

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 25, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.  
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Council met in regular meeting on January 25, 2022, 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, Karla Bauman, Auditor. Glen Bischoff watched from zoom.

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.

**Election of Officers: Motion to nominate Jeff Koch for President by Scott McDonough, seconded by Carroll Lanning, all in favor, motion carried. Motion to nominate Joe Sizemore for Vice-President by Scott McDonough, seconded by Joe Gillespie, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Old Business:**

**December 14, 2021:** Joe Gillespie noted the misspelling of Carroll Lanning's name and requested that it be corrected. **Motion to approve the December 14, 2021 minutes by Scott McDonough, seconded by Joe Sizemore, all in favor, motion carried.**

**New Business:**

**Resolution 2022-01– Additional Appropriations:** President Koch read Resolution 2022-01, a resolution for additional appropriations. **Motion to approve Resolution 2022-01 by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Brian Patterson, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Resolution 2022-02 – 2021 Encumbered Funds:** President Koch read Resolution 2022-02, a resolution to encumber funds from 2021 to pay for the purpose of paying expenses incurred during 2021 in 2022. **Motion to approve Resolution 2020-02 as presented by Scott McDonough, seconded by Joe Gillespie, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Ordinance 2022-01 Ordinance Amending 2021-28 for the 2022 Salary Ordinance:** Council had already approved Ordinance 2021-28 at their December 14, 2021 meeting and ordinance 2022-01 was presented with noted corrections only for Council's signature. Council signed the amended salary ordinance for 2022.

**Area Plan Commission:** Commissioners came before Council to request a full-time person be hired in the APC office due to staff shortage in keeping the office open. Council asked how often is the office having to close due to short staff? Commissioner Linkel called the APC Director, Cindy Orschell and she stated about a dozen times since the full-time secretarial position was eliminated in that office. Councilmember would like to get the impact of adding

this full-time position to the overall county finances from their consultant, The Reedy Financial Group, prior to making a decision. Tabled until next month's meeting.

**Health Department:** Deborah Tibbetts and Mark Burk came before council to discuss two items. First, they would like permission to hire a full-time person to train as a replacement for Mary for when she retires at the end of February. They had hoped to start a part-time person for this training in January but they were not able to make that happen. Second, they requested that they would like the payout that will be required upon Mary's retirement be paid from Council's Salary adjustments. **Motion to allow Health Department to hire a full-time person to train for the registrar position and to pay for Mary's retirement payout from Council's salary adjustment by Brian Patterson, seconded by Scott McDonough, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Barada Invoice #24700 – Motion to approve the Barada Invoice #24700 in the sum of \$375.00 for payment by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Scott McDonough, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Reedy Financial Group – Invoices 8095 and 8096: Motion to pay invoice 8095 in the sum of \$4,213.15 and invoice 8096 in the sum of \$642.35 by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Scott McDonough, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Appointments: Motion to appoint Carroll Lanning to the Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission by Brian Patterson, seconded by Scott McDonough, all in favor, motion passed.**

**Motion to appoint Thomas Barnet to the Batesville Public Library Board for a four-year term by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Carroll Lanning, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Motion to appointment Amy Streator to the Batesville Economic Development Commission for Franklin County by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Scott McDonough, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Voter Registration Officer:** Neysa Raible requested that she not be required to track the per diem rate under the current policy for voter registration per diem pay as no other county in the State is required to do this. She would like to be paid the additional voter registration pay in two lump sums at the same time she gets paid for election board. **Joe Gillespie made a motion to pay the voter registration pay in two lump sums in the spring and fall, seconded by Brian Patterson, all in favor, motion carried.**

**John Palmer – ARPA Plan:** John Palmer discussed the final rule with the ARPA recovery funds with Council. Both governing bodies will be involved and will approve the spending of those funds.

**Pete Cates, Franklin County Sheriff:** Sheriff Cates presented the School Resource Officer agreement with Franklin County Schools for Council's signature. **Motion to have Jeff Koch sign**

the School Resource Officer Agreement with Franklin County Schools, by Scott McDonough, seconded by Joe Sizemore, all in favor, motion carried.

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

Others in Attendance: Jolene Beneker, John Palmer, Deb Tibbetts, Peter Cates, Neysa Raible, Tom Linkel, Tom Wilson, Faye Hay, Randy Teufel.

Minutes approved February 22, 2022.

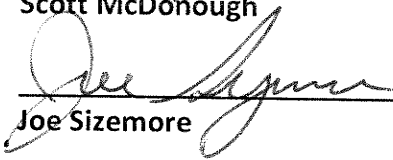
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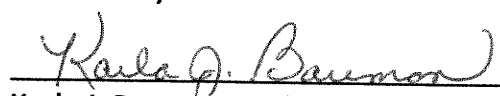
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Glen Bischoff was not present at 1-25-2022 meeting.

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Karla J. Bauman, Auditor