

Members of the public wishing to speak during Public Comment or on Items of Business must register with the County Clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting.

AGENDA

BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Wednesday, February 14, 2024 | 8:30 a.m.

TO BE HELD IN THE ANNEX COMMISSION CHAMBERS

A. ROLL CALL:

- WAYMIRE HARRIS DUNN DICKINSON
 STOTTLEMIRE

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. INVOCATION

D. CORRESPONDENCE & ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

E. PUBLIC COMMENT:

A citizen desiring to speak on an item not on the agenda may do so at this time. Discussion is limited to five minutes and the Commission will not take action or discuss items at this time. Discussion should be limited to matters of County Commission business and public comment is not permitted in regard to personnel matters or on pending legal matters. Items introduced under '**Public Comment**' may become agenda items at a later date.

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

Items listed on the '**Consent Agenda**' are considered routine and shall be enacted by one motion of the Board of Commissioners with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired by a member of the Governing Body, that item may be removed from the '**Consent Agenda**' and placed on the regular agenda '**Items of Business.**'

1. Consider And Approve Claim Vouchers And Tax Change Orders.
2. Consider And Approve Franklin County Commission Meeting Minutes For February 7, 2024.
3. Consider And Approve Soliciting Bids To Replenish Our Stock Of Culverts

G. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. Consider For Approval A Resolution Authorizing Franklin County To Participate In The Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program. Paul Bean, Franklin County Development Council Executive Director.

Documents:

[2024 roz resolution cover sheet.pdf](#)

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H. STAFF REPORTS

I. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND BOARD REPORTS

J. CONSIDER A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

K. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Upcoming Events:

February 15 - Commission Study Session Board Retreat

February 16 - Commission Study Session Board Retreat

February 19 - Commission Study Session Canceled Due to President's Day Holiday (County Offices Closed)

February 21 - Commission Meeting at 8:30 AM

February 28 - Commission Meeting at 8:30 AM



To: Franklin County Board of County Commissioners
From: Paul Bean
Department: FCDC
Date: February 14, 2024

Agenda Item Narrative

Consider for approval a Resolution authorizing Franklin County to participate in the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program.

Background

Franklin County was designated a Rural Opportunity Zone by the State of Kansas in 2021. Among the benefits of this designation is that it gives Franklin County, the Cities within Franklin County and employers within Franklin County, the opportunity to participate in a student loan repayment program, many details of which are spelled out in the attached Resolution.

Specific Action Requested

Consider for approval a Resolution authorizing Franklin County to participate in the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program.

An affirmative motion would read, "I make a motion to approve the Resolution to authorize Franklin County to participate in the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program for Calendar Year 2024 but not allocate any funds to the program.

Attachments

2024 ROZ Resolution



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING
PARTICIPATION IN RURAL OPPORTUNITY ZONE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM
CALENDAR YEAR 2024**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, KANSAS,

Section 1. Pursuant to K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 74-50,223, the Board of County Commissioners expressed its intent to participate in the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) student loan repayment program.

Section 2. Franklin County has been designated a Rural Opportunity Zone pursuant to K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 74-50,222. As of July 1, 2023, the County population was 25,992 as certified by the Kansas Department of Revenue.

Section 3. Franklin County Commissioners hereby obligate Franklin County to participate in the ROZ student loan repayment program as provided by K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 74-50,223 for a period of five years, which shall be irrevocable.

Section 4. Franklin County agrees to pay in equal shares with the State of Kansas the outstanding student loan balance of any resident individual for five years, if the resident individual meets the terms of qualification provided by the State of Kansas in K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 74-50,223, and the appropriate rules and regulations. The number of qualified resident individuals receiving such payments will be subject to the availability of funds.

Section 5. Franklin County intends to enter into partnerships with Cities, Employers, and Foundations for the direct sponsorship of Rural Opportunity Zone Applicants. Sponsored Applicants must meet all qualifications of the ROZ program. All sponsorships will be subject to ROZ student loan repayment rules and regulations.

Section 6. The maximum student loan balance for each qualified resident individual to be repaid jointly by Franklin County and the State of Kansas shall be \$15,000 over a term of five years.

Section 7. Franklin County shall allocate \$0 a year for the purpose of matching payments from the State of Kansas to qualified resident individuals. Franklin County shall revise its ROZ budget on an annual basis submitting a new Resolution to the State of Kansas by

January 30th each year. Franklin County shall submit their obligation in full to the Department of Commerce before the first day of September each year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be published once in the official county newspaper and shall be in effect from and after its date of publication.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 14^h day of February, 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, KANSAS

Colton M. Waymire
Chairman

Received and recorded this the 14th day of February, 2024.

Janet Paddock
County Clerk