

FRANKLIN COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2020  
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203

The Franklin County Council met for their regular scheduled meeting on September 22, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room #203. Those present were Jeff Koch, Dean McQueen, Joe Sizemore, Glen Bischoff, Becky Oglesby, Joe Gillespie, Scott McDonough, and Derrike Kolb, Chief Deputy Auditor.

**OPENING:** The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jeff Koch.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY 2021 BUDGET:** Council President Jeff Koch opened the Public hearing for Franklin County, and asked Mr. Gabe Girth to speak first about some changes since the closing of the budget hearing. Mr. Girth stated there were a couple of updates since then. The State's estimate for Local Income Tax (LIT) distribution for next year was \$300k more than estimated. He also stated that he upped the unused projections from 2% to 5%, and a line item in County General for contractual services in the Extension Office needs to be changed to \$44,820 for two contractual employees instead of three. Mr. Girth also updated on the Election Equipment stating that it needs to be paid in full in 2021.

Ms. Alicia Criswell from the Extension Office talk a little more about the change in contractual services with the Councilmembers.

Mr. Derrike Kolb, Chief Deputy Auditor, stated that wage freeze was cruel to the County employees who have been working hard through these hard times. He also stated that Council is trying to fix and issue created by them on the back of the County Employees.

Mr. Daryl Kramer next talked about the financial advisor did tell Council told to watch the Health Insurance fund for this very issue, and the hiring of nine new positions last budget. He also said the wage freeze is good but not for Public Safety and Highway.

President Jeff Koch asked if there were any more public comments. **Motion to close the public hearing by Councilmember McDonough, seconded by Councilmember Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried.**

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR TOWN OF CEDAR GROVE 2021 BUDGET:** County Council President opened the public hearing and asked if there were any public comments. Councilmember Oglesby asked what the total budget was for this coming year. Councilmember Koch stated it was for \$42,450 **Motion to close the Cedar Grove Town 2021 Budget Public Hearing by Councilmember Oglesby, seconded by Councilmember McDonough, all in favor, motion carried. Motion to approve Resolution 2020-23 Resolution Regarding the Requested Budget Increase for Cedar Grove by Councilmember Oglesby, seconded by Councilmember McQueen, all in favor, motion carried.**

**MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 31, 2020:** Motion to approve the meeting minutes for August 31, 2020 by Councilmember Oglesby, seconded by Councilmember Bischoff, (5-0-2) Yay – Koch, Oglesby, Bischoff, McQueen, Sizemore; Nay – 0; Abstain – Gillespie and McDonough. Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION 2020-21 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** Motion to approve Resolution 2020-21 Transfer of Funds by Councilmember Oglesby, seconded by Councilmember McDonough, all in favor, motion carried.

**REQUEST TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2019-28 2020 SALARY ORDINANCE:** A request to amend the salary ordinance was presented to Council for approval. It was for Park Board Member Fees from \$300 to \$400. The increased amount was approved during the 2020 Budget Process, but the increased rate was not approved on the Salary Ordinance. **Motion to approve the amendment to Ordinance 2019-28 by Councilmember McDonough, seconded by Councilmember Bischoff, (6-1) Yay – Koch, Sizemore, McQueen, McDonough, Bischoff, and Gillespie; Nay – Oglesby. Motion carried.**

**BOND FUND LIST OF PURCHASES:** Commissioner Linkel stated the estimates to replace the Bell Tower on the Courthouse are around \$300k. Councilmember Oglesby said she wants to have a set procedure for how purchases are going to be made and that the Commissioners need to get a solid number for the Bell Tower. Commissioner Linkel also stated the Highway does need a couple of new snow trucks totaling \$325,000. **Motion to approve the Highways purchase of two trucks through the bond by Councilmember McDonough, seconded by Councilmember Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried.**

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL CLAIMS:** Council President Koch stated he needs clarification for the Barada Bill that was presented before approving it. **Motion to approve a bill to Reedy Financial for \$14,533.20 by Councilmember McDonough, seconded by Councilmember Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried.**

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Ms. Bridget Hayes came before Council and asked about being reimbursed for expenses she incurred for immunization for Dogs out at the County Dog Pound totaling \$214.90. It was stated that she would need to contact the Small Animal Control Officer to get reimbursed through the SAC budget.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Bischoff, seconded by Councilmember McQueen, all in favor, motion carried.

Minutes approved this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

  
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Karla J. Bauman, Auditor