

February 1, 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:

Norman Wooge, 3790 Pawnee Rd, Ottawa- discussed hydrogen as an additional renewable energy resource. He this discussed 10 disadvantages to the installation of wind turbines.

Jim Wallace, 2447 Nebraska Rd, Ottawa- asked the Commission to honor the work of the Planning Commission and do not allow the met tower to be approved or any other wind turbines to be approved.

Susan Hughes, 1414 Olive, Ottawa- asked the Commissioner to do everything in their power to stop the installations of the windmills. She discussed health effects on humans and animals from the noise and lights from the wind turbines.

Jeremy Morgan, 2328 Stafford Terr, Ottawa- asked the Commissioners to place a moratorium on the met tower to allow time to gather information and educate the public.

Sabrina Meador, 3404 California Rd, Pomona- asked the question why should the met tower be installed. She said she believes the Commissioners want to do what is best for the community. She said that people could be acting in fear of the big corporation that wants to install the met tower.

Chandy Prouty, 4848 Louisiana Rd, Baldwin City- said tax money is propping up the wind turbine projects. She discussed limitations on property's under contract.

Sean Torrez, 513 E. Grant, Ottawa- expressed his concerns with emergency communications in the rural area if wind turbines are allowed in our county, health concerns, repair and upkeep of the windmills, migrating bird patterns, and finally keeping our natural beauty intact.

Trisha Webb, 15549 S. Retna, Overbrook- discussed the dishonesty of the company that is proposing the met tower. She discussed concerns with lights and noise from the windmills.

Hilary Crist, 2349 Stafford Terr, Ottawa- discussed her reasoning for moving here from California. She said if she would have known windmills were in the works, they would have kept looking. She asked the Commissioners to place a moratorium on the windmills.

Commissioner Dunn moved and Commissioner Waymire seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: payroll in the amount of \$1,393,653.00, claim vouchers in the amount of \$469,121.47, tax change orders in the amount of -\$142.06, minutes from the meeting on January 25, 2023, and solicitation of bids for Noxious Weed Chemical Bids. All voted "yes" except Commissioner Dickinson abstained from the minutes.

The Commission recessed for one minute to allow citizens to leave if they desired.

W. David Lee, Public Works Director, discussed the bids that were received for the 2023 Chip Seal Project. The lowest bidder was Vance Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$1,190,350.00 for the CM-K option. In the last several years we have used the CM-L option. The cost has increased enough that the cost outweighs the benefits of using the CM-L option. The project is focused in the northwest part of the county. It was confirmed that the limestone chip was bid as washed limestone.

Commissioner Harris moved and Commissioner Stottlemire seconded to approve awarding the bid for the 2023 Chip Seal Project to Vance Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$1,190,350.00 for the CM-K chip option. All voted "yes".

W. David Lee, Public Works Director, discussed the bids that were received for the 2023 Painted Pavement Marking Project. The project area is the same as the Chip Seal Project focused in the Northwest area of the county. Straight Line Striping was the lowest bidder in the amount of \$67,540.00.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Harris seconded to approve awarding the bid for the 2023 Painted Pavement Marking Project to Straight-Line Striping, Inc. in the amount of \$67,540.00. All voted "yes".

Derek Brown, County Administrator, discussed approving the funding agreement with the City of Ottawa and FCDC for 2023. The contract is the same amount as the last several years at \$64,375 and is approved annually. The funding for this contract was approved in the budget for 2023. Paul Bean, FCDC Director, discussed work he does in the community to benefit the county.

Commissioner Stottlemire moved and Commissioner Dunn seconded to approve of the funding agreement between Franklin County, the City of Ottawa and FCDC for 2023. All voted "yes".

Paul Bean, FCDC Director, discussed a MIH Grant Application on behalf of Ottawa Destination Development, LLC to construct 72 apartments within the city limits of Ottawa. This application is for round two funding of the MIH Funding. Mickey Davis was present to discuss the development and the request to the state to access federal dollars for the project. The proposed project is located near I-35 and 68 Hwy. The proposed development also includes a daycare center which would address the childcare need in the community. If the project is approved, the project will need to be completed in 18 months. The final grant application will be brought before the Commission at a later meeting for approval.

Staff reports were given by Jeff Richards, Sheriff and W. David Lee, Public Works Director.

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

Clerk

Chair