

June 28, 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 Pastor Leonard Cheasbro.

No Public Comment.

Commissioner Dunn moved and Commissioner seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows: minutes from the meeting on June 21, 2022, tax change orders in the amount of -\$1,090.64, and payroll in the amount of \$1,316,507.01. All voted "yes".

Derek Brown, County Administrator, discussed an application from Jarred Sterling to be appointed to the RMH Board of Trustees. The Board of County Commissioners is responsible for appointing members to the RMH Board. Jarred Sterling was present to express his interest in holding the position.

Commissioner Stottlemire moved and Commissioner Harris seconded to appoint Jarred Sterling to the RMH Board of Trustees. All voted "yes".

Jamie Wilson, Franklin County Appraiser, discussed renewing the contract for commercial appraisal services with Eugene Bryan for the 2024 valuation year in the amount of \$45,000. The contract reflects an increase of \$3,000 over the 2023 contract. Mr. Bryant has been contracted for this service since 2019.

Commissioner Dunn moved and Commissioner Waymire seconded to approve the contract for commercial valuation services from Eugene Bryan. All voted "yes".

Amy Hodo, HR Director, discussed a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for County employees. A 1.6% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) was budgeted for the current fiscal year and would be approved by the Board of County Commissioners dependent upon review of revenues for the current fiscal year. Staff has determined that revenues are within appropriate range in order for the COLA to be implemented.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Harris seconded to approve the 1.6% Cost of Living Adjustment for County employees effective the pay period beginning June 21, 2023. All voted "yes".

Pam Harris, Assistant Director of the Health Department, discussed offering drug screen collections through eScreen. The benefit is after the drug screen is collected and completed, the business that ordered the drug screen receives instant results via computer. Franklin County will begin using the program for county employee physicals, and the department will market the service to the community when it is running smoothly.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Dunn seconded to approve the eScreen two-year Clinic Services Agreement to allow the Health Department to offer drug screen collections for Franklin County employees and other interested businesses. All voted "yes".

Christi Hilliker, EMS Chief, discussed the Franklin County EMS First Quarter 2023 reports. The report showed adjustments of \$73,501.91. She reviewed the call volumes, revenues, and calls per district.

Commissioner Stottlemire moved and Commissioner Waymire seconded to approve the First Quarter 2023 Adjustments. All voted "yes".

Janet Paddock, County Clerk, discussed a letter from Tracy and Kelli Fischer and discussed adjusting the valuation of the property located at 363 Colorado Rd, Williamsburg. K.S.A.79-1613 authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to abate taxes that have been levied on a homestead that has been substantially destroyed by natural disaster. The assessed value of the destroyed structure for the 2023 tax year is \$43,583.

Commissioner Harris moved and Commissioner Stottlemire seconded to abate assessed value of \$43,583 for the homestead located at 363 Colorado Rd that was destroyed by fire on February 18, 2023. All voted "yes".

Janet Paddock, County Clerk, discussed appointing Phil Corbin to fill a vacancy on the Homewood Township Board. Mr. Corbin has submitted a letter of interest.

Commissioner Dunn moved and Commissioner Waymire seconded to appoint Phil Corbin to fill the vacancy as Trustee on the Homewood Township Board. All voted "yes".

Janet Paddock, County Clerk, discussed appointing Michelle Randall to fill a vacancy on the Homewood Township Board. Ms. Randall has submitted a letter of interest.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Stottlemire seconded to appoint Michelle Randall to fill the vacancy as Clerk on the Homewood Township Board. All voted "yes".

Janet Paddock, County Clerk, discussed the need to appoint New Members to the Central Cemetery Board of Directors. Five new members need to be appointed. An add was placed in the Ottawa Herald on May 31, 2023 and letters were sent to individuals that had been identified as interested parties. Five letters of interest were received. The five interested parties were Gerald Shepherd, Lori Hower, Charles G. Hower, Randy Duvall, and Jo Ann Duvall.

Commissioner Dunn moved and Commissioner Harris seconded to appoint the five interested parties that submitted letters of interest to the Central Cemetery Board of Directors. All voted "yes".

W. David Lee, Public Works Director, discussed authorizing Bartlett & West Engineers to complete the final bid plans and construction inspection services for a fee not to exceed \$550,000 for the widening of Old 50 Highway from Eisenhower Road to Iowa Road. Jeff Lolly with Bartlett & West was present to answer questions about the project.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Harris seconded to authorize Bartlett & West Engineers to complete the final bid plans and construction inspection services for a fee not to exceed \$550,000 for the widening of Old 50 Highway from Eisenhower Road to Iowa Road. All voted "yes".

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

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Harris seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:29a.m. All voted "yes".

Clerk

Chair