

## **Minutes**

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

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

**March 26, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Harvell at 3:35 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Audience:** Sue Black, Susan Pratt, Nathan Hiltz, Doug Hiltz, Jim Desjardins, Jake Nichols, David Rackliff, MBTV, Fen Fowler, Scott Nichols, Brad Timberlake, Sara Bickford, Pamela Proden, Ryan Close, Donna Perry, Steve Lowell, Mike Pond, David Rackliffe, Heidi Jordan, Charlie Woodsworth, Neil Yeaton, Marcus Rowe, Pastor Steve Bracey, Dorene James, Deanna Ridley, Winonna Davenport, Richard DeBois, James Black, Amy Bernard, Tiffany Baker, Jamie Sullivan and Brenda Bitle

**APPOINTMENTS:** Anna Plog – The Phillips Area Microloan Committee for 3 Years -  
**Motion to approve Anna Plog to the Phillips Area Microloan Committee for a 3 Year term:**  
**Terry/Bob (3/0)**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Clerk's Report- Motion to accept the Clerk's Report: Bob/Terry (3/0) - Unanimous**
2. **Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: Bob/Terry (3/0)**
3. **ARPA – These projects were tentatively approved on June 6, 2023, pending the receipt of the congressional direct spend.**
  - A. **Fair Grandstand Project – Received funds in the amount of \$75,000.00 towards replacement of the fair grandstands.**
  - B. **PACC Phillips Area Community Center – Received funds in the amount of \$80,000.00 for replacement of the roof at the community center.**
  - C. **Heaven's Cupboard – Pre-Kitchen – Received funds in the amount of \$30,500.00 towards the addition of a kitchen at the building.**
  - D. **Mt. Blue Middle School Tech. Center – Received funds in the amount of \$125,000.00 towards the building of the new middle school tech. center.**

**Motion to support the above projects in the amount of \$310,500.00: Terry/Bob (3/0)**

4. **Salary Administration Policy – A discussion was had regarding the language of the longevity stipend. Bob made a motion, the motion was retracted and it was determined that more clarification surrounding exempt employees is needed in the policy: Motion to clarify Salary Administration Policy: Terry/Bob (3/0)**
5. **Peer Support Team – Sgt. Close – Sgt. Close spoke with respect to the importance of the Peer Support Team and training. The program currently has 14 members spanning between 4 fire departments, 3 law enforcement agencies, Northstar, the Franklin County jail and Franklin County dispatch. The program is funded predominantly by the Sheriff's office using non budgeted nontax dollars. The Peer Support Team managed more than 30 referrals and multiple Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) debriefings in less than a year. No Action**

6. **Sheriff's Budget for Approval – Motion to approve Sheriff Budget FY2025 for \$2,859,613.00. Bob/Terry (3/0)**
7. **Emergency Operation Center – Administrations Suite** – A discussion was had regarding adding an administrative suite to the new Emergency Operation Center as an “add alternate”, or to renovate the Courthouse. It was also noted that during a meeting with Port City Authority and JF Scott that we were over budget for the new building. Adjustments need to be made to the new building, in order to meet the budget, and it was determined that we needed to cut approximately 1,000 square feet of building space including the Sheriff's Department wash bay. **Motion to move the administration offices to County Way: Bob/Lance (2/1)**
8. **Coburn Gore Land Port – Right of Way Request** – The County received a right of entry request from Sara Massarello to enter property off from Route 27 in Coburn Gore for the purpose of conducting surveys, environmental and real estate studies as part of its due diligence in developing alternatives for the Coburn Gore Land Port of Entry Project: **Motion to allow Amy to have contact with Sara Massarello and Lance to sign the Right of Entry Agreement: Bob/Terry (3/0)**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

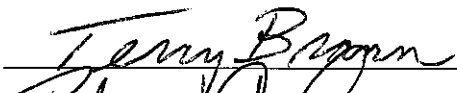

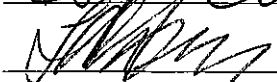
1. **A3 Communications Approval to provide Security for the Courthouse** – a discussion was had regarding A3 Communications providing security for the Courthouse. The County may have the opportunity to receive a 5% to 10% discount in costs if we utilized A3 Communications' services in collaboration with the security program being implemented at the Rangely and Stratton Schools. The Sheriff's Department is awaiting confirmation from one more school to move forward with A3 Communications providing security services: **Motion table and revisit once the Sheriff's Department has heard that all schools are on board with A3 Communications to provide security: Bob/Lance (3/0)**

**MISCELLANEOUS: None**


**WARRANTS: Payroll, TIF, ARPA and County A/P**

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 4:57 p.m. Bob/Terry (3/0)**

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

  
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ATTEST: , CLERK