

February 22, 2017

BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Location: Franklin County Annex Building Commission Chambers

Chair Waymire called the meeting to order at 8:30a.m.

Roll call: Chair Colton Waymire present, Vice Chair Randall Renoud present, Commissioner Richard Howard present, Commissioner Richard Oglesby present, Commissioner Roy C. Dunn present.

Chair Waymire asked all in attendance to stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation was led by Rev. Armogen B. Walker, Bethany Chapel Baptist Church, Ottawa.

James Oltman, Franklin County Development Council Director, gave an update on the organizations activities. They have six active leads they are working and are working on the marketing plan and strategy for the new industrial park. He listed three priorities the organization is focusing on as follows: marketing the industrial park, workforce development, and Investor relation/retention.

John Coen, Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce President, gave the first update on tourism services being provided by the Chamber of Commerce for Franklin County. He provided an update letter, marketing report and financials for the 1<sup>st</sup> month of services. He reported most of the volunteers stayed on. The tourism department had an inquiry to participate in in an event for the Flint Hills Trail on October 7<sup>th</sup>. The staff will be working on activities for the event. The Chamber is working to set up an advisory committee to assist with guiding tourism services.

Susan Rader, Visitor's Center Manager, talked about work being done to meet needs of travelers and updating brochures.

Public Comment:

Shari Geist, 2450 Labette Rd, Ottawa- discussed Charter Resolution 96-1 and the need to set up a 12 member committee right away for the tourism services. She said the County could make tourism a county department if they wanted to. She also asked why the city didn't use Neighborhood Revitalization for the hotel project. It would be less time and require the hotel to pay taxes before it is refunded. She said the community needs a hotel by Love's to prevent the truckers from walking over to where the hotels are.

Gene Hirt, 107 Jefferson St, Pomona- said the Commissioners keep talking about the industrial park but nothing is happening. Are we getting the ground shovel ready and how is it going to be laid out? When will the final decision be made on the Transient Guest Tax being used for the hotel?

Commissioner Renoud moved and Commissioner Dunn seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows: minutes from the meeting on February 15, 2016 and tax change orders in the amount of -\$7,948.56. All voted "yes".

Midge Ransom, Health Department Director, discussed the KDHE Aid to Local Grant Application. This grant provides support for clinical programs and is comprised of both state and federal monies. The total requested for SFY 2018 is \$156,598.51.

Commissioner Howard moved and Commissioner Oglesby seconded to approve the KDHE Aid to Local Grant Application for submission. All voted "yes".

Staff reports were given by Derek Brown, Administrator and Sheriff Jeff Richards.

Commissioner Oglesby moved and Commissioner Renoud seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:48a.m.

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Chair