

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 - 10:00 A.M.  
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on September 6, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Commissioners present: Gerald Wendel, Tom Wilson and Karla Bauman, Auditor, present. Commissioner Tom Linkel was absent.

**OPEN:** The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance was led by Gerald Wendel.

**911 CONSULTING – Barry Ritter:** Barry Ritter with Ritter Strategic Services, LLC to present an agreement for consulting services to help the County plan and manage the relocation of the County's 911 Dispatch Center. He presented three documents for their review. 1. Professional Services Contract for consulting services; 2. Exhibit A Managed Services and 3. Addendum No. 1 to Exhibit A. Mr. Ritter explained the various phases of this project. Phase 1 will include the recruitment of a 911 Director, interviews, etc. Phase 2 will be doing a feasibility study of possible locations to move the dispatch center. **Tom Linkel moved to approve the Contract with Ritter Strategic Services, LLC Phase 2, with Phase 1 being contingent upon Council's approval, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.** Commissioners requested that Barry Ritter be on Council's September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda. Bob Braun asked if the Commissioners had considered joining with other counties instead of building a new dispatch facility.

**INDOT County Bridge Inspection Contract – Larry Smith:** Commissioners reviewed the County Bridge Inspection Contract for cycle years 2022-2025 under Designation No. 2101054. The State has already approved this contract. **Motion to sign the bridge inspection contract in the sum of \$238,876.80 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel all in favor, motion carried.**

Mr. Smith also informed the Commissioners that they could now sign the agreement with Oldenburg. Commissioner Linkel stated that they had already approved this and will sign the documents (electronically) when they receive it.

**Proposed Changes FC Zoning Ordinance – Rob Seig:** Surveyor Seig discussed the proposed changes he recommends be made to the Franklin County Zoning Ordinance with the Commissioners. Surveyor Seig stated that currently there are administrative issues because there is no enforcement. He would also like to establish a Technical Review Committee that will issue an advisory report. The committee will advise and make recommendations only. The director will become the code enforcer. Commissioner Wilson did not want to proceed with the proposed changes until the Franklin County Development and Construction Standards Manual is complete. Currently he stated that only two chapters had been completed. The proposed changes to the zoning code reference the construction standards manual throughout. **Motion to approve and send on to APC by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Building Code Consultant – Attorney Grant Reeves:** Attorney Reeves presented a proposed consulting agreement for professional services with Jacobi, Toombs & Lanz, Inc. to draft a new building code for Franklin County. The total sum is not expected to exceed \$5,075.00. Commissioners will file a request for additional appropriation with Council to cover the cost of the consultant agreement with Jacobi, Toombs & Lanz, Inc.

**Formal Letter of Interest Regarding Town Hall – Attorney Grant Reeves:** Commissioners discussed the interest the county has in purchasing the administrative building currently being used by the Town of Brookville from Franklin County Schools. Commissioners had their secretary draft a letter to both the School Board and Town Council to formally express their interest. **Motion to sign the letter expressing interest in the administrative building currently being used by the Town to both the Town Council and School by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Laurel Harvest Celebration and Growing Together Garden – Purdue Extension:** Veronica Bullock with Perdue Extension invited Commissioners to a celebrate the community gardens in the Lew Wallace Park on September 27, 2022, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. She also mentioned they would be having a celebration on September 8, 2022, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Laurel Library. Shelly Lunsford with Franklin County Foundation also told the Commissioners about a \$10,000 Duke Energy grant for expanding the raised beds, new gravel for paths and seating.

**Main Street Brookville Chicken Fry-off:** Brian Noah, President of Main Street Brookville requested use of the Courthouse lawn on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00-7:00 p.m. All set up and litter will be removed. **Motion to allow Main Street to use the Courthouse lawn for their Chicken Fry-off on October 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Herbicide Spraying License:** Commissioner Linkel notified the other two commissioners that the county had been using his herbicide spraying license and that the county will need to get one for spraying herbicide after November 1<sup>st</sup>. It is a category 6 spraying license. Brian DeFossett at the highway has expressed an interest in taking the class and obtaining the license. **Motion to have Brian DeFossett to get his spraying license by Gerald Wendel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Treasurer Monthly Report:** **Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer’s monthly report for August, 2022 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Meeting Minutes – August 23, 2022:** **Motion to approve the August 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Claims:** **Motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$388,074.22 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Payroll & Payroll Deductions:** **Motion to approve the payroll and payroll deductions in the sum of \$210,155.37 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Utilities, Surplus Tax, Ditch and Insurance:** **Motion to approve the utilities, surplus tax, ditch and insurance payment in the total sum of \$91,339.83 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

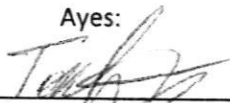
**Grant Reeves:** He had asked Faye and Crystal to send out to department heads the purchase policy that is to be followed for all purchases made. There shouldn't be any issues if the policy is being followed.


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

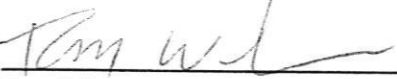
**Others in attendance and/or zoom:** Fayette Hay & Crystal McQueen, Commissioners' secretaries, Bridget Hayes, Jon Hundley, Barry & Melissa Ritter, Robert Braun, Pete Cates, Veronica Bullock, Shelley Lunsford.

Minutes approved September 20, 2022

Ayes:

  
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Tom Linkel

  
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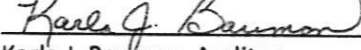
  
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Nays:

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Gerald Wendel

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Tom Wilson

ATTESTED BY:   
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Karla J. Bauman, Auditor