

March 22, 2023

BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Location: Franklin County Annex Building Commission Chambers

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

Roll call: Chair Ianne Dickinson present, Vice Chair Colton Waymire present, Commissioner Donald Stottlemire present, Commissioner Rod Harris present, Commissioner Roy Dunn present.

Chair Dickinson asked all in attendance to stand and join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

Chandy Prouty, 4848 Louisiana Rd, Baldwin City- discussed the difference between commercial wind turbines and residential wind turbines and let the Commissioners know that the Facebook group that is meeting about wind energy is only against commercial wind turbines. She said she appreciates the Commissioners listening to the group.

Commissioner Dunn moved and Commissioner Waymire seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows: minutes from the meeting on March 15, 2023 and the minutes from the study session on March 20, 2023. All voted "yes".

Franklin County Development Council- Paul Bean, Director, discussed the budget that was submitted for Community Partner funding for FCDC in the amount of \$67,593. The organization is requesting a 5% increase for inflationary costs. The request is up from \$64,375 in 2023.

Franklin County Historical Society- Diana Staresinic-Deane, Director, gave the Commissioners the highlights of the activities in 2022 and what the Historical Society plans to do in 2023. The funding request from the Historical Society is \$74,000. The increase would go toward operational expenses like utilities. They would also like to increase operating hours at the archive center. The request is up from \$71,000 in 2023.

Franklin County Agriculture Society- Justin Webb, President, discussed what the fair board would like to do with the funds requested through the Community Partner process. He said they would like to upgrade the restrooms to make them handicapped accessible, but they would need to hire an architect and possibly an engineer to move the project forward. He said they would like to upgrade the wiring in the barns, and they have a bid from Gibson Electric in the amount of \$5,666. He said the fair board is also talking with Killough Construction about improving the road into the fairgrounds. They would like to request the regular maintenance funds of \$12,100 and the amount bid for wiring repairs in the barns of \$5,666 from the ARPA Funds that were allocated last year for the restroom project. The request is flat compared to 2023.

Staff reports were given by Derek Brown, County Administrator; Brandon Sands, Facilities Director; Jeff Richards, Sheriff; and W. David Lee, Public Works Director.

Commissioner Harris moved and Commissioner Waymire seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:28a.m. All voted "yes".

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Chair