

April 6, 2022

BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Location: Franklin County Annex Building Commission Chambers

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

Roll call: Chair Roy C. Dunn present, Vice Chair Ianne Dickinson absent, Commissioner Donald Stottlemire present, Commissioner Rod Harris present, Commissioner Colton Waymire present.

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

Invocation was led by Pastor Dakota Smith, Ottawa Bible Church.

David Arteberry, County Financial Advisor from Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, discussed the potential to refinance some PBC Bods that will become callable later this summer. The bonds were reviewed in December and looked favorable for refunding to lower the interest rates, but the market has changed. The potential savings has decreased dramatically and the transaction does not seem as advantageous. He also discussed the possibility of paying off some existing debt early to free up funds in the budget annually to be used in other areas. The evaluation showed paying off the 2019-A bonds in the amount of \$2,790,000 with an escrow account. The bond issue could be paid off with a deposit of \$2,913,396 into the escrow account. When the bonds become callable, the escrow account would pay the bond payments. ARPA Funds could be allocated to payroll expenses to allow funds to be used for the defeasance.

No Public Comment.

Commissioner Stottlemire moved and Commissioner Waymire seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows: Minutes from the study session on March 30, 2022, minutes from the meeting on April 4, 2022, and claim vouchers in the amount of \$348,919.11. All voted "yes".

Kenneth Cook, Planning and Building Director, discussed rezoning application #2111-1935 to rezone approximately 13 acres from an A-1 Agriculture District to an R-E Residential Estate District. This matter was heard at the Planning Commission meeting in December and continued to the January meeting and then to the March meeting. The applicant did not provide documentation that the property would have an adequate water supply to serve domestic needs. Staff recommends accepting the Planning Commission's recommendation for denial of the rezoning.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Harris seconded to adopt Resolution 22-13 to deny rezoning application #2111-1935 to rezone approximately 13 acres from an A-1 Agriculture District to an R-E Residential Estate District. All voted "yes".

Kenneth Cook, Planning and Building Director, discussed rezoning application #2202-1945 to rezone approximately 14.82 acres from an A-1 Agriculture District to an R-E Residential Estate District. The property is located at 3171 Georgia Road and will be merged with another five-acre tract and contain the existing house and outbuildings.

Commissioner Harris moved and Commissioner Stottlemire seconded to adopt Resolution 22-14 to approve rezoning application #2202-1945 to rezone approximately 14.82 acres from an A-1 Agriculture District to an R-E Residential Estate District. All voted "yes".

Kenneth Cook, Planning and Building Director, discussed special use permit application #2202-1946 to allow for the operation of a contractors shop and office facility in an R-E Residential Estate Zoning District. The property is located at 4288 Ohio Rd, Wellsville. The Planning Commission recommended approval with the 12 conditions that are listed in the proposed Resolution.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Stottlemire seconded to adopt Resolution 22-15 to approve special use permit application #2202-1946 to allow for the operation of a contractors shop and office facility in an R-E Residential Estate Zoning District. All voted "yes".

W. David Lee, Public Works Director, discussed awarding the 2022 hot mix asphalt patching and overlay project to Killough Construction in the amount of \$810,125.60. two bids were received with Killough Construction having the lower bid.

Commissioner Stottlemire moved and Commissioner Harris seconded to award the 2022 hot mix asphalt patching and overlay project to Killough Construction in the amount of \$810,125.60. All voted "yes".

W. David Lee, Public Works Director, discussed a wage increase for the staff in the Public Works Department. Five options were presented in the memo from staff with option three as the preferred plan. The preferred plan would raise all Public Works staff by \$2 per hour and would give employees with a Commercial Driver's License and additional \$2 per hour. It would also allow Public Works employees to start at 15% over the base pay. It is recommended that this take effect as soon as possible, and the increase can be funded this year out of the FEMA reimbursement that was recently received.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Harris seconded to approve the option three pay increase for the Public Works employees. All voted "yes".

Staff reports were given by Derek Brown, County Administrator; Jeff Richards, Sheriff; Kaci Brady, Communications Director; W. David Lee, Public Works Director; Janet Paddock, County Clerk; and Paul Bean, FCDC Director.

Commissioner Stottlemire moved and Commissioner Waymire seconded to enter into Executive Session to discuss a potential land acquisition pursuant to KOMA exception allowing for preliminary discussions of acquisition of real property, KSA 75-4319(B)(6) for 15 minutes with the Board, Administrator and Public Works Director starting at 9:52a.m. All voted "yes".

The meeting reconvened at 10:04a.m. with no action taken.

Commissioner Harris moved and Commissioner Waymire seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:04a.m. All voted "yes".

Clerk

Chair