

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Council met in regular meeting on September 28, 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, Joe Sizemore and Karla Bauman, Auditor. Glen Bischoff was viewing from zoom but did not participate in the meeting.

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.

John Palmer – Help Program: John Palmer came before Council to discuss the Help Program and the requirement that the County commit 30% of the ARP funds and that the State would then match up to \$1,000,000.00. The County will be filing a joint application with the Town of Brookville however each will maintain their own projects. This will require the County to hire somebody to administer the program at a minimum of \$40,000 for 52 weeks with the State matching \$20,000. This will require a minimum of 30 hours per week. He is seeking Council's approval as the deadline to file the application is October 1st. Jeff Koch was approved to be a part of the committee overseeing this potential grant. **Motion for Jeff Koch to be on the Arp Guidance Committee overseeing the Help program by Glen Bischoff, seconded by Scott McDonough, all in favor, motion carried. Motion to do a resolution creating the ARP Community Coordinator to administer the Help Program by Carroll Lanning, seconded by Glen Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried.**

PUBLIC HEARING: Franklin County 2022 Budget: Jeff Koch read a portion of Ordinance 2021-15, an ordinance for appropriations and tax rates. Mr. Koch opened the floor for public comments. Sara Duffy presented several questions for the Council's consultant, Reedy Financial Group which Gabe Gerth answered. Her questions concerned the County's cash reserves, tax rate and the healthcare costs for 2022. Councilmembers discussed the positions and budget for the Health Department which was changed during the budget workshops in August. **Motion to change the Administrator position back to Staff Nurse by Scott McDonough, seconded by Joe Sizemore, all in favor, motion carried. Motion to revert Fund 1159 budget lines back to 2021 with the addition of the 4% raise for employees by Scott McDonough.** Auditor Bauman and Councilmembers further discussed the health department's budget for 2022. Scott McDonough then rescinded said motion. **Motion to change the administrator position to staff nurse by Scott McDonough, seconded by Joe Sizemore, all in favor, motion carried.** Councilmembers discussed Fund 1168 for the Health Department in regards to the Sanitarians pay lines. **Motion to move Sanitarian 1 and 2 back to the 2021 adopted budget by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Glen Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried.**

Sheriff Cates requested a correction to the jail budget in regards to the assistant's salary. The correct amount should be \$31,921.00. **Motion to change the Assistant Clerical salary to \$31,921.00 by Joe Gillespie, seconded by Carroll Lanning, all in favor, motion carried.** Sheriff Cates also stated that 3 holidays were missing from the 2022 budget. Since Sheriff Cates did not know the amount that would be needed, Council said he should figure out what he needs and they will fix it next year.

The Commissioners' secretary, Faye, discussed with Council that she would like to try and use the HR Tool Kit with Med-Ben before hiring a full-time HR person. In addition, she requested that \$3,200.00 be added to the Commissioners' budget for overtime to handle HR issues. **Motion to add \$3,200.00 for overtime for the Commissioners' Secretary to handle HR issues and to use the HR Tool Kit with Med-Ben by Joe Gillespie, seconded by Scott McDonough, all in favor, motion carried.** *Complaints per Scott McDonough*

The public hearing was then closed and regular meeting opened.

New Business:

Approval of Minutes – August 16th thru 18th (Budget Workshop) & August 31st: Motion to approve the August 16th thru August 19th (Budget Workshop) Minutes and the August 31, 2021 minutes by Scott McDonough, seconded by Brian Patterson, all in favor, motion carried.

Deb Tibbetts – Franklin County Health Department – Grant Application: Deb Tibbetts discussed with Council a new grant that is available baby cribs, educational classes and a safety newborn program. The County will be receiving \$64,000.00 for this program.

Resolution 2021-28 – Resolution for Transfer of Funds: President Koch read Resolution 2021-28, a resolution to transfer funds. **Motion to approve Resolution 2021-28 as presented by Scott McDonough, seconded by Joe Sizemore, all in favor, motion carried.**

Resolution 2021-29 – Resolution for Additional Appropriation: President Koch read Resolution 2021-29, a resolution for additional appropriation. **Motion to approve Resolution 2021-29 as presented by Scott McDonough, seconded by Joe Sizemore, all in favor, motion carried.**

Resolution 2021-30 – Rainy Day Loan to Fund 4200 (INDOT): Council approved by motion at their August, 2021 meeting to loan \$50,000 to buy additional supplies needed for the repairing of recent storm damage from Rainy Day to the INDOT fund (4200). President Koch read Resolution 2021-30 for the loan of money from Rainy Day to Fund 4200 (INDOT). **Motion to approve Resolution 2021-30 by Scott McDonough, seconded by Glen Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried.** Said Funds shall be paid back when the money is received by INDOT.

Salary Ordinance Amendment – Motion to approve the amendments to the salary ordinance as presented for the Treasurer, Recorder and Auditor by Scott McDonough, seconded by Glen Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried.

Reedy Invoice - #7716: Motion to approve Invoice #7716 in the amount of \$16,552.66 by Scott McDonough, seconded by Glen Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried.

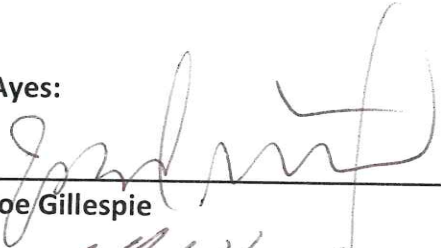
Barada Invoice #23888 – Motion to approve the Barada Invoice #23888 in the sum of \$150.00 by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Scott McDonough, all in favor, motion carried.

Brookville Lake Regional Waste District Appointment: Motion to appoint Kendra McDaniel to the Brookville Lake Regional Waste District by Joe Gillespie, seconded by Joe Sizemore

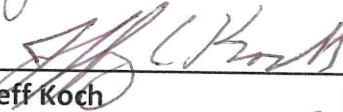
Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Glen Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried.

Minutes approved October 26, 2021.

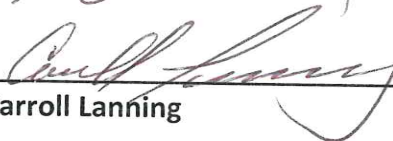
Ayes:



Joe Gillespie

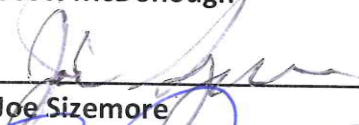


Jeff Koch



Carroll Lanning

Scott McDonough



Joe Sizemore



Brian Patterson

Nays:

Joe Gillespie

Jeff Koch

Carroll Lanning

Scott McDonough

Joe Sizemore

Brian Patterson

Attested By:



Karla J. Bauman, Auditor

