

## Minutes

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

The meeting was held via: Zoom  
**Franklin County Commissioners Meeting**

**January 23, 2024**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

**Audience:** Sue Black, Susan Pratt, Louise Hiltz, Nathan Hiltz, Donna Perry, Dana Bowman, John Rogers, Annie Twitchell, Jim Desjardens, Ryan Close, David Rackliff, David St. Laurent, David Davol, Steve Lowell, Elaine Fitch, Sara Bickford, Jake Nichols, Fen Fowler, Charles Woodworth, MBTV, Tiffany Baker, Amy Bernard, and Jamie Sullivan

**APPOINTMENTS: None**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Clerks Report- N/A**
- 2. Treasurers Report – N/A**
- 3. County Way Building Design and Placement Discussion:** Discussion was had regarding how to move forward with the location of the new Emergency Operations Center located at County Way. The initial proposal was to renovate and expand the existing Sheriff's Office, however, once the survey was performed, it was determined that the structure would encroach on the existing railroad right-of-way. It was determined that due to the lack of time permitted to use the approved funds, buying the easement was not an option, and the fact that the federal budget has not yet been approved, the approved congressional direct funding is not guaranteed for the building project. It was discussed that alternative funds could be used, including ARPA funds and TIF funds, however, if TIF funds were to be used, in order to follow funding guidelines, the new building would need to house the County Commissioner and administrative offices which directly serve the TIF. A new building proposal was made to locate the building closer to the main entrance and property line along with the "add alternate" part of the building to include the County Commissioners and administrative offices. Members from the Franklin County Sheriff's Department raised concerns about the fiber cables and flooding in the proposed building location. They were assured that the engineers knew of those issues and would develop solutions to address those matters. It was determined that in order to fulfill the funding timelines the best option would be to change the location of the proposed new building with the "add alternate" part of the building to include the County Commissioners and administrative offices. **Motion was made to approve the proposed new location of the Emergency Operations Center: Bob/Terry (3/0)**  
**Motion was made to move forward with the engineering to include an "add alternate" part of the building to include the County Commissioners and administrative offices: Bob/Terry (3/0)**

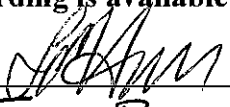
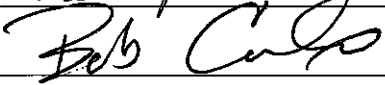
**OLD BUSINESS:**

**MISCELLANEOUS:** None

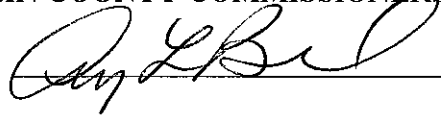
**WARRANTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn at 3.37 p.m. Bob/Terry (3/0)

A recording is available for this meeting.

  
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Terry Brann  
  
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FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: , CLERK 2/6/24