

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JANUARY 30, 2017
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in a regular meeting on January 30, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners meeting room. Those present were Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman and Karla Bauman, Auditor. Tom Wilson, absent.

The meeting was called to order and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Linkel.

Open Bids – Keeler/Reservoir Road: Bids were opened for the Keeler/Reservoir Ditch. Bids were as follows:

Darren Gunter Excavating: \$14,474.20

Copperhead Excavating: \$18,590.00

K-3 Complete, LLC: \$19,466.00

Earthworks, LLC: \$23,643.18

Motion by Tom Linkel to take all bids under advisement until the February 13, 2017 meeting, seconded by Eric Roberts, motion carried. The Commissioners need to decide how the project will be funded.

Motion to close regular commissioners meeting and open Drainage Board meeting by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, motion carried.

DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

Wehr Ditch: Joe Gillespie stated that Wehr ditch is a drain located along State Line Rd. and we are constantly have maintenance issues with a segment of it. It is really shallow in that area and every spring we have a hole or two we have to fix. All funds have been used up. We are proposing an assessment of \$2,000 on that drain. Eric Roberts asked if \$2,000 was enough. The \$2,000 should last two or three years for the maintenance. No property owners present objected. Tom Linkel motioned to move for assessment of \$2,000 on the Wehr Ditch, seconded by Eric Roberts, motion carried.

Henning Ditch: Joe Gillespie also presented a proposed assessment for Henning Ditch. The tile was replaced twenty years ago, with constant holes popping up. The proposed assessment for maintenance on the East Arm of this ditch is \$2,000. No property owners present objected. Tom Linkel moved to have a \$2,000 assessment put on the East Arm of the Henning Ditch, seconded by Eric Roberts, motion carried.

Becky Oglesby stated the Commissioners should look into using the General Maintenance Ditch Fund. Joe Gillespie has suggested using that fund for the Reservoir/Keeler Ditch project.

Tom Linkel moved to close the Drainage Board Meeting and open the regular commissioners meeting, seconded by Eric Roberts.

Project Engineer – Town of Brookville – Main Street Project: Tom Linkel invited representatives from INDOT to Franklin County Commissioners meeting to answer questions and concerns that Franklin County citizens and Main Street Merchants have in regards to the upcoming road project on Main Street. John Newman presented a short history of the town of Brookville. Brookville was a town before Franklin County was a County and before Indiana was a State. With courthouse fires, etc., some of original documents from the early 1800's are missing. A recorded download of the discussion between INDOT and those present is available from the Franklin County Auditor. Tom Linkel called for a five minute recess following this discussion.

Regular Commissioner Meeting re-opened:

Cathy Pelsor – Public Transportation – Quarterly Report: Cathy Pelsor presented the commissioners with the Public Transportation Quarterly Report. Eric Roberts moved to accept the Public Transportation Quarterly Report, seconded by Tom Linkel, motion carried.

Veronica Voelker, Franklin County Treasurer – Annual Investment Report: Veronica Voelker, Franklin County Treasurer presented the Annual Investment Report to the Board of Finance. The total of investments for the County is 2.4 million. The investments do reflect the \$300,000 that was taken out for Cum Bridge. Commissioners acknowledge receiving said report.

Minutes – Approval: Tom Linkel misread the Shirks International Bid during the January 17, 2017 commissioners meeting. Mr. Linkel stated \$129,677 for single and \$151,529 for tandem. The correct amount of the bids are \$125,533.51 for single and \$143,282.68 for tandem. Mr. Linkel apologized for misreading the quote incorrectly. The January 17, 2017 minutes will be amended to reflect the incorrect amounts that were stated.

Approve Payroll: Motion to approve payroll by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, motion carried. The Commissioners will be working on changing the end of the pay period from Friday to Thursday which will allow the payroll to be turned into the Auditor's office by Friday. This will give the Auditor time to verify the payroll vouchers prior to presenting to the Commissioners for approval. Eric Roberts would also like to see an adjustment to how the end-of-year claims get paid.

Approve Claims: Motion to approve all claims, with the exception of holding Light Tech - \$12,500 payment – need to do a final walk thru (LED lighting), by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, motion carried.

100 – R – 2016 Employee Compensation List: Eric Roberts moved to post the 2016 100-R Employee Compensation List, seconded by Tom Linkel, motion carried. The 100-R will be posted in each of the government owned buildings.

Employee Health Insurance Reimbursement: In completing payroll deductions, it was discovered in the Auditor's office that an employee has had his health insurance deducted from his paycheck, both Pre-tax and Post-tax (twice) since October 4, 2013. As a result of the deductions being taken out twice, the County owes the employee \$2,000.00. The Auditor has asked the Commissioners to file a claim so the employee can be reimbursed as soon as possible.

Resolution 2017-2 – Amended 2017 Holiday Schedule: The Holiday Schedule was amended designating December 26, 2017 for (Christmas Eve). Eric Roberts moved to approve Resolution 2017-02 Amended Holiday Schedule. Tom Linkel seconded, all in favor.

Chris Collins – Forestry Management, LLC: Mr. Collins presented the Commissioners with Two (2) proposals for removing timber from County properties. Tom Linkel suggested they advertise the project for bids. A notice will be published for the timber with the sealed bids due 10:00 a.m., February 27, 2017.

Internal Controls: Eric Roberts will get with the Auditor to set-up another internal control meeting. Deadline for filing with the State is March 1, 2017.

Rumpke Service Agreement – Jail: This is a three year contract for a 3 yard dumpster at a cost of \$58.30 per month. Tom Linkel moved for Eric Roberts to sign the Rumpke Service Agreement, seconded by Eric Roberts, motion carried.

Consultant Agreement – The Wheatley Group LLC & Economic Development Commission: Changes to the agreement from 2016 include:
60 day notice of termination was removed; travel expense was removed
Public Access – cannot contract against Public Access Law – this will be added back in. Renewal of agreement was moved to February 6, 2017.

Public Comments:

Harry Graves asked if the Commissioners were approached about the courthouse trees that are marked for removal. They have not been approached. The question is who owns the trees. Harry Graves is concerned about four documents (plats) that are not identifiable. Mr. Graves just wants one document picked. The Commissioners will ask INDOT for those answers.

Mildred Simmermeyer asked if the Wheatley Group has produced any benefits, visible benefits. Eric Roberts said no.

Butch Williams wanted to comment on the newspaper article written two weeks ago, January 18, 2017, concerning the EMS contract. The Commissioners have agreed to contract with EMS for twice the amount of money than last year and where is the money going to come from to fund that. Both Commissioners acknowledged that funding was an issue after presenting to County Council. Mr. Williams also wanted to address the comment made by a County Council member suggesting that the Drewersburg Fire Department and EMS should be closed down

Karla J. Bauman, Auditor

and perhaps a contract with Harrison Fire Department be done. Mr. Williams gave a brief history of the Drewersburg Fire Department and how successful they have been. Mr. Williams also commented about the new public safety tax that was implemented to help pay for the EMS services. Every person who volunteers their time as a fire fighter or EMS is a hero in his book. Eric Roberts commented that it is their job as commissioners to provide EMS services to the county. Becky Oglesby commented that the public safety tax that is received is currently being used to fund the Sheriff Department. Mr. Schirmer will be attending a commissioners meeting in the near future to present the EMS financial report.

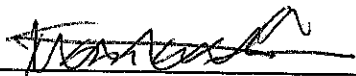
Motion to Adjourn: Tom Linkel motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Eric Roberts, motion carried.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mark R. Simmermeyer, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Betty Lecher, Ike Deburger, Lance Erhart, Jessi Hill, Rob O'Mara, Scott Works, Travis Martin, Nicolette Mendenhall, Marjorie Millman, Donald Millman, Donald West, Tom Davis, John J. Newman, Ray Kersey, Harry Graves, Jim Crawford, Dick Crawford, Ralph Wulber, Jennifer Edwards, Kirk Womack, Jr., Jim Albertz, Tim Rosenberger, William E. Murray, Martha Shea, Cathy Pelsor, Tammy Davis, Darrell Flaspohler, Tim Ripperger, Sam Schuck, Curtis Ward, Rene Stivers, Sara Duffy, Jim Lubic, George Grimmeissen, Rick Gill, Ray Lohrey, Paul Nobbe, Phil Nobbe, Greg Korner, Sr., Beth Seibert, Bob O'Bryan, Brent Riehle, Martin Smith, Nancy Main, Chris Collins, Earl Stenger, Jr., Ed Derickson, Becky Oglesby, Veronica Voelker, Butch Williams, Ron Schneider, Nathan Meyer. Four names were not recognizable.

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 30, 2017 ACCEPTED.

AYE

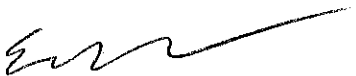
NAY



Tom Wilson



Tom Linkel



Eric Roberts


Tom Wilson

Tom Linkel

Eric Roberts

Carol Westerman, Commissioner's Secretary

ATTESTED:



Karla J. Bauman, Auditor