

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**March 13, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.**  
**COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on March 13, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman, Jenna Whittington, Chief Deputy Auditor and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

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

**Jane Barker – RMD Life Insurance:** Jane Barker presented a Voluntary Life Insurance benefit to be offered to full-time county employees thru payroll deduction. She would need to meet with all employees in a group setting. There would be no health questions asked and no rate changes for this insurance. The employees not wishing to sign up for the insurance coverage would need to sign a waiver. Coverage would be effective immediately and the payroll deduction would be paid one month up front. Eric Roberts suggested that all “voluntary benefit” insurance providers meet with county employees on one day.

**Chris Collins – Timber:** There was a discussion in regards to the bidding process. Sara Duffy addressed the Board about being prudent when making this decision. Chris Collins also made a statement defending his proposed bid. Motion to seek out a forester and to not accept Chris Collins’ bid for \$25,000 by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Open Bids – 8 Bridge Projects:** All bids were opened by Ted Cooley. Motion to take all bids under advisement by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Drainage Board – Keeler/Reservoir Road:** Nathan Meyer read a prepared statement regarding the Reservoir/Keeler Road situation in regards to the removal of the obstruction. Said statement is attached to these minutes. A drainage board meeting has been scheduled for April 24, 2017 at 10:00, immediately following the Commissioner’s regular meeting.

**Approve Minutes – March 6, 2017:** Correction to the Engineer’s report presented to Commissioners changing the number of bridge projects from up to 12 to up to 8. Motion to accept the minutes with that change by Eric Roberts, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Approve Claims:** Motion to approve claims by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Veterans Report – February:** Motion to acknowledge receipt of Sam Wyatt’s Veteran Report for February by Tom Wilson, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2017-06 – Proposed Changes to Payroll:** There was discussion about moving the ending day of the pay period from Friday to Thursday as well as moving the Commissioners meeting day from Monday to Tuesday. Either way would give the Auditor a day in which to verify the payroll vouchers submitted with the timesheets turned in. Tom Wilson was in favor of moving the Commissioners meeting to Tuesday. Tom Linkel was in favor of either change. Eric Roberts was not in favor of moving the Commissioners meetings to Tuesday. Motion to sign Resolution 2017-06 Change the Payroll Schedule for the pay period to end on Thursday instead of Friday by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Ted Cooley, FC Engineer – Updates:** Ted Cooley presented his written update to the Commissioners as follows:

**Bridge Repair Projects, 8 Bridges in Franklin County – Presentation of bids.**

**Guardrail Quotes – Presentation of Quotes**

**Bridge Deck Overlay Projects, Up to 8 Bridges in Franklin County – bids due 3/27/17**

Final coatings will be decided after sounding of deck – Sealer, Polymeric or Latex

Possible adding 2-4 bridges on Blue Creek

**Culvert RA-0401 Washington Street, Oldenburg – 12” emergency access crushed stone rd.**

**Mitchell Avenue Culvert Repair Project – Guardrail will be finished mid-week**

Motion for Ted to purchase guardrail from All-Rail at \$15,001 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried.

The bid by Darren Werner will be thrown out as no check was enclosed.

**Approve Payroll – Motion to approve payroll by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor. Motion carried.**

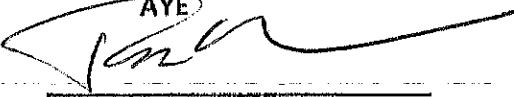
Discussion about appointing an attorney for Commissioners. Commissioners are looking into going with an hourly contract so they can hire who they want, when they want.

Eric Roberts discussed the upcoming surplus sale and the old grader will be sold.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn meeting by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Others in Attendance:** Betty Lecher, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Donnie Jones, Chris Collins, Sara Duffy, Jesse Barton, Jim Albertz, Ray Kersey, Ted Cooley, Jerry Erfman, Carolyn Erfman, Nathan Meyer and Freddy \_\_\_\_\_.

Minutes from March 13, 2017 accepted.

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Tom Wilson

Tom Wilson



Tom Linkel

Tom Linkel



Eric Roberts

Eric Roberts

Attested By: Karla J. Bauman jr  
Karla J. Bauman, Auditor