**Minutes**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Brann, Commissioner Harvell, Commissioner Carlton

The meeting was held via Zoom

**Franklin County Commissioners Meeting**

**April 10, 2023 Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Brann at 3:15 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

**Audience:** Sara Bickford, Jim Desjardins, David Rackliffe, David St. Laurent, Steve Lowell, Tiffany Baker, Amy Bernard, Donna Perry, MBTV

**Virtual:** Victoria Parker, Tim Hardy, Marc Roy, Ron Smith, Sue Pratt, Susan Black, Mike Edes, Alyssa Tibbetts

**APPOINTMENTS: None.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Vehicle Use Policy:** The Commissioners reviewed the IRS language surrounding the “fringe benefit” with the county’s auditor, legal counsel, and accountant to gain their understanding of the language. Both Marc and Ron confirmed that if the county was audited and they did not have a policy in place, the county would be liable for up to three years of employer and employee state/federal/FICA taxes per vehicle. David Rackliffe was asked to present the 6 cases he mentioned in a prior meeting which were ruled in favor of the municipality, of which, he stated he did not have the information to present at this time. The discussion continued and began focusing on the family members being in the vehicle, and the liability it imposes. Ron Smith confirmed that he is concerned for the liability as he has seen instances where ride-alongs have turned into municipal liabilities as people became injured. The Commissioners, county attorney, and Steve Lowell disagreed on who sets the policy. Steve Lowell referenced state statute title 30-A.

Near the end of the meeting, Ron requested that he have the opportunity to meet with Sheriff Nichols to discuss this matter. The Commissioners agreed to wait to make a decision until Ron has an opportunity to do so. This item will be on the next agenda for continued discussion.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

**WARRANTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**A motion and second to adjourn. Bob/Lance (3/0)**

**Meeting adjourned at 4:34 pm**

**The next regular meeting will be on April 18, 2023**

**A recording is available for this meeting.**

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