

Minutes

PRESENT: Commissioner Brann, Commissioner Carlton, Commissioner Harvell

The meeting was held via Zoom
Franklin County Commissioners Meeting

November 21, 2023

Item: Visit and Discussion of the status of Reeds Mills Road Bridge in Madrid-See notes below.

Time: 12:00 PM

The meeting was reconvened called to order by Commissioner Brann at 3:30 P.M.
Pledge of Allegiance

Audience: Brad Timberlake, Sue Black, Annie Twitchell, Jake Nichols, Marlene Bradley, Stacy Austin, Kat B., Sara Bickford, Charlie Woodworth, Nick Palmer, Donna Perry, MBTV, Tiffany Baker, Amy Bernard, Pam Prodan, Sue Pratt

APPOINTMENTS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Clerks Report- Motion to accept the Clerk's report: Lance/Bob (3/0)**
- 2. Treasurers Report – Motion to accept the Treasurer's report: Lance/Bob (3/0)**
- 3. Workplace Bullying Policy- Motion to adopt the Workplace Bullying Policy: Lance/Bob (3/0)**
- 4. Return to Work Policy Statement- Motion to adopt the Return-to-Work Policy Statement: Bob/Lance (3/0)**
- 5. RFP for Plowing Communications Towers- Motion to accept the bid for \$60.00 per storm to Hardy Lawncare and Plowing Services: Bob/Lance (3/0)**
- 6. Union Contract Approvals FOP- Motion to sign and approve the amended contract for the FOP union: Bob/Lance (3/0)**
- 7. Opioid Committee Recommendation to Award Kennebec Behavioral Health (KBH) in the Amount of \$10,000- Motion to approve the recommendation to award KBH \$10,000 for recovery coaching: Bob/Lance (3/0)**
- 8. Berry Talbot and Royer's Contract Renewal for Financial Service-** Marc Roy presented an offer to the county for financial services in 2024 in the amount of \$125,000. The Commissioners requested we seek an 18-month contract so we can get to the end of a fiscal year and make a plan to go forward if necessary.

OLD BUSINESS:

Reeds Mill Road Bridge- The Commissioners met at the bridge to look at the site and review the proposed options for repair. The bridge was recently posted for 3 tons which does not

currently allow for larger vehicles to pass. The state can rent the county a temporary bridge at approximately \$75,000 for a year plus a \$20,000 delivery fee. Blaine Miller from Dirigo was there and offered to build a temporary bridge that will allow for the passage of larger vehicles such as school bus, fire and EMT services, and plowing. In the discussion, it was suggested the steel could be mended to repair one end of the bridge which has been deemed unstable. The other option included a total build of the bridge, or a “super structure”. **Motion to allow Dirigo to build a temporary 65’ bridge which will raise the tonnage allowed on the bridge until future steps can be determined which will be funded from the bridge reserve fund: Lance/Bob (3/0)**

MISCELLANEOUS:

Air Handling for Courthouse- When the heat pumps were added to the courthouse, one unit was left off the plan which was already budgeted for out of ARPA. The downstairs hallway is not heated well as there is not a pump near the maintenance and UT office space. Sue Pratt would like to add a unit to that space for heating and cooling and use the remaining funds from the estimated project cost to pay for the unit. Additionally, when the county went out to bid for this project, it did not include electronic controls feature which allows the Facility Manager to control the heating and cooling while off site. Sue would like to add this expense out of ARPA funds. The total cost will be \$3,951.69. **Motion to approve the additional unit and electronic controls be installed at a cost of \$3,951.69: Lance/Bob (3/0)**

Charitable Donations for Outside Organization- A staff requested during this holiday season that the county do a clothing or toy drive in support of a local organization. **Motion to allow voluntary donations to a local charity to be organized by the County Administrator: Bob/Lance (3/0)**

WARRANTS: UT, County A/P

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 4:21 PM. Lance/Bob (3/0)

A recording is available for this meeting.

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: _____, CLERK