

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
April 19, 2022- 10:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on April 5, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Linkel, Gerald Wendel, Tom Wilson, Faye Hay, Crystal McQueen, Commissioners' Secretaries and Karla Bauman Auditor.

OPEN: The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance was led by Tom Linkel.

Resolution 2022-13 – Broadband Ready Community: Grant Reeves, attorney, reviewed Resolution 2022-13 which invites wireless communications facilities to provide communications service to Franklin County. Commissioner Linkel stated that the 10 day limitation for approving a permit might be hard since both the foreman and engineer must sign off on it. **Motion to approve Resolution 2022-13 making Franklin County a Broadband Ready Community by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Ray Mergenthal – Unmaintained county road/Bossert Rd.: Grant Reeves, attorney, discussed with the Commissioners what he was able to discover since the last meeting. He said that the map does show it as a township road which would make it a public right-of-way. **Mr. Linkel motioned that he had no interest in updating or maintaining this if it is a public right-of-way, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

Joe Sizemore – Fire Department Request: Joe Sizemore came before Commissioners with some more requests from the Metamora Fire Department. They would like the loan paid off on Engine 73/Brush 78, to purchase a Polaris, 8 full sets of gear, 20 pagers and 6 radios. John Palmer will organize the requests and present each project to commissioners for their approval. Mr. Sizemore also discussed the low water crossings and the possibility of installing large orange signs warning of flood prone area ahead. He would like the signs installed at the start of the road where all low water crossing are. **Motion to have the highway order and install orange signs on all roads with low water crossings by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

LHPC Contract (grant funded): Deb Tibbetts, Supervisor Nurse came before the Commissioners for approval of a contract for a public health coordinator. The coordinator is Michael Falk and the pay for contractual service will be \$22,200.00. **Motion to approve the contract for Michael Falk to serve as the public health coordinator in the sum of \$22,200.00 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

LHPC Contract (grant funded): Amy Lindsey, EMA Director came before the Commissioners for approval of a contract with Michael Falk in the sum not to exceed \$26,000. Mr. Falk will prepare emergency plans for the County under the Homeland Security Program. **Motion to approve the contract with Michael Falk for to prepare emergency plans for the county not to exceed \$26,000 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Public Transportation 3rd Quarter Claims – Missy Ratz: Missy Ratz presented the claim for the third quarter for commissioners approval. **Motion to have Tom Linkel sign the third quarter claim for public transportation by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

ARPA – John Palmer: John Palmer came before the Commissioners to give an update on the ARPA reporting. Reedy Financial Group and the Auditor submitted the report to the U.S. Treasury last week.

2022 Infinity Voting System Annual Maintenance Agreement – Clerk: Commissioners reviewed the annual maintenance agreement for the clerk with Infinity Voting System. Clerk Raible said she was very pleased with the election equipment. **Motion to approve the annual maintenance agreement with Infinity Voting System in the sum of \$13,000 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Landfill Road Easement – Troy Lohrey, Rob Seig, Surveyor: Troy Lohrey is looking for an easement from the county to access his property. It was approved by the Commissioners many years ago by a verbal agreement. Mr. Seig will work on a survey for the easement as Mr. Lohrey had sold his property.

Minutes March 8, 2022: Motion to approve the minutes for the executive session on March 8, 2022, by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Minutes March 10, 2022: Motion to approve the minutes for the executive session on March 10, 2022, by Gerald Wendel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

Minutes March 22, 2022: Motion to approve the March 22, 2022 minutes by Gerald Wendel, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Minutes April 5, 2022: Motion to approve the April 5, 2022 minutes by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Minutes April 14, 2022: Motion to approve the minutes for the executive session on April 14, 2022, by Gerald Wendel, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Clerk's Monthly Report – March, 2022: Motion to acknowledge receipt the Clerk's monthly report for March, 2022, by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Claims: Motion to approve claims in the amount of \$1,805,131.42 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

Payroll and Payroll Deductions: Motion to approve the payroll and payroll deductions in the sum of \$193,577.62 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Tom Linkel: Commissioner Linkel wanted to update the other commissioners that they will need to purchase a right-of-way for Gobles Creek. Auditor Bauman stated that there is an additional before Council for Tuesday's meeting for Gobles Creek. He also wanted to advise that they have received notice that the bank by the Big Cedar Church by White's auction is washing out. The church is part of the County's Historical Society. Mr. Seig will look into and Amy Lindsey will see if there is a grant we can apply for to help pay for the stabilization.

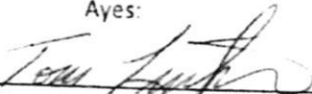
ZOOM Meeting Notice: Mr. Linkel wanted the public to know that if we are having technical difficulties with our zoom and/or cameras causing issues with streaming that the meeting will not be delayed. The meeting will not be delayed for those who are in attendance.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Others in attendance: Bridget Hayes, Ray Mergenthal, Rob Seig, Jackie Wilhelm, Neysa Raible, Larry Smith, John Palmer, Peter Cates. Perry Knox and Amy Lindsey. By zoom: Sara Duffy, FC Treasurer, News Examiner, R. Rowlett, Brandon Cowen and Millie Simmermeyer.

Minutes approved May 3, 2022.

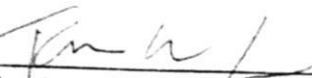
Ayes:



Tom Linkel



Gerald Wendel



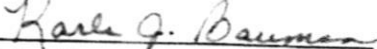
Tom Wilson

Nays:

Tom Linkel

Gerald Wendel

Tom Wilson

ATTESTED BY: 

Karla J. Bauman, Auditor