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**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2022 - 10:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on October 4, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Commissioners present: Tom Linkel, Gerald Wendel, Tom Wilson and Karla Bauman, Auditor, present.

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

Ordinance 2022-11 – Emergency Vehicle Bridge Crossing: Commissioner Linkel read Ordinance 2022-11, a resolution allowing emergency vehicles to cross bridges during emergency situations. **Motion to approve Resolution 2022-11 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

Ordinance 2022-12 – Covid-19 Cares Act Sick Policy: Commissioner Linkel explained that Commissioners had approved by motion at their last meeting to ending the Covid-19 policies in regards to sick hours given to employees. This ordinance affirms that termination. **Motion to approve 2022-12 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

Resolution 2022-29 – Hoosier Hills: Hoosier Hill Regional Water District asked for permission to boar under Highland Center Road and Lookout Road due to an emergency. **Motion to approve Resolution 2022-29 to allow Hoosier Hills to boar under Highland Center Road and Lookout Road by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

911 CONSULTING – Phase 2 - Barry Ritter: Barry Ritter with Ritter Strategic Services, LLC attended the meeting thru zoom. They have completed their initial assessment of the administrative building. He is waiting on an update from the Commissioners in regards to the purchase of that building. Once that is complete, they will be able to start the site plan. Council did not approve moving forward with Phase 1 so he is only focusing on Phase 2. Joe Gillespie spoke to commissioners about how to fund this project. He will be asking council to have Reedy Consulting Group to come up with a plan on how we are going to fund this, especially the additional employees that will be needed. He stated that this project will take 6 to 8 additional employees. The concern is if the project can be funded 5 years down the road. Councilmember Gillespie just wants us to work within our revenues.

ARPA – Metamora Sewer District, Project 7 – John Palmer: John Palmer presented the Metamora Sewer District Project 7 to Commissioners which was also approved by Council at their last meeting. **Motion to approve Project 7 for the Metamora Sewer District by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Public Transportation Update – Missy Ratz: Missy Ratz appeared before Commissioners to present an update. She brought the quarterly numbers as well as their most recent audit. She is also needing a copy of the subrecipient contract between the County and Public Transportation. Commissioner Wilson asked when we would be receiving the new software. Commissioner Linkel asked if Public Transportation had any issues with their current well. He is looking for possibly having all wells converted to Hoosier Hills. She will be bringing the quarterly claim to Commissioners next meeting.

UST Certificate of Financial Responsibility: Motion to sign and approve the Certificate of Financial Responsibility for underground storage tanks up to \$15,000 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Closing of Metamora Streets for Canal Days: Motion to close the streets in Metamora on October 7th, 8th and 9th to the public, except for permanent residents for canal days by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel.

Speed Limit Change Kentucky Lane: Commissioner Wendel explained that this is a dead-end road with a lot of visitors using the street for recreational purposes. Larry Smith stated that the lowest speed that can be posted is 30 mph. Usually, the first step is to do a traffic study and then prepare an ordinance. Tom Linkel moved to have Attorney Reeves work on an ordinance lowering the speed limit on Kentucky Lane to 30 mph, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried

Minutes – September 20, 2022: Motion to approve the September 20th minutes by Gerald Wendel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

Claims: Motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$1,661,870.62 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Payroll & Payroll Deductions: Motion to approve Payroll and Payroll Deductions in the sum of \$201,107.73 and Utilities in the sum of \$52,833.82 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's report for September, 2022 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Farm Exemption Zoning Language – Tom Linkel read the correct language for the farm exemption under the Franklin County Zoning Code. The new language exempts farms from the county's building code pursuant to Indiana law but are still subject to the zoning and flood plan requirements. Motion to send the new language for the farm exemption to APC by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

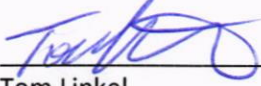
Equipment – Tom Linkel discussed two pieces of equipment the Highway Department is in need of. One is a ditcher attachment at a cost of \$1,500 and the second is a rubber tired mini excavator. Motion to move forward with getting the new equipment by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

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

Others in attendance and/or zoom: Fayette Hay and Crystal McQueen, Bridget Hayes, John Heis, Missy Ratz, John Palmer and Pete Cates. Zoom: Sara Duffy, Grant Reeves, C. Rosenberger, Barry Ritter and Mildred Simmermeyer.

Minutes approved October 18, 2022

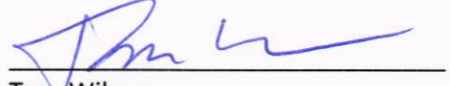
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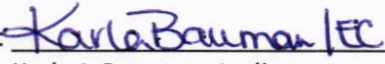
Tom Linkel



Gerald Wendel



Tom Wilson

ATTESTED BY: 

Karla J. Bauman, Auditor

Nays:

Tom Linkel

Gerald Wendel

Tom Wilson