

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MEMORANDUM & MINUTES
JANUARY 25TH, 2011 @ 7:00 PM
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING ROOM 203**

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

Jeff Koch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION 2011-04

TRANSFER OF FUNDS- IMMUNIZATION GRANT PROGRAM:

FROM: Immunization Grant-Misc. Operating Expenses 8150-000-4220.00 \$465.91
TO: Immunization Grant-New Equipment 8150-000-4440.00 \$465.91

MOTION- Hollie Maxie motioned to approve Resolution 2011-04. Joe Sizemore 2nd. AIF. MC.

AMENDED SALARY

ORDINANCE 2011-04-

Department 105 Sheriff

4145.00- Civil Process Server/Transport Officer FROM: \$25,916.00 TO: \$26,916.00

Sec. 4560 Local Public Health Coordinator

4111.00- LPHC Coordinator (8/10/10 to 8/9/11) \$1,418.20 (Salary) 19.0 (Hours Worked) \$570.00 (Bi Weekly) \$15.00/hr

Sec. 8130 PHER H1N1 Grant Ext.

4111.00- PHER H1N1 Grant Coordinator (1/1/11 to 7/31/11) \$6,240.00 (S) 16.0 (HW) \$480.00 (BW) \$15.00/hr

Sec. 9110 Medical Reserve Corp. Health

4111.00- MRC Coordinator (1/1/11 to 6/30/11) \$2,250.00 (S) 5.0 (HW) \$150.00 (BW) \$15.00/hr

COMMENTS- Ken Murphy discussed that the reason changes are being made to the Sheriff's Department 105 were due to the reduction and additional done per the minutes from January 26, 2010. There was not enough budgeted for 2011 per the transfer of funds form submitted January 24, 2011 from the Sheriffs Dept to the Auditor's Office. The Salary Ordinance must reflect these changes. Hollie Maxie commented that the position of Civil Process Server/Transport Officer was not considered a probationary position on the prior Salary Ordinance. If this were a probationary position then the previous Auditor would have had this reflected in the previous Salary Ordinance. Hollie Maxie would like to review the tapes from 2009 in the Auditor's Office; at budget time in 2009 it had been discussed to make 2 P/T positions into 1 F/T position whereas there would be a 1 year probationary position thus it would be reflected in the previous salary ordinance as well as in the minutes.

MOTION- Carroll Lanning motioned to accept Salary Ordinance 2011-04. Aaron Leffingwell 2nd. AIF. MC.

RESOLUTION 2011-05

ADDITIONALS- Cumulative Bridge: Supplies \$100,000.00 Services & Charges \$90,000.00 TOTAL= \$190,000.00
Tobacco Money: Capital Outlay \$680.00 TOTAL= \$680.00
Operation Pullover: Personal Services \$2,292.00 TOTAL= \$2,292.00

MOTION- Joe Sizemore motioned to accept Resolution 2011-05. Jason Allen 2nd. AIF. MC.

MINUTES FOR 1/04/2011- MOTION- Carroll Lanning motioned to accept the minutes for 1/04/2011. Daryl Kramer 2nd. AIF. MC.

ENCUMBERANCES- Clerk Dept 101: Postage \$454.73 Office Supplies \$222.94 Office Supplies Election \$65.00
P/T Help \$273.00

County General- **Sheriff:** Gas and Oil \$353.18 Uniforms \$277.13 Tires \$653.56 Other Supplies \$51.57 K-9 \$83.90

Jail: Utilities \$1,844.87 First Aid \$87.15

MOTION- Daryl Krammer motioned to encumber the funds. Carroll Lanning 2nd. AIF. MC.

RESOLUTION 2011-02

COUNCIL MTG. SCHEDULE-

Meeting Dates 2011: January 4, January 25, February 28 (Mon. @ 7:30), March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, August 23, August 29/30/31 & September 1 (Budget Hearings 9AM), September 27 (Reg. Mtg. and Adopt Budget), October 25, November 22, December 6, and December 13 or 20 (if needed). Note: Meeting times will be held at 7:00 PM unless otherwise specified per Council; the Budget Hearings from August 29-September 1 will be held at 9:00 AM. The meeting schedule is subject to change per Council.

MOTION- Hollie Maxie motioned to accept Resolution 2011-02. Daryl Kramer 2nd. AIF. MC.

HEALTH DEPT

GRANT POSITION &

BENEFITS- Diane Turner discussed the funding of employees in the Health Department through Grant money. She just wanted to inform Council and see if there were any questions. The employees that are funded in the Health Department on Grant money include but are not limited to Dave Fehlinger (Environmentalist) and Carol Monroe (Local Public Health Coordinator or LPHC). These employees do fully understand their positions.

VSO (VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER)

P/T TO F/T- Charles (Chuck) Thomas is currently Franklin Counties VSO (Veterans Service Officer) as a part time position he feels in order to fully serve the Veterans and Franklin County his position requires full time attention. Chuck provided Council with an extensive resume as well as an idea of the requirements in order to fulfill the obligations of his duties as VSO. The job expectations as well as requirements and responsibilities are not being fulfilled to Chucks fullest potential due to this position being part time consisting of 10 hours per week. Director Tom Applegate (IDEVA County Service Officer) spoke on Chucks behalf citing many statistics as reference to why this position is vital and should be full time. Currently in Indiana 75 of 92 Counties have a full time VSO; the capacity of Veterans in Franklin County is approximately 1,940 with only 404 being currently enrolled (only 21%). The Veterans in Franklin County need more awareness as well as assistance. Chuck presented many forms to explain the long and drawn out process that is involved from one Vet to the next. One example of a claim Chuck referenced was 42 pages and took over 2 months. The wait time in Chuck's office is approximately 90 minutes or longer depending on the claim. Due to this wait time many Veterans

will go to another full time office in another county. Chuck said that he is not asking for the health care benefits and his current salary is \$10,514.00 and the new salary is consistent with that of a third deputy which is \$24,448.00; that's \$13,934.00 for Chuck to be a full time VSO. Tom Applegate said that Franklin County is fortunate to have Chuck as the VSO and he deserves to be full time; great progress has been made and the county has seen \$3 million in federal revenues as of 2009.

MOTION- Hollie Maxie motioned to table the VSO's P/T position to F/T proposal to next month's meeting. Carroll Lanning 2nd. AIF. MC.

NEW 911 SYSTEM- Jay Manning discussed the ongoing new 911 system for the past year and an agreement has been set to start the install in March. Jay has an additional appropriation setup in the amount of \$67,261.06 to install next month. The entire additional appropriation will need to be paid up front and then there is a grant that will reimburse the county 2/3 of the \$67,261.06. Jay has talked with Barry Ritter (Grant Coordinator) and the turnaround time for the reimbursement from the grant is approximately 6-8 weeks. Aaron Leffingwell said the County is approved for 2 positions at approximately \$21,000.00 per position for a total of approximately \$42,000.00 (\$42,000-\$43,000). Hollie Maxie asked Thomas Wilson if it would be alright to take the money out of Cumulative Capital Fund (aka Cum Cap); Thomas said yes.

MOTION- Hollie Maxie motioned to setup a line for the grant and the remaining balance not covered by the grant will come out of Cum Cap; motioned to approve the new 911 system. Carroll Lanning 2nd. Opposed (1) Daryl Kramer. AIF (6), Opposed (1). MC.

Jay also mentioned that he would like Council to allow him to hire 2 part time employees without any additional funding.

HIRING FREEZE- Daryl Krammer discussed that Council must become disciplined and consider doing attrition within the County. Ken Murphy has already advertised for a maintenance position at the jail in the newspaper. Hollie Maxie commented that any department head or elected official shall notify the County Auditor in writing whenever a vacancy occurs as well as going before Council and receiving a majority vote of Council. The Commissioners are also going to hire an Engineer. Daryl Krammer feels there are some offices that are overstaffed and through attrition this can be alleviated; cross train personnel and advertise internally first. Carroll Lanning wants anyone hiring for a position to come before Council prior to any action being taken. The Commissioners were given the approval to hire for the Engineer position as well as Ken Murphy being approved to hire for the maintenance position at the jail. Council tabled this discussion to the next meeting.

EMS- Erica Hudson (Auditor) contacted the county attorney (John Worth) earlier that day, however he said he could not make it to the meeting. John Worth and the Auditor determined that EMS's Secretary needs to be turned over to EMS due to the fact that she cannot be a county employee as well as EMS's employee; ghost employment. The Secretary also cannot continue to be paid as a county employee out of county funding on payroll. Council can turn the Secretary over to EMS and Council can transfer the funds into EMS's budget/line. After this payroll, the County can no longer pay EMS's Secretary. The Auditor had all the transfers setup and ready for Councils approval. Thomas Wilson stated that at 7:00 PM that evening he called John Worth and according to Thomas, John researched the situation and told him that she can be a county employee as long as she is under the direct supervision of the Commissioners. Aaron Leffingwell discussed the emails between Karen Weaver at the SBOA (State Board of Accounts) and the Auditor's office pertaining to the legality of EMS's Secretary. The emails were forwarded to Nancy Wright and then to Tammy White at the SBOA. Aaron's interpretation of the emails was that it is legal the way it was setup. Aaron believes it too far in to not have a contract setup with EMS. The Auditor clarifies that the Secretary is not providing direct services to the county but to EMS so she should be under EMS's liability. The Auditor also mentioned that the Treasurer made it clear that it is ghost employment and she will not sign any more checks for EMS's Secretary. Scott McDonough commented that it is easy to say the Secretary is under their supervision; however it may or may not be legal. The sooner this is resolved the better off the county will be. Jeff Koch mentioned that this would be a big additional and these were things that were determined at budget time; \$50,000.00 had already been budgeted. Joe Sizemore is ready to get it taken care of and EMS is vital to the community. Jason Allen is concerned about EMS coming back at budget time asking for more money. Scott McDonough said that a long term contract (3 Year) would be better so that we aren't doing this every year and to see if there is any way to find other sources to assist with the costs. Roy Rosenberger said that Council did budget money without a contract and this should not have been done. However, EMS did come before Council at budget time and ask for \$100,000.00. Roy Rosenberger said that if something is not done as far as a contract then there are possibilities of lawsuits; he referenced a situation similar to this in Union County. The County is getting a great service for a small price compared to surrounding counties. Roy said that EMS makes 1,200-1,300 runs per year. Roy said that EMS still owes a lot of money on purchases they've made; truck, building, etc. The Secretary commented that she will work as EMS's employee but she really likes the benefits she receives as a county employee. The Secretary asked how the Soil and Water Secretary is handled; Daryl Krammer said that she works for the county and is supervised by the County to represent the County at the Federal and State Offices. There was a five minute break. Aaron Leffingwell wants it on record that he is very upset that the County Attorney is not here and that he gave two different responses to two elected officials regarding the EMS Secretary. The County Attorney has had more than enough time to review the information and this is too hot of a topic for the County Attorney not to be present for.

MOTION- Joe Sizemore motioned to pay an additional \$25,000.00 to the EMS line for Contractual Services out of the Rainy Day Fund. No 2nd. Motion dies for lack of 2nd.

RESOLUTION 2011-06

TRANSFER OF FUNDS- COUNTY GENERAL

FROM:	Commissioners-Social Security	100-130-4147.00	\$1,648.56
TO:	Commissioners-Emergency Contractual Services	100-130-4316.16	\$1,648.56
FROM:	Commissioners-EMS Secretary	100-130-4115.00	\$9,877.22
TO:	Commissioners-Emergency Contractual Services	100-130-4316.16	\$9,877.22
FROM:	Commissioners-PERF	100-130-4148.00	\$1,508.40
TO:	Commissioners-Emergency Contractual Services	100-130-4316.16	\$1,508.40
FROM:	Commissioners-Insurance	100-130-4149.00	\$8,956.31
TO:	Commissioners-Emergency Contractual Services	100-130-4316.16	\$8,956.31

MOTION- Aaron Leffingwell motioned to approve Resolution 2011-06. Hollie Maxie 2nd. AIF. MC.

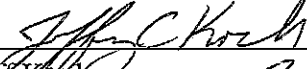
MOTION- Joe Sizemore motioned to do an additional for \$25,136.43 into the Rainy Day Fund for EMS Emergency Contractual Services. Daryl Krammer 2nd. AIF (5), Opposed (2) Carroll Lanning and Jeff Koch. MC.

ADJOURN- Carroll Lanning motioned to adjourn. Jason Allen 2nd. AIF. MC.

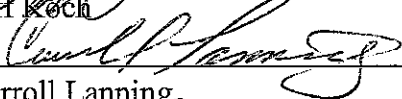
Others Present:	Ken Murphy	Scott McDonough	Harry Graves	Jay Manning
	Roy Rosenberger	Cheryl Rader	Haroline Ison	Gary W.
	Charles Thomas	Tom Applegate	Greg Kunkel	Bob Bane
	Tom Linkel	Thomas Wilson	Don Smith	Carla Sizemore
	Rick McMillin	Ruth Estridge	John Estridge	Brian Barta
	Carol Monroe	Diane Turner	Yvonne Kramer	Marlene Flaspohler
	Robert Braun	Frank Thompson	Bill Schirmer	

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

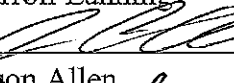
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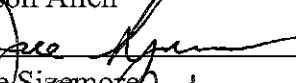
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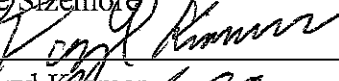
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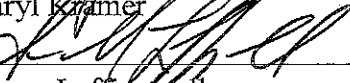
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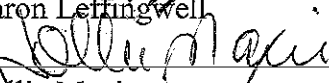
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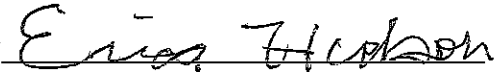
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ATTEST: 
 Erica Hudson, Franklin County Auditor