

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
MEMORANDUM & MINUTES  
December 19th, 2011 @ 7:00 PM  
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING ROOM 203**

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

Thomas Wilson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: MOTION-** Thomas Wilson motioned to acknowledge the Treasurer's November report. Scott McDonough seconds. Tom Linkel, AIF. MC.

**CLERK'S REPORT: MOTION-** Scott McDonough motioned to acknowledge the Clerk's November report. Thomas Wilson seconds. Tom Linkel, AIF. MC.

**ENGINEER UPDATES:**

George Hartman explained the two LPA invoice voucher claims are for reimbursement. **MOTION-** Thomas Wilson motioned to sign the LPA invoice voucher claim No. 10 for bridge #94 in the amount of \$549.24. Scott McDonough seconds. Tom Linkel, AIF. MC. **MOTION-** Thomas Wilson motioned to sign the LPA invoice voucher claim No. 1 for bridge #48 in the amount of \$4,306.51. Tom Linkel seconds. Scott McDonough, AIF. MC. George stated that the county bridge inspection is pending documentation from BF&S. There are also several invoices that require new signatures and dates. Bridge #48 and #102 were entered for the Engineering Excellence Awards; the ceremony will be March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 in Indianapolis. Thomas Wilson requested that the County Engineers consider Tee Hill guardrail as part of the Phase II Bridge Inspections in 2012; others considered priority include but are not limited to #103, #37 (451 ADT), and #46 (approximately \$750,000 to repair with 151 ADT).

Ted Cooley discussed the update sheet submitted; for more details please refer to documentation submitted. Ted is extremely concerned with the condition of Levee Road and plans to contact the DNR to reconsider. **MOTION-** Tom Linkel motioned to sign change order No. 1 for the salt storage building in the amount of \$285. Scott McDonough seconds. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC. The County Accident Report revealed the roads with the majority of accidents which includes but is not limited to St Mary's, Blue Creek, and Oxford Pike; accounts for 75% of accidents in Franklin County (ADT also considered). Ted recommended that the Commissioners consider proactive measures such as clearing trees to increase visibility, guardrails, and speed reduction from 45 mph to 35 mph. There are many projects being considered for spring of 2012 which includes but are not limited to bridge #135, Morris Road culvert, preparing bridge caulking, preparing expansion joint contract, and power washing.

The Commissioners requested that the public send any information for survey trespassing in correlation to the pipeline whereas permission nor right of way hasn't been granted. The Commissioners were in consensus that suit could be filed; injunction.

**INDIANA PUBLIC RETIRMENT SYSTEM: PERF: MOTION-** Tom Linkel motioned for Thomas Wilson to sign the annual form for the Auditor. Scott McDonough seconds. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC.

**ORDINANCE 2011-32: TOURISM BOARD:** Scott McDonough mentioned that Frank Thompson requested that appointments be postponed until he can be present. Beth Siebert inquired about Franks influence and intent to postpone appointment for the Tourism Board. Scott McDonough explained that Frank has a few options for appointments to the board. Frank also suggested that the Auditor issue payments for the Tourism Board. Mikel Beck commented that the board is moving in the right direction per SBOA requirements and needs a chance to show progression. It was also stated that none of the Commissioners attend the Tourism meetings. Jud explained that there are projects at State contingent upon representation/appointments being determined. **MOTION-** Scott McDonough motioned to enact ordinance 2011-32. Tom Linkel seconds. Thomas Wilson, AIF. MC. **MOTION-** Scott McDonough motioned to appoint Mike Hornsby and Tim Zimke (Ray representation) to the Tourism Board. Motion dies for the lack of a second. Tom Linkel commented that he has other names at home and he was not prepared. Beth Siebert stated that experience is vital to serve effectively on this board and to continue moving forward. Scott McDonough commented that lodging is a state requirement for appointments to the board. Thomas Wilson explained that the appropriate appointments are required to promote the county. Tom Linkel suggested postponing a decision until the following meeting in order to make an educated decision. The Commissioners reached a consensus to appoint 2 year terms.

**COMMISSIONERS CERTIFICATE TAX SALE:** This discussion was tabled to allow a mutual decision between the Commissioners, Auditor, and Treasurer.

Comments: Wayne Monroe is concerned with a rotted tree on Reservoir Road. Tom Linkel will make contact with the property owner. Jud McMillin will contact Duke Energy. Wayne also explained that speed limit signs are ignored and fines can't be issued on designated areas. Thomas Wilson stated that there are Ordinances in place that regulate 45 mph on County roads. Scott McDonough explained that the VSO's job description and contract need revised to reflect full time status. Thomas Wilson commented that Council stated during budget hearings that the VSO was a full time position at 20 hours per week. Scott also suggested that the VSO should not be penalized and should receive benefits accordingly. John Worth stated that the VSO has been grandfathered in and the job description should remain as is which includes benefits as a full time employee. Scott McDonough stated that a resolution will be considered for 2012.

**ADJOURN: MOTION-** Tom Linkel motioned to adjourn. Thomas Wilson seconds. Scott McDonough, AIF. MC.

Others Present: Wayne Monroe Mikel Beck Sara Duffy John Estridge Beth Siebert  
Bill Schirmer George Hartman Ted Cooley Jud McMillin

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

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ATTEST: Erica Hudson  
Erica Hudson, Franklin County Auditor