

Franklin County Commissioners  
February 2, 2015  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners – Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts

Commissioners Secretary – Carol Westerman

Auditor – Stephen Brack

Open – The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Letter – President Wilson said that the Commissioners had received a letter from the FFRF expressing their constitutional concerns over religious endorsement that appear on the police and fire memorials in the courthouse lawn. President Wilson stated this would be turned over to Attorney John Worth.

Minutes – a motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve the minutes and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Thank You – President Wilson expressed a “Thank You” to EMS for what they do.

Ted Cooley – gave an update to the projects of the Highway Department. Mr. Cooley explained how the IDOT “grant exchange program” works. Under the terms of the grant program the county must hire an approved consultant and follow federal requirements regarding right-of-way. The Commissioners decided against using the grant exchange program on “more complex” federal projects, i.e.: repairing Fairfield Causeway Bridge and the 6<sup>th</sup> street bridge. Bridge Inspection - it should be noted that this process will require some bridges be inspected every 12 months as opposed to every 24 months and will affect half the bridges and raise the cost considerably.

The Commissioners said that March 2, 2015 is the deadline to submit sealed bids for a new dump truck. Some discussion was held as to whether the need would be for a Single Axle dump truck or a Tandem. Commissioner Roberts said the county could save money on fuel and drive time as the tandem could haul more. Commissioner Linkel preferred a tri-axle for hauling and stated the county could not afford one just for chip and seal work and the tandem would not be practical for snow plowing. It was decided to get a single axle dump truck.

Ordinance 2015-04 – Cumulative Capital Bridge Fund - upon a motion by Eric Roberts to reduce the Cumulative Tax rate by \$.02 from \$ .0454 to \$ .0254 this would allow \$200,000 of 2015 bridge money to the County General fund to help pay for other county services and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried. Both Commissioner Wilson and Linkel believe they county will need the full tax rate for bridge repair in 2016 and asked President Oglesby of the Franklin County Council if they have her word that council will not ask for bridge money in 2016 and any unused money in 2015 will be returned, to which she assured them it would.

Exercise Equipment - Franklin County Sheriff, Ken Murphy sent a letter stating that this equipment has gone unused for years and the Laurel Fire Department has agreed to take the equipment, as well as including time and labor in removing the equipment from the facility. A motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

Health Board – a motion was made by Eric Roberts to appoint Marsha Reisert for the term of 2015 – 2018 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried. A motion was made by Eric Roberts to appoint Dr. Michael Fain as the Local Health Officer and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Clerks Report – a motion was made by Tom Wilson to acknowledge receipt of the Clerks report and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts

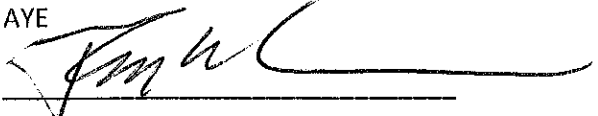
Claims – a motion to approve claims was made by Tom Wilson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Payroll – a motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve payroll and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

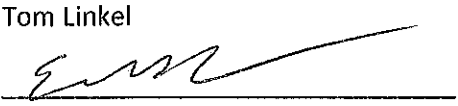
Reestablish 911 Advisory Board – Tom Linkel stated he had attended meetings with the Sheriff, EMS and Fire Departments and that he is not in favor of Re-Establishing the Advisory Board.

Adjourn – With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Tom Wilson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Others in attendance: Cheryl Rader, Tom Walter, Roy Hall, Gary Solwn, Sara Duffy, Becky Oglesby and Joe Sizemore. Names are spelled correctly as per sign in sheet.

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Tom Linkel  


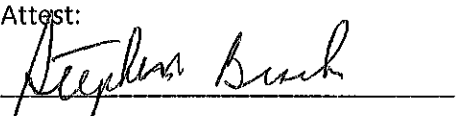
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Stephen Brack, Auditor