

February 5, 2018

BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Location: Franklin County Annex Building Commission Chambers

Chair Renoud called the study session to order at 8:30a.m.

All Commissioners present.

Susan Rader, Tourism Department Manager, introduced Dave Lowenstein, artist from Lawrence, to discuss a community tourism project. He discussed the artwork of William H. Howe and how it can be displayed and used in the community. Mr. Howe studied butterflies and wrote books and created art about the butterflies. The proposed project would be a mural project with hopefully some science projects in the community to coordinate with the mural. This project would focus on the migration of the butterflies.

Susan Rader, Tourism Department Manager, introduced Lee Staler that is helping create the Franklin County Tourism Marketing Strategy. Mr. Stadler presented market data and plans that are being worked on for some leadership workshops that are planned. The Marketing Strategy will also include 10 short promo videos that would be 10-15 seconds per video. The marketing plan is slightly ahead of schedule.

Nick Robbins, Dispatch Director, gave an update on the dispatch transition and discussed the potential of making the 12 hour shifts that the dispatchers are working a permanent schedule. The center currently works 8-hour shifts that do not allow for coverage if someone calls in for any reason. The proposed schedule would be the Pittman Schedule to change all the shifts to 12 hours. The dispatchers would then have two dispatchers on every shift with a person on a peek time shift from 9-9. In addition, it is proposed to add a dispatch manager that would be a salary position that could fill in whenever necessary and be in charge of training.

Commissioner Waymire left at 9:32a.m.

Derek Brown, Administrator, discussed the tourism department and how it has hit the six month mark as a county department. The Tourism Board has had their 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and looks like it will be a good group.

Commissioner Roy Dunn mentioned possibly selling more bricks at the Memorial on the Courthouse Lawn. Commissioner Dunn will continue to look into this.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41a.m.

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Chair