



**FRANKLIN COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
JUNE 16, 2020 – 10:00 A.M.  
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in an emergency meeting on June 16, 2020, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners/Council meeting room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Gerald Wendel, Tom Linkel (by teleconference) Faye Hay and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

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

**On-Call Professional Services Agreement with USI Consultants, Inc., Larry Smith, Engineer:** Commissioners discussed the need to enter into an agreement with USI Consultants, Inc. to provide professional engineering, surveying, right-of-way, construction observation services on an on-call basis. The billable hourly rates are attached as Appendix "D". **Motion to sign the On-Call Professional Services Agreement by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Commissioners asked Larry Smith, County Engineer, if he had any update on the courthouse steeple situation. Mr. Smith stated that a construction firm was to be out the next day to look at it. We have not received any quote on the cost to repair the steeple at this time.

**E & H Bridge and Grating, Inc. River Road Proposal:** A proposal from E & H Bridge and Grating, Inc. was received for the River Road bridge project. The total amount of the proposal is \$180,169.00. **Motion to accept the proposal from E & H Bridge and Grating, Inc. in the amount of \$180,169.00 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Metamora Historic District Application submitted by Hays and Sons:** An Application for Certificate of Appropriateness was received by Randy Winfield, Hays & Sons for fire restoration to residential structure. **Motion to approve the Application for Certificate of Appropriateness by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Covered Bridge Certification:** In order to receive the 2020 Covered Bridge distribution under IC 8-14-1-10, counties must certify to the Auditor of State the number of covered bridges located within their road system. Franklin County has two covered bridges. **Motion to sign the Covered Bridge Certification by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Clerk's Monthly Report, May 2020:** **Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Clerk's monthly report for May, 2020 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Treasurer's Motion Report, May 2020: Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's monthly report for May, 2020 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Minutes – May 19, 2020: Motion approve the May 19, 2020 minutes by Gerald Wendel, seconded by Tom Linkel, motion carried. Tom Wilson abstained.**

**Payroll and Payroll Deductions: Motion to approve payroll in the sum of \$197,414.68 and payroll deductions in the amount of \$84,966.94 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Claims: Motion to approve claims in the amount of \$305,809.36, by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Robert Bishop came before commissioners to discuss the culvert he would like replaced. He was told that at the time Highway 101 was put in, the State had a right-a-way for the portion of Cooley Road that was Mr. Bishop's driveway at the time. The County is maintaining a portion of what used to be his driveway between Oxford Pike and Hwy 101, but have not maintained for the past 30 years Cooley road that is on the other side of the highway. Commissioners will need to look into it.

Mike Fehlinger came before the commissioners to see if they had found out anything on his situation on River road. He would like to see a bulldozer get in there and open the old channel back up. Larry Smith, engineer is working on having a hydraulic study done and getting the necessary permits. Commissioners do have plans for a super structure with a total cost of around \$750,000 to \$800,000. Mr. Fehlinger believes this is a man-made problem.

Sara Duffy had some questions on the status of the Covid task force and the demographic data about deaths in Franklin County on the State's website. The Franklin County Health Department responded that the task force does not meet as often as the case count has slowed down. Presently there are 120 cases. The demographic data for Franklin County is not hidden, you have to hover over "Franklin County" in order to see it. Angie Ruther sends the name, date of birth and date of death to the Indiana Health Department.

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

**Others Present: Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Richard C. Bishop, R. Teufel, Glenn Bailey, Michael Fehlinger and Wayne Monroe.**

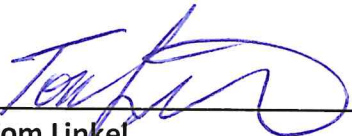
Minutes approved June 30, 2020.

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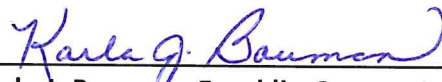
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Karla J. Bauman, Franklin County Auditor