

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**May 23, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.**  
**COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on May 2, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts, Carol Westerman and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

**Open** - The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance led by Tom Wilson.

**MedBen Insurance – Health Insurance**

Presentation on Reference-Based Pricing and MedBen Well Living programs offered by MedBen. Questions were asked and answered by MedBen representatives. The cost for the Well Living program will cost \$6.00 per employee per month.

**Nathan Meyer, FC Surveyor – Drainage (Horseshoe Bend):** Follow up on Mr. Messerschmidt petition to find an obstruction on neighbor's property. Land is extremely flat and the land drains poorly. Mr. Meyer does not believe that anything that was done in 2002 changed how the property drained. Although there is poor drainage of the land in this area, Mr. Meyer did not find an obstruction.

**Approve Minutes - May 2 & May 9, 2017**

May 2, 2017 Minutes: Eric Roberts corrected Kerr Road to Heard Road. Motion to approve May 2, 2017 minutes with corrections by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

May 9, 2017 Minutes: Motion to approve May 9<sup>th</sup> minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

**Veterans Report, Clerk's Report & Treasurer's Report – April, 2017:** Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Veteran's Report, Clerk's Report and Treasurer's Report for April by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Claims Schedule** –Claims schedule amended to allow Auditor time to do some cross-training and implementation of Internal Controls. Motion to Amend Claim Schedule by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel. Eric Roberts opposed. Motion Carried.

**Ted Cooley, FC Engineer – Updates:** There was a discussion between Mr. Cooley and the Commissioners on the following:

North River Road Bridge Projects – Mr. Cooley presented construction documents.

St. Mary's Road rehabilitation FHWA project – obtained 2 Letters of Intent  
2017 Community Crossing Grant Funding Meetings – Jacque, Karla and Ted will attend INDOT  
Seymour District Office Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Emergency Watershed Protection Awards for 2 locations on Big Cedar Road – applications  
submitted – waiting on agreement.

2016 Community Crossing Grant Funding – Bridge Projects  
Highland Center Bridge – contractor is preparing proposal  
(Filed by Ted to Commissioners in his May 23, 2017 Franklin County Engineer Update)

**Ordinance 2017 – Purchasing Policy:** There was a discussion among the Commissioners in  
regards to the prepared ordinances. Eric Roberts would like more time to look it over. No  
action.

**EMS Contract:** Discussed and Commissioners would like more time to look it over. No action.

**Indemnity Agreement – Metamora Volunteer Fire Dept.:** Motion to sign Indemnity Agreement  
by and between the Metamora Volunteer Fire Department and Franklin County, Indiana by  
Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

**Fleet Management Agreement – (Copier Extension Office):** Discussed and no action taken.

**Certification of Financial Responsibility – Underground Storage Tanks:** Commissioners  
discussed the County's Certification of Financial Responsibility. Tom Linkel will take care of it.

**AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company – Retirement:** Voluntary Benefits – The Commissioners  
did not want the benefit offered at this time until a day can be established for all vendors to  
come.

**Approval of Payroll:** Motion to approve payroll by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in  
favor, motion carried.

**Ordinance 2017-11:** An ordinance that would void Ordinance 2015-20 as the Commissioners  
are the proper body for establishing funds in the County. All Funds 4700, 4701 and 4702 will be  
accessible to the Auditor to pay the bills. Motion to approve Ordinance 2017-11, as follows:  
County Council set funds up for the County's Insurance under separate funds without  
Commissioners approval. Pursuant to I.C. 36-1-3-2, the authority to establish a home rule fund,  
lies with the Commissioners, therefore, Ordinance 2015-20 is null and void. All insurance funds,  
4700, 4701 and 4702 shall be accessible to the Auditor to pay health insurance expenses.  
Commissioners shall direct County Attorney to propose a new ordinance administrating all  
health care funds, by Tom Linkel, seconded by Eric Roberts, all in favor, motion carried.

Eric Roberts – Assisted listening devices from BIS or Jim Kolb – Get quotes over the next couple of weeks. Quote for electronic locks - \$9250

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

**Others Present:** Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Betty Lecher, Sara Duffy, John Estridge, Ray Kersey, Roy Hall, Ted Cooley, Nathan Meyer

Minutes approved June 6, 2017.

Aye

Nay



Tom Wilson, Commissioner

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Tom Linkel, Commissioner

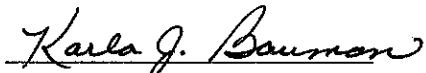
Tom Linkel, Commissioner



Eric Roberts, Commissioner

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Attested By:

  
Karla J. Bauman, Auditor