July 1, 2020

BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Location: Franklin County Annex Building Commission Chambers

Chair Waymire called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.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 Leonard Cheasbro, New Life in Christ Church, Ottawa, KS.

Public Comment:
Brian Webster, 1108 Osborne Rd, Pomona, KS- asked the question, “What is the value of creating accountability and how is it necessary to establish responsibility?” Chair Waymire reminded Mr. Webster that the Commissioners use this time to listen and not respond.

Mike Sleister, 303 E Main, Rantoul, KS- asked the Commissioners to support the wearing of face masks. He has a large event coming up that he is mandating the wearing of face masks. This isn’t about civil liberties, it’s about keeping everyone safe, he said.

Emily Harvey, 622 S Sycamore, Ottawa, KS- said she is against face mask wearing. Wearing a face mask is also a problem for law enforcement when people do not comply. This Executive Oder has to do with over-reach by the governor.

Commissioner Howard moved and Commissioner Dunn seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows: minutes from the meeting on June 24, 2020 and minutes from the study session, claim vouchers in the amount of $176,775.61 and payroll in the amount of $1,186,801.28. All voted “yes”.

Brandon Sands, Maintenance Director, discussed soliciting bids for the District Court HVAC replacement project. LS & A has finalized the plans, and the project is ready to bid.

Commissioner Dickinson moved and Commissioner Stottlemire seconded to approve the solicitation of bids for the District Court HVAC replacement project. All voted “yes”.

David Lee, Public Works Director, discussed the need to sign the Iowa Terrace Project contract documents and approve the specifications. On June 10th, the Commission awarded the bid for this project to L Underwood, LLC. The contractor will have 30 days to complete the project once construction begins.

Commissioner Dunn moved and Commissioner Howard moved to approve the Iowa Terrace Project specifications and contract documents. All voted “yes”.

Paul Bean, FCDC Director, discussed the need to amend the Franklin County Code of Ethical Conduct in order to comply with requirements of the CDBG grant. Staff recommends that the following language is added: “Violations of this Code of Ethical Conduct by the County’s elected officials, appointed officials, officers, employees or agents of the County may be prosecuted to the fullest extent permitted according to Local, State and Federal law or regulations.

Commissioner Howard moved and Commissioner Dickinson seconded to amend the Franklin County Code of Ethical Conduct in order to comply with requirements of the CDBG grant by adding the following language is added: “Violations of this Code of Ethical Conduct by the County’s elected officials, appointed officials, officers, employees or agents of the County may be prosecuted to the fullest extent permitted according to Local, State and Federal law or regulations. All voted “yes”.

Paul Bean, FCDC Director, discussed the need to adopt a Civil Rights/Fair Housing policy for purposes of complying with requirements of the CDBG grant.

Commissioner Dickinson moved and Commissioner Dunn seconded to adopt the attached Civil Rights/Fair Housing Policy to comply with the CDBG grant. All voted “yes”.

Paul Bean, FCDC Director, discussed the need to approve the revised guidelines for the Franklin County CDBG program.

Commissioner Stottlemire moved and Commissioner Dunn seconded to approve the revised guidelines for the Franklin County CDBG program. All voted “yes”.

Paul Bean, FCDC Director, discussed one applicant for CDBG funds that has met all the criteria. Fred Funk’s application is ready to be paid out according to the rules and specifications of the grant funds.

Commissioner Stottlemire moved and Commissioner Howard seconded to accent the proposed application for FDBC Grant fund. All voted “yes”.

Staff reports were given by Derek Brown, County Administrator; Dr. Bud Ransom, County Health Official; Nick Robbins, COVID-19 Incident Commander and EMS Chief; Jeff Richards, Sheriff; Janet Paddock, County Clerk and W. David Lee, Works Director.

Commissioner Howard moved and Commissioner Dunn seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 a.m.