

FRANKLIN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
June 29, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203

The Franklin County Council met in regular meeting on June 29, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Jeff Koch, President, Joe Gillespie, Scott McDonough, Carroll Lanning, Brian Patterson, Glen Bischoff, Joe Sizemore and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

The meeting was called to order and pledge of allegiance was led by Jeff Koch. Mr. Koch also took roll call and a quorum was present.

Approval of May 25, 2021: Motion to approve the May 25, 2021 minutes by Scott McDonough, seconded by Carroll Lanning, all in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

Resolution 2021-17 – Resolution for Transfer of Funds: Motion to approve Resolution 2021-17 as presented by Joe Sizemore, seconded Scott McDonough, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution 2021-18 – Resolution for Additional Appropriation: Motion to approve Resolution 2021-18 as presented by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Scott McDonough, all in favor, motion carried.

Rainy Day Fund - Duke Energy & March, 2020 Storm Damage: Following the storm damage in March, 2020, Auditor Bauman advertised an additional appropriation in the sum of \$100,000 to be paid out of the Rainy Day Fund. The March, 2020, meeting was cancelled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Due to the emergency nature of the collapse of the approach to the bridge it was necessary to make the repairs immediately. All of this should have been ratified and approved at the April, 2020 Council meeting was not. The Rainy Day fund was also used to repair road damage that was done by Duke Energy. The County Highway repaired the road damage and Duke Energy reimbursed the County. Due to how the money was allocated between the rainy day fund and highway fund fund 1186 was short \$5,000 in reimbursements. Auditor Bauman requested that Council do a motion to cover the \$5,000 that was spent and not reimbursed to the rainy day fund. **Motion to pay the expenditures from the March, 2020 storm damage and \$5,000 for road repair not reimbursed by Duke Energy by Scott McDonough, seconded by Joe Sizemore, all in favor, motion carried.**

FEMA Grant – Covid-19 related expenses: Auditor Bauman requested guidance from Council on the FEMA Grant expenses which will be reimbursed at 100% if approved. If they are not approved, the County will need to cover the expenses from County General. Presently, the expenses have not been appropriated and Auditor Bauman wanted to know if Council wanted to see the proposed expenses prior to a department spending it. **Motion to allow up to \$60,000 in covid related expenses in the FEMA grant fund, contingent upon any amount higher than that coming before Council for approval, by Scott McDonough, seconded by Joe Sizemore, all in favor, motion carried.**

Reedy Financial Group – Invoice #7435 - \$1,295.00: Motion to approve invoice #7435 in the sum of \$1,295.00 by Scott McDonough, seconded by Joe Sizemore, all in favor, motion carried.

Barada Law Office - Invoice #23273: Motion to pay invoice #23273 in the sum of \$435.00 by Scott McDonough, seconded by Glen Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried.

Reedy Financial Group Contract: Council discussed the proposed contract with Reedy Financial Group. It was stated that this contract includes the February 11, 2019 addendum. **Motion to approve the contract with Reedy Financial Group, with the inclusion of the February 11, 2019 addendum by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Scott McDonough. Ayes: Scott McDonough, Joe Sizemore, Joe Gillespie, Carroll Lanning & Jeff Koch. Nays: Brian Patterson. Motion carried.**

Auditor Bauman: Auditor Bauman requested permission for Reedy Financial Group to pick back up on the special capital assets project they began in late 2019/early 2020. Correct capital asset values for buildings, land and improvements will be needed for the annual report filed in 2022. **Motion for the Auditor to continue communication with Reedy Financial Group in regards to asset documentation by Scott McDonough, seconded by Glen Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried.**

Bond Disbursements: Auditor Bauman notified Council that the Park would be spending the \$21,000 allotted to them for road paving and that the APC will be spending their \$18,000 on software. She also informed them that the APC software does come with an annual maintenance fee.

Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Committee (SIRPC) – Appointment: Motion to appoint Carroll Lanning by Brian Patterson, seconded by Scott McDonough, all in favor, motion carried.

Achieva Resources – Request for funding in 2022: Motion to acknowledge receipt of request from Achieva Resources for 2022 budget by Scott McDonough, seconded by Carroll Lanning, all in favor, motion carried.

Salary Ordinance Amendment - Prosecutor part-time victim advocate: Motion to approve \$969.70 bi-weekly for the part-time victim advocate by Scott McDonough, seconded by Glen Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried.

Public Safety Request – Council acknowledged receiving the Public Safety Requests and stated that the deadline to file a request is July 1st.

2022 Budget Publication – Salaries: Council agreed that Auditor Bauman should advertise for budget purposes only a 6% increase over 2021. This is not to say that the employees will get a 6% raise but that will be high enough for the required publication. Advertise high as we cannot go over that amount.

Other Business: Councilmember Bischoff asked where we were on paying the employees premium pay. Members discussed what kind of bonus they would like to give and stated that this bonus is because they did not give a raise for 2021. **Motion to pursue the paperwork to pay all full-time employees a \$500.00 bonus in lieu of a raise, to be paid from County General by Scott McDonough, seconded by Joe Gillespie.** This motion was rescinded. **Motion to pay an additional \$500 to each full-time employee around November and for our attorney to work on getting the paperwork in place, contingent that it is legal by Scott McDonough, seconded by Joe Gillespie, all in favor, motion carried.**

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Glen Bischoff, seconded by Scott McDonough, all in favor, motion carried.

Public in attendance: None signed the sheet.

Minutes approved July 27, 2021

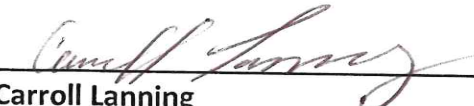
Ayes:



Joe Gillespie



Jeff Koch



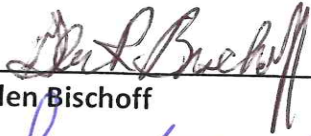
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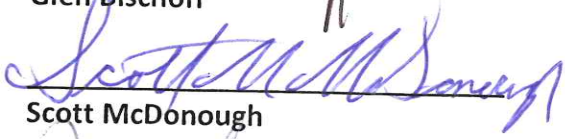
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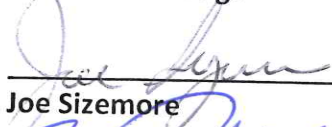
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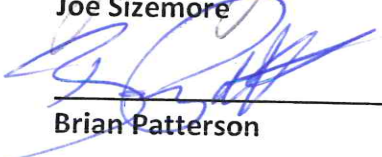
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Attested By:


Karla J. Bauman, Auditor