



**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JULY 7, 2020 – 10:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met on July 7, 2020, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners/Council meeting room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Gerald Wendel, Tom Linkel, Faye Hay and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

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

MINUTES – June 10, 2020: Motion to approve the June 10, 2020 special meeting minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Health Board Member Recommendation Letter, Public Coordinator Contract & Introductions: Angie Ruther recommended that the Commissioners appoint Joe Meier and Kimberly Neace to the Franklin County Health Board for a four-year term. **Motion to appoint Joe Meier and Kimberly Neace to the Franklin County Health Board by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Angie Ruther then presented the contract for the Public Health Coordinator which is paid for with a grant that runs July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2021. **Motion to sign the contract for the Public Health Coordinator by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Angie then introduced the new sanitarian, Curt Cox and new Health nurse, Deborah Tibbetts.

Ordinance Amending the County's Incorporation of the Provisions of the Cares Act in an Emergency – Ordinance 2020-20: Commissioners reviewed Ordinance 2020-20 which amends Ordinance 2020-15 to include emergency responders retroactive to April 1, 2020. **Motion to approve Ordinance 2020-20 amending Ordinance 2020-15 to include emergency responders retroactive to April 1, 2020, by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Larry Smith, Engineer: Commissioners took USI's authorization to proceed to provide permitting, assistance, engineering design and plan development for the River Road over Gobles Creek project under advisement.

Mike Fehlinger discussed with Commissioners the timeline for getting the River Road over Gobles Creek project completed.

SBS Portals Document Management – Karla Bauman, Auditor: Auditor Bauman presented two proposals by SBS Portals Document Management. One is for getting the Auditor’s transfer books scanned and placed in a portal available for the public’s viewing. Second is a proposal to assist getting the Auditor’s office electronically functioning. Auditor Bauman stated this was important in the event we find ourselves dealing with a second wave of the Covid-19 and the building needs to be closed to the public. SBS Portals are able to help the different offices in this process such as certified marriage certificates, building permits, septic, birth and death records and requests for public documents. **Motion to sign the contract in the sum of \$19,946.45 with SBS Portals by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Richard Bishop: Richard Bishop came before commissioners to discuss the right-of-way he has for his property north of Hwy 101. After discussing, Commissioners motioned for Grant Reeves to send a letter to Mr. Bishop. **Motion for Grant Reeves to perform a final research on this matter and send a letter to Richard Bishop by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Claims: **Motion to approve the claims presented in the sum of \$943,406.55 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Eckstein Roofing Quote – Jail Roof: **Motion to approve the Eckstein Roofing quote in the sum of \$1,100.00 to fix the leaking roof at jail by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Questions from Sara Duffy: What is your mask policy for workers in the government center? For visitors to the government center? For the general public? The County does not have a mask policy. Commissioners agreed that each officeholder runs their own offices and it is at their discretion. County offices have also had plexiglass installed for the safety of employees and the public.

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

Others Present: Richard C. Bishop, R. Teufel, John Estridge, Marty Hon, Ron Gregory, Amy Lindsey, Cathy Pelsor Glenn Bailey, Mildred Simmermeyer, Mike Fehlinger, David Fehlinger, Angie Ruther, Deborah Tibbetts, Curt Cox and Doug Graf.

Minutes approved July 14, 2020.

AYES:

NAYS:



Gerald Wendel

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Tom Linkel

Tom Linkel



Tom Wilson

Tom Wilson

Attested By: 
Karla J. Bauman, Franklin County Auditor