FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
October 19, 2021- 10:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on October 19, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Gerald Wendel, Faye Hay, Commissioner's Secretary and Karla Bauman Auditor.

OPEN: The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance was led by Tom Wilson.

COVID Update – Health Department: There have been 49 new cases as of October 12th. Franklin County is still in the red with a positivity rate of 21.94%. Presently there are 3 hospitalized and 139 breakthrough cases. The Health Department is also applying for a CDC grant that will fund school testing and contact tracing.

LPHC Contract – Health Department: The Health Department requested the Commissioners to approve the agreement for contractual services between the Franklin County Health Department and Kristen Berns for a cost total cost of $22,200 paid monthly in the amount of $1,850.00. **Motion to approve the Agreement for Contractual Services between the Franklin County Health Department and Kristen Berns for a total sum of $22,200.00 paid monthly in the amount of $1,850.00 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Sheriff Cates – Quote: Sheriff Cates discussed with Commissioners the 4 Boilers that are used in his building. Two are used for heating and two are for hot water. One of the boilers need to be replaced. Sheriff Cates has a quote from Hirt & Elco for $21,200.00. **Motion to approve the quote by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Franklin County Health Department Covid-19 Update: Nurse Tibbetts came before commissioners to give them an update on Covid-19 in Franklin County. There have been 2,524 cases, 40 deaths, 85 new cases since last week which is 16% positivity rate. Any event larger than 250 people will need a safety plan. The flu clinic will begin next week. The test site grant for $50,000 is still under review by the State. Bridget Hayes asked if the Commissioners were still looking for a doctor to serve on the health board and Commissioner Linkel stated yes. Sara Duffy asked how many were currently hospitalized and how many have recovered. Nurse Tibbetts responded that there are currently 3 hospitalized and she has not had time to work on the number of people who have recovered.

Development and Construction Standards – Rob Seig: Mr. Seig stated that the proposed Chapter 3 and Chapter 4 for the Development and Construction Standards Manual for Franklin County came from the City of Batesville's Standards. **Motion to rescind Ordinance 2021-11 and approve Ordinance 2021-13, striking reference to stormwater specifications, section 6, which there is none by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

E911 Policy Ordinance – workweek: Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-14, an ordinance establishing the work week for E911. The normal workweek begins for day shift on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and ends the following Saturday at 9:59 a.m. The normal workweek for the night shift shall begin on

Saturday at 10:00 p.m. and ends on the following Saturday at 9:59 p.m., by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

Metamora Historic District Building Permit – Steve Collier: Mr. Collier filed an application for certificate of appropriateness to install an above ground pool and six-foot privacy fence located in the historic district at 10085 Walnut Alley, Metamora, Indiana. **Motion to approve the application for certificate of appropriateness as filed by Steve Collier, by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

MedBen Benefit Management Agreement: The renewal for the MedBen Benefit Management Agreement for 2021-2022 was presented for signature by the Plan Administrator. There are no changes with the benefits. **Motion to have Tom Wilson as Plan Administrator to sign the MedBen Benefit Management Agreement for 2021-2022 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Pinnacle Mailing Products: Commissioners reviewed the lease agreement for the postage meter that is used for the entire government center. **Motion to approve the Pinnacle Lease Agreement for the postage meter used by the government center by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Malinowski Consulting, Inc. – Motion to approve the Malcon Agreement for the Annual Cost Allocation Plans for 2021-2023, at $3,490.00 each year, by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Minutes – September 21, 2021: Motion to approve the September 21st minutes by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer Report – September, 2021: Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's September report by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

Claims – Motion to approve claims in the amount of $425,626.65 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

Payroll – Motion to approve payroll and payroll deductions in the total amount of $201,296.62 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Marty Hacker: Marty Hacker came before commissioners to request that the commissioners withdraw their support for the proposed voluntary annexation by the Town of Brookville up on Reservoir Hill. Mr. Hacker is concerned that three developers will get more votes based on the subdividing of their properties than the residents who live up there. Mr. Wilson said he would like to see the law on it because they cannot stop it if it is voluntary. Commissioner Linkel said that is a tough one.

Larry Smith, Franklin County Engineer: Larry Smith updated the commissioners on the courthouse steeple. It has been delayed from October 18th to November 15th. He also has a meeting on October 19th at 1:30 with the folks on Cummins Road. He also updated them on Elkhorn Estates and his inspection of the roads. He is suggesting they grind all of the original asphalt.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Others Present: Randy Powell, Bridget Hayes, Peter Cates, Marty Hacker, Larry Smith, Crystal McQueen, Treasurer, Surveyor, John, Terry Duffy, R. Teufel, Rob Seig, Ruth Rowlett, Neysa Raible, Connie Rosenberger.

AYES:	NAYS:
Tom Linkel	Tom Linkel
Gerald Wendel	Gerald Wendel
Tom Wilson	Tom Wilson

ATTESTED BY: Karla J. Bauman
Karla J. Bauman, Auditor