Comp Time and Sick Time.


Tom Linkel mentioned that as of January of this year \$14,446.80 in scrap metal has been sold. This scrapped material goes to the pit which is located behind the transfer station/recycling center; aka the gravel pit (this is also where the salt dome will be located). Tom Linkel mentioned that only 1/3 has been used so far of overtime at the County Highway.

PAYROLL-MOTION- Tom Linkel motioned to approve payroll. Thomas Wilson 2nd. Scott McDonough, AIF. MC. MOTION- Thomas Wilson motioned that payroll must be signed prior to pick up. Tom Linkel 2nd. Scott McDonough, AIF. MC.

ADJOURN- MOTION- Thomas Wilson motioned to adjourn. Tom Linkel 2nd. Scott McDonough, AIF. MC. Thomas Wilson announced the Auction will be held at the Highway Department; the hydraulic will come off of the paver.

Others Present:	Drew Barth	Katy McDonough	Harry Graves	Haroline Ison	Sara Duffy
	Greg Jordan	Chad McDonald	Todd Frondorf	Pam Shay	Darrell Smith
	Alan Herrmann	Jason Herrmann	Mike Kolb	David Kolb	Joe Gillespie
	George Hartman	Becky Oglesby	Steve Collier	Wayne Monroe	

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

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Thomas Wilson

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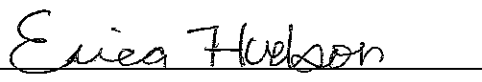
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ATTEST: 
Erica Hudson, Franklin County Auditor