

Franklin County Council
January 27, 2015
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Council: Becky Oglesby, Aaron Leffingwell, Daryl Kramer, Keith Hall, Joe Sizemore, Dean McQueen, Jeff Koch

Auditor: Stephen Brack

Open: The meeting was called to order by President Becky Oglesby and opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Daryl Kramer to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and was 2nd by Joe Sizemore. Motion carried.

President Oglesby gave all members a Roberts Rule of Order book and asked that they use this as a guide for their meeting. Also she handed a copy of the letterhead she was obtaining at her expense.

Encumbrances: a motion was made by Joe Sizemore to approve the Ordinance 2015-01-2014 Encumbrances into 2015 and was 2nd by Jeff Koch. It was also noted that Coroner-Wanda Lee had a few encumbrances that were out dated and President Oglesby would notify her by letter that in the future that all encumbrances must be accompanied by an original invoice and will not accept these with not invoice or letterhead identifying the vendor.

Resolution 2015-03 – a motion was made by Aaron Leffingwell to approve the resolution for a \$750,000.00 loan from the Rainy Day 1186d to County General 1000 for cash flow purposes and was 2nd by Dean McQueen. Motion carried with Keith Hall being opposed.

Appointments: a motion was made by Jeff Koch to appoint Mark Masavage to the Batesville Memorial Public Library and was 2nd by Joe Sizemore. Motion carried. A motion was made by Joe Sizemore to appoint Bob Braun to a one year appointment for the Franklin County Economic Development Commission and was 2nd by Dean McQueen. Motion carried. A motion was made by Jeff Koch to appoint Andy Saner to the Batesville Economic Development Commission and was 2nd by Daryl Kramer. Motion carried.

Park Board – a letter would be sent to the Park Board asking someone to attend the Council meeting on Feb. 24 explaining the hours of the PT employees (guards and extra help) work at the park.

Salary Ordinance – a motion was made by Daryl Kramer to amend the 2015-05 ordinance to include in Section 1 “Part-time employees shall not work more than twenty-eight (28) hours per week. The auditor will check with Kent Irwin’s office for proper wording and 2nd by Joe Sizemore. Motion carried. Aaron Leffingwell and Dean McQueen were opposed.

Resolution 2015-03 – County Administrator – discussion over this resolution was held and question asked as to why the change from Secretary to County Administrator. Commissioner President Tom Wilson stated this was done to make the position more official. Following the discussion a motion was made by Aaron Leffingwell to change back to Secretary and was 2nd by Keith Hall. Motion carried. Jeff Koch and Joe Sizemore were opposed.

Highway – a motion was made by Daryl Kramer to allow Commissioner Eric Roberts to fill a truck driver position or Road Foreman in District 1 and was 2nd by Aaron Leffingwell. Motion carried.

Keith Hall – led a discussion on a 5 year budget. This would assess what major expenses might be and would allow the council to look at leveling out expenses through the years. Each department head will be given a survey asking for the expected expenses over the 5 years. Departments are asked to turn in surveys.

Letter/Elected Officials and Supervisors – a motion was made by Daryl Kramer to have the President of the council to send letters with the accompanying spreadsheet for the 5 year forecast and was 2nd by Keith Hall. Motion carried.

Jail – Commissioner Roberts discussed an unexpected expense that he had accompanied the Sheriff and County Engineer to look at the damage to the Jail roof from heavy rains. The flat roof is cracked which is causing many leaks. He stated that his feeling would be an approximate cost of \$100,000 to repair.

Attorney – President Oglesby discussed the fact that council should consider hiring an attorney for legal advice. She suggested taking \$10,000 from the Council Contingency and would be hired as needed. The county attorney, John Worth, is appointed by the commissioners. Councilman Leffingwell suggested the commissioners and the council could work together and use the same attorney but was advised that John Worth is the Commissioners Attorney and not the County Attorney. A motion was made by Aaron Leffingwell to seek an attorney and was 2nd by Jeff Koch. Motion carried.

Daryl Kramer – presented some information regarding budget assessment. Mr. Kramer showed the council 2 bar graphs that show steadily declining revenue the county has been receiving since 2010. He later termed the 2015 budget as fundable but not balanced. He asked that a discussion begin on what can be done to generate income to the county. Some suggestions were; wheel tax and income tax or other options. He noted we are better off now than what we were but we still have a long way to go.

Jeff Batchler – spoke on behalf of Extension Services. He noted that with the reduction to staff Extension was having trouble staffing the office. A motion was made by Aaron Leffingwell to allow the Extension to hire a Program Assistant and was 2nd by Joe Sizemore. Motion carried.


Franklin County Assessor – Sharon Halcomb noted that Bessie Edwards had been reappointed to the PTABOA Board. Also she asked that \$250.00 be approved for a member of the board who has the requirement of a Level 2 or 3 board member. Ms. Halcomb recommended Beth Fields, Rush County Assessor, who meets the requirements. A motion to approve was made by Daryl Kramer and 2nd by Jeff Koch. Motion carried.


Sheriff Murphy – a letter was read from Sheriff Murphy noting that Mr. Kenneth Voelker, Jail Maintenance, would be retiring in March and he is asking to replace this position. A motion was made by Jeff Koch to grant the request and was 2nd by Keith Hall. Motion carried. Daryl Kramer and Aaron Leffingwell were opposed.


Area Plan – Cindy Orschell asked for an additional \$3,000 for a part-time person. However nothing was done as additional were not on the agenda for the meeting.

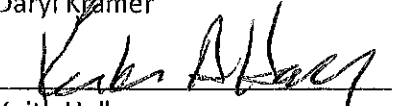
Adjourn – with no further business coming to the Council a motion was made by Joe Sizemore to adjourn and was 2nd by Dean McQueen. Motion carried.

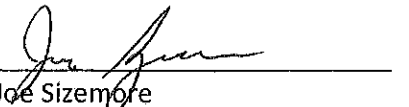
Others in attendance: Debbie Richardson, Ray Richardson, Ben and Carol Hiatt, Linda Vaughan, Diane Turney, Tammy Davis, Marlene Flaspohler, Mark and Mildred Simmermeyer, Scottie Manners, John Estridge, Gene Stewart, Eric Roberts, Brian DeFossett, Sharon Halcomb, Cindy Orschell and Jeff Batchler. The names are spelled correctly as per the sign in sheet.

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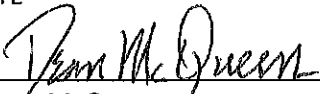


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Attest:



Stephen Brack, Auditor

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