

May 31, 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.

No Public Comment.

Commissioner Dunn moved and Commissioner Waymire seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows: claim vouchers in the amount of \$363,088.73, tax change orders in the amount of -\$1,637.10 and payroll in amount of \$1,260,046.08. All voted "yes".

Rodney Burns was in to discuss the counties annual audit for 2022. He said there was no cash basis violations or fund balance violations found in the audit. He said overall the audit went very well. He said the county's cash forward balances and capital outlay funds look very good. He said there were a few minor items that could be improved on.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Harris seconded to except the audit report. All voted "yes".

Rodney Burns brought an engagement letter for the commissioners to consider for the audit for the 2023 budget to be completed next spring. The proposed audit engagement letter had a slight increase in price for next year.

Commissioner Stottlemire moved and Commissioner Waymire seconded to approve the audit engagement letter. All voted "yes".

KwiKom representative, John Terry, discussed the rural broadband projects planned for Franklin County. The Wellsville project will cost \$5.4 million with 450 to passings. The Princeton project will cost \$5.491 million with 646 passings. The commissioners said they were supportive of the project and willing to have staff write a letter of recommendation. The commissioners also proposed to allocate \$15,000 per project from the county's ARPA funds.

Commissioner Stottlemire moved and Commissioner Waymire seconded to approve allocating \$15,000 per project from the county's ARPA funds for each of these two broadband projects if approved. All voted "yes".

Brandon Sands, Facilities Director, discussed continuing to work with BG consultants on the District Court building foundation. The county previously worked with BG consultants for some earlier planning on District Court. An updated contract is needed to continue using BG consultants.

Commissioner Dunn moved and Commissioner Waymire seconded to sign the updated agreement with BG Consultants for the slab repair project. All voted "yes".

W. David Lee, Public Works Director, discussed awarding the 2023 SALT bid to Central Salt, LLC in the amount of \$21,596. This was bid as a group with Douglas County representing seven public agencies. Central Salt, LLC was the lowest bidder. The county bid for 400 tons of salt at \$53.99 per ton.

Commissioner Harris moved and Commissioner Waymire seconded to approve awarding the salt bid to Central Salt, LLC in the amount of \$21,596. All voted "yes".

W. David Lee, Public Works Director, discussed updating Resolution 19-32 to update the Franklin County subdivision road design criteria and construction standards. The update would allow for the use of high-performance polypropylene pipe for crossroad culverts and entrances.

Commissioner Stottlemire moved and Commissioner Dunn seconded to adopt Resolution 23–23 establishing and adopting Road design criteria and construction standards for Franklin County subdivisions. This resolution will supersede and replace Resolution 19–32. All voted “yes”.

W. David Lee, Public Works Director, discussed holding a public hearing on June 21st to consider upgrading the 950 to 1100 block of Georgia Road south of Ellis Road from minimum maintenance to full maintenance. This request was made to allow for the construction of two new houses.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Harris seconded to hold a public hearing on June 21, 2023 to consider upgrading the 950 to 1100 block of Georgia Road south Ellis Road to full maintenance. All voted “yes”.

Staff reports were given by Derek Brown, County Administrator; Brandon Sands, Facilities Director; Paul Bean, FCDC, Director; 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 9:40 AM. All voted “yes”.

Clerk

Chair