

Minutes

PRESENT: Commissioner Brann, Commissioner Carlton, Commissioner Harvell

The meeting was held via: Zoom
Franklin County Commissioners Meeting

January 2, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Brann at 3:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Audience: Sue Black, Fen Fowler, Susan Pratt, Nathan Hiltz, Donna Perry, Dana from North Franklin Snowmobile Club, John Rogers, Annie Twitchell, Mike Pond, Jim Desjardens, Jake Nichols, MBTV, Tiffany Baker, Amy Bernard, and Pam Prodan

APPOINTMENTS: Lance Harvell was appointed Chairperson for 2024

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Clerks Report- Motion to accept the Clerk's Report: Bob/Terry (3/0)**
2. **Treasurers Report – Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: Terry/Bob (3/0)**
3. **Strategic Planning RFQ** – 12 Bids were received with a range between \$43,000.00 and \$190,000.00, after reviewing said bids and references, the strategic planning committee recommends Mejorando Group with their bid of \$43,200.00 plus mileage. **Motion to accept Mejorando Group as the Strategic Planning RFQ: Bob/Terry (3/0)**
4. **Emergency Use of TIF Funds for Trail Repair** – Discussions were had to use emergency funds from TIF to repair trails for the upcoming snowmobiling/recreation season. Concerns were made that without the use of these trails there will be a loss of revenues for Franklin County and the UT. **Motion was made to approve up to \$1000,00.00 in emergency trail repairs along with access to gravel and culverts that are not committed, with the understanding that they must submit an application for TIF funding: Lance/Terry (3/0)**
5. **Langtown Plowing** – Discussion was had regarding the Nash Stream Bridge being out and the contractor contracted to plow the roads residing on the other side of the bridge. A plan was made for the contractor to stage a truck on the other side of the bridge allowing him access via: the temporary walking bridge to the staged truck to plow the roads.
6. **EMA December Storm Update** – As of December 29, 2023, Franklin County has incurred \$3,000,000.00 in damages from the storm and the UT had incurred \$48,135.00 in storm damages. A meeting is to be held with FEMA at some point next week.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Orberton Stream Bridge Update** – New bridge has been built. Just to clarify, the weight limit has not been lifted. The State of Maine must lift the weight limit. Therefore, the 3-ton weight limit is still imposed until further notice. **Motion was made to have RFP, Engineering Firm to review the bridge and develop plan for bridge repair: Bob/Terry (3/0)**

MISCELLANEOUS: NCEU Contract – Motion made to authorize the NCEU Contract and ratify the signatures made: Lance/Bob (3/0)

WARRANTS: UT, County A/P and County Payroll

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 4:30 p.m. Lance/Bob (3/0)

A recording is available for this meeting.

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: _____, CLERK