

May 10, 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.

Invocation was led by Jared Yancey, Hope Anthem Church, Ottawa.

Ken Haliburton, Assistant Director of Community Corrections, gave the Commissioners an update on the Substance Use Prevention Coalition. The group raises awareness for drug and alcohol use and provides information and recourses for those involved in these situations. The coalition just hosted an event on alcohol awareness and has three more events scheduled Mental Health Awareness, Vaping Awareness and Opioid and Fentanyl Awareness. These events are free to the public and offer childcare if needed.

Commissioner Waymire read a proposed Proclamation to honor May 7-13, 2023 as National Corrections Officers and Employees Week. Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Dunn seconded to adopt Proclamation 23-04 to honor May 7-13, 2023 as National Corrections Officers and Employees Week. All voted "yes". Sheriff Jeff Richards was present to accept the Proclamation and honor his staff in the Franklin County Adult Detention Center for their hard work.

Ryland Miller, Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce Director/CEO, thanked the Commissioners for their allocation of funds to support upcoming chamber events to be hosted downtown. He said the Flea Junk and Trunk event will be happening on May 20, 2023 and will have over 40 vendors. The first concert planned downtown for the summer will be on June 10, 2023. The funds allocated were from Transient Guest Tax Funds and are meant to drive tourism activities in the area.

No General Public Comment.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Harris seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows: minutes from the meeting on May 3, 2023 and a grant of easement Cathleen A. Anderson, Trustee of Donald D. and Nancy B. Johnson Trust (Lot Split #2209-2001). All voted "yes".

Christi Hilliker, EMS Chief, discussed adding Blended Learning Heartsaver in the amount of \$40.00 to the current American Heart Association (AHA) Training Center fees. This would allow participants to learn online and come in for the skills test in person.

Commissioner Stottlemire moved and Commissioner Dunn seconded to approve adding Blended Learning Heartsaver in the amount of \$40.00 to the current American Heart Association (AHA) Training Center fees. All voted "yes".

Pat Toth, Planning and Building Director, discussed rezoning application #2303-2039 (Madl) to rezone approximately 10.01 acres from the A-1, Agriculture District to the R-E, Residential Estate District. The rezoning 10.01 acres to be split off a larger 80-acre tract, and it would allow a family member to build a new home on the new tract. The property is located at 4826 Oregon Rd, Wellsville.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Harris seconded to adopt Resolution 23-19 to approve rezoning application #2303-2039 (Madl) to rezone approximately 10.01 acres from the A-1, Agriculture District to the R-E, Residential Estate District. All voted "yes".

Pat Toth, Planning and Building Director, discussed Consider approval of Special Use Permit Application #2303-2042 (Brayman) to allow for the operation of a grooming facility in an R-E, Residential Estate Zoning District. The location of the business is at 4806 K-33 Highway, Wellsville. The applicant is requesting a Special Use Permit for the operation of a dog & cat groom facility.

Commissioner Dunn moved and Commissioner Stottlemire seconded to adopt Resolution 23-20 to approve Special Use Permit Application #2303-2042 (Brayman) to allow for the operation of a grooming facility in an R-E, Residential Estate Zoning District. All voted "yes".

Pat Toth, Planning and Building Director, discussed amending the Franklin County Zoning Regulations to add an addendum granting a temporary moratorium on the planning, establishment, construction, application for or permitting of any Special Use Permits for Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems in the unincorporated areas of Franklin County, Kansas until December 31, 2026. The Commission expressed interest in putting a moratorium in place on March 15, 2023, and the Planning Commission discussed the matter on April 23, 2023. The Planning Commission voted in favor of the matter and has forwarded a recommendation for approval to the Board of County Commissioners.

Public Comment: The commenters listed below all spoke in support of the moratorium.

Chandy Prouty, 4848 Louisiana Rd, Baldwin City, KS  
Sabrina Meador, 3404 California Rd, Pomona, KS  
Ellen Koch, 108 E. Charles St, Frankfort, KS  
Norman Wooge, 3790 Pawnee Rd, Ottawa, KS  
Elizabeth Hamiel, 2559 Nebraska Rd, Ottawa, KS  
Levi Russell, 1046 S. Pine, Ottawa, KS  
Judy Hancock, 3469 Tennessee Rd, Ottawa, KS  
Therese Laughlin, 4896 Nevada Rd, Baldwin City, KS  
Lee Bailey, 3 Stubblefield, Ottawa, KS  
Susan Hughes, 1414 Willow, Ottawa, KS  
Rosemary Pratt, 612 E. 15<sup>th</sup> St, Ottawa, KS

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Harris seconded to adopt Resolution 23-21 to amend the Franklin County Zoning Regulations to add an addendum granting a temporary moratorium on the planning, establishment, construction, application for or permitting of any Special Use Permits for Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems in the unincorporated areas of Franklin County, Kansas until December 31, 2026. All voted "yes".

Chair Dickinson recessed the Commission for a break at 9:28a.m. The Commission reconvened at 9:35a.m.

W. David Lee, Public Works Director, discussed submitting two applications for the 2025 Kansas Department of Transportation Local Off-System Bridge Program and one application for the 2024 Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program. These three bridges were chose by staff and the county bridge consultant. The bridges selected for the Off-System Program are Bridge #17.6-20 located on Texas Road just under a half mile south of Sand Creek Road and Bridge #23-23.2 located on Thomas Road just east of K-33. The bridge selected for the Local Bridge Improvement Program is Bridge #7.0-7.1

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Harris seconded to to approve the submittal of two applications for the 2025 Kansas Department of Transportation Local Off-System Bridge Program and one application for the 2024 Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program. All voted "yes".

W. David Lee, Public Works Director, discussed the proposed litter clean-up program that was discussed at an earlier study session. The Franklin County Litter Cleanup Program is proposed for the purpose of improving the appearance of the Franklin County Landfill and other county-maintained land, including road right-of-ways. The Department would like to engage non-profit groups in the Litter Clean-up Program in exchange for a donation to the non-profit organization.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Stottlemire seconded to adopt Resolution 23-22 to establish the Franklin County Litter Cleanup Program and adopt program guidance policies. All voted "yes".

Staff reports were given by Derek Brown, Administrator; Jeff Richards, Sheriff; W. David lee, Public Works Director; and Janet Paddock, County Clerk.

Commissioner Harris moved and Commissioner Waymire seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:52a.m. All voted "yes".

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