March 18, 2020

BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Location: Franklin County Annex Building Commission Chambers

Chair Waymire called the meeting to order at 8:30a.m.

Roll call: Chair Colton Waymire present, Vice Chair Ianne Dickinson present, Commissioner Donald Stottlemire present, Commissioner Richard Howard present, Commissioner Roy C. Dunn present.

Chair Waymire asked all in attendance to stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation was led by Scott Dickinson, Michigan Valley United Methodist Church, Quenemo.

No Public Comment.

Commissioner Dunn moved and Commissioner Dickinson seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows: claim vouchers in the amount of $613,916.68, tax change orders in the amount of $423.20, minutes from the meeting on March 11, 2020, and approve the participation in the Douglas County Highway Salt Program. All voted "yes".

Alan Radcliffe, Emergency Management Director, discussed the need to extend the Emergency Declaration of Disaster that was signed on Saturday, March 14, 2020 by Chair Waymire. A Resolution is before the Commission today that is necessary to extend the current declaration for 60 days.

Commissioner Howard moved and Commissioner Dunn seconded to adopt Resolution 20-07 to approve a 60-day extension to the current Public Health Emergency Declaration Disaster. All voted "yes".

Alan Radcliffe, Emergency Management Director, discussed the purchase of a 2020 Dodge Durango as scheduled during the budget process for the 2020 budget. Two bids were received from Victory in the amount of $33,696.00 and Davis-Moore in the amount of $33,093.16. The recommended bid that is before the Commission is the state contract price with delivery in the amount of $33,093.16.

Commissioner Stottlemire moved and Commissioner Dickinson seconded to approve the purchase of a 2020 Dodge Durango for the Emergency Management Department from Davis-Moore Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram. All voted "yes".

Pat Campbell, Noxious Weed Director, presented the chemical bids that were opened on March 10, 2020. Van Diest was the low bidder on five of the seven items bid. Nutrien Solutions was the low bidder on the remaining two items bid. The department recommends that all seven items for bid be awarded to Van Diest for ease of delivery. The price difference in these two items to the next bid is a total of $428.40.

Commissioner Dickinson moved and Commissioner Howard seconded to approve the chemical bids to Van Diest as presented. All voted "yes" except Commissioner Dunn voted "no".

Pat Campbell, Noxious Weed Director, discussed the 2019 Noxious Weed Report and Eradication Report.

Commissioner Stottlemire moved and Commissioner Dunn seconded to approve the 2019 Annual Noxious Weed Report and Eradication Report. All voted "yes".

W. David Lee, Public Works Director, discussed the 2020 Chip Seal Program. Bids were opened on March 13, 2020 with two bids being received. He suggested that we suspend the chip seal project for this year to concentrate on patching our chip seal roads and improving our gravel roads.

The Commissioners came to a consensus to not take action on the chip seal project bids and the painted pavement bid. They ask David to continue to look into handle the chip seal in-house.

W. David Lee, Public Works Director, gave a staff report.
Alan Radcliffe, Emergency Management Director, updated the Commissioner on the emergency operations that are moving forward to respond to the COVID-19 situation. He said the County has identified a core group of individuals that are responding to this situation. The core group is practicing social distancing when meeting to discuss the situation by meeting via phone and internet.

Midge Ransom, Health Department Director, gave an update on the actions of the Health Department in response to the COVID-19 situation. They are responding to disease investigation and help with food insecurity issues.

Derek Brown, Administrator, started a discussion with the Commissioners on whether or not the County should continue to have our buildings open to the public. The Commissioners all discussed that they were in support of closing county buildings to the public as long as citizens still have access to services. The County accepts mail in payments and online payments.

The Commissioners continued their discussion on the evolving situation of COVID-19. The County would like to implement a policy to pay employees for ten days of leave if an employee has traveled or has a need to stay home and self-quarantine. Once an employee has used the ten days leave, employees would be allowed to use their leave balances. Any employee that either doesn’t have leave or uses all other resources, they could go into arrears 80 hours of leave balance that they will pay back on a monthly basis. This plan would go through August at the current time. They acknowledged that this policy may need to be changed at a later point and allow staff some leeway to address individual situations.

Commissioner Howard moved and Commissioner Dunn seconded to approve the leave policy as discussed in regards to the COVID-19 situation. All voted “yes”.

The Commissioners discussed a meeting schedule going forward. They discussed having a bi-weekly meeting and possibly teleconferencing. The next meeting will be scheduled for April 1, 2020.

Larry Walrod, Planning and Building Director, updated the Commission on the scheduled Planning Commission meeting on March 19, 2020. It was decided to allow the meeting with social distancing.

Sheriff Richards gave an update on the jail operations during the COVID-19 situation and what changes are being implemented for the inmate’s safety and security. He also updated the Commissioners on the operations at the Sheriff’s Office.

The Commissioners discussed the scheduled study session to review Community Partner Funding for 2021 on March 23, 2020. After a short discussion, the Commissioners came to a consensus to cancel the study session and plan to fund the Community Partners at the same level they were funded in 2020 with the exception of the increase that has already been agreed upon for Services for the Elderly to pay the county’s fair share of the Meals on Wheels program.

Commissioner Howard moved and Commissioner Stottlemire seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:58a.m. All voted “yes”.

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