

Minutes

PRESENT: Commissioner Brann, Commissioner Harvell, Commissioner Carlton

Meeting held by Zoom
Franklin County Commissioners Meeting

July 26, 2022 Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Brann at 10:00AM
Pledge of Allegiance

Audience:

APPOINTMENTS: Amy Bernard, Donna Perry, Jim Desjardins, Annie Twitchell, Sue Pratt, David Rackliffe, David St. Laurent, Scott Nichols, Susan Black, Fen Fowler, Nick Palmer, Diane Dunham, MBTV, Sue Davis, Steve Bunker, Bob Luce, Pamela Prodan

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Clerk's Report:** N/A
2. **Treasurer Report:** N/A
3. **Dispatch Full Time Hire:** Sheila Richards comes from the Post Office as a postal worker. Would like to hire her as full time Dispatcher. Motion to approve hiring Sheila Richards as a full time Dispatcher: Lance/Bob (3/0)
4. **Permission to go out to bid for an SO vehicle:** Sheriff Nichols would like to go out to bid for an SUV for transporting prisoners. Motion to approve going out to bid for an SUV: Lance/Bob (3/0)
5. **Fire and Solid Waste Agreements:** Motion to sign the contracts retro the last meeting: Bob/Lance (3/0)
6. **ARPA project Review:**
 - i. **County wide communication system-** Emergency- See details attached of plan. They are seeking funding for a total project of \$750,000. They have asked for funding from towns (\$92,000), Homeland Security Grant (\$113,123.86) and TIFF- Not sure of amount yet (???)\$200,000-\$300,000), and ARPA- balance of whole project. **Motion to fund up to \$500,000 for the upgrade: Bob/Lance (3/0)**
 - ii. **Design for multi-function central county government office space:** Interviewed three design engineers. Estimate the cost to be approximately \$35-40K for the design. Will be choosing a design engineer by the end of the week. **Motion to approve up to \$50k for design: Lance/Bob (3/0)**
 - iii. **Cell Block security and controls at the jail:** RFP is due on August 16th. **Motion to approve up to \$350k for the project: Lance/Bob (3/0)**
 - iv. **Sewer system project:** Fenwick Construction will start within two weeks. We are currently awaiting a signed contract.
 - v. **Salem Fire Department Request-** This project will provide for Turn-out gear, training, essential worker stipends, security, new doors, internet service at the station, water at the station, and cargo trailer \$154,800. So far, no requested

documents have been received by the county. **Motion to remove Salem Fire from the ARPA list: Lance/Bob (3/0)**

- vi. **Trails Bridge:** Bridge construction for a snowmobile bridge. Requesting \$1,831,451 for the project. The Commissioners would like to table this project and negotiate on a minimum amount to support the project.
- vii. **Workforce Housing Coalition: Start-up cost for affordable housing in northern Franklin County. Looking for county support in the amount of \$308,275 as seed funds for the project. The Commissioners would like to table the project for now until they understand the expansion project better.**
- viii. **Life Line Llc.:** The Commissioners requested this project be removed from the list.
- ix. **Funds committed to date out of ARPA: \$1.635 million**

OLD BUSINESS:

MISCELLANEOUS:

The county is exploring an ACO for the UT.

Warrants:

ADJOURNMENT:

**A motion and second to adjourn. (Bob/Lance) (3/0)
Meeting adjourned at 11:25am**

Next regular meeting will be August 2, 2022 at 10am

A recording is available for this meeting.

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: _____, CLERK