

May 17, 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 Chris McFadden, Cherry Street Wesleyan Church, Ottawa.

John Terry, Kwikom Representative, was present to give an update on internet services provided in the area and request a letter of support for two projects they are seeking grant funds for in Franklin County. Kwikom has been providing internet services in Franklin County for ten years. They have two projects they are seeking grant funds for: one in the Princeton and Richmond area and one in the Wellsville and LeLoup area. Each project is estimated \$3.5 million. Mr. Terry asked the Commissioners if they would be willing to offer monetary support for the project to make the grant more competitive. He also asked for a letter of support from the county for the two projects. The Commissioners said they would need to review the budget before offering any monetary support but would definitely write a letter of support for the two projects.

Commissioner Don Stottlemire read the proposed Proclamation to designate May 14-20, 2023 as Police Week. Commissioner Stottlemire moved and Commissioner Waymire seconded to adopt Proclamation 23-05 to designate May 14-20, 2023 as Police Week. All voted "yes". Sheriff Jeff Richards was present to accept the proclamation and honor his law enforcement staff for their hard work.

Commissioner Roy Dunn read the proposed Proclamation to designate May 21-27, 2023 as Emergency Medical Services Week. Commissioner Harris moved and Commissioner Dunn seconded to adopt Proclamation 23-06 to designate May 21-27, 2023 as Emergency Medical Services Week. Christi Hilliker, EMS Chief, was present to accept the proclamation and honor the staff at the EMS Department for their service to the people of Franklin County.

No Public Comment.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Harris seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows: claim vouchers in the amount of \$1,307,546.25, minutes from the meeting on May 10, 2023, and minutes from the study session on May 15, 2023. All voted "yes".

Staff reports were given by Derek Brown, County Administrator and Paul Bean, FCDC Director.

Commissioner Harris moved and Commissioner Waymire seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:11a.m. All voted "yes".

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Chair