

October 26, 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 present, 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 Kaylen Bones, Hope Anthem Church.

Public Comment:

Karl Kelsey, 4162 Kentucky Terr, Ottawa- asked questions pertaining to the hospital. He wanted to know if we own the hospital and if the county gives Advent Health all of the half cent sales tax that is collected. He wanted to know if the county has a seat at the table to help make decisions. He was concerned about the conflict between Ottawa Family Physicians and Advent Health and our local doctors not being able to treat their patients at the hospital.

Sandi Staneart, 923 S. Willow, Ottawa- said she was speaking on behalf of a group of individuals that couldn't be here today. She had questions about the lease with Advent Health. She was also concerned about the declining care at the hospital. She had concerns about what the sales tax was originally meant for and how it is currently being spent. She expressed concerns about the excessive spending on advertisements. She would like a full investigation of the hospital.

Derek Brown, County Administrator, gave an overview of the hospital and the boards that oversee funds that are received. He said the County owns the real estate of the hospital but cannot run the hospital. He said the Ransom Memorial Hospital Board is tasked with governing the operations of the hospital and entered into the affiliation with Advent Health. The Commissioners were asked to bless the affiliation transaction but was not included in the process. The RMH Board also oversees spending the sales tax funds for the hospital. The concerns between OFP and Advent is a contract dispute between tow businesses that does not involve the county. The sales tax is the only real tie between the county and the hospital.

Paul Bean, FCDC Director, said he is currently serving on the RMH Board and the meeting will meet on tomorrow, Thursday at 4:30pm. This board oversees the spending of the sales tax dollars. He said the board members are John Coen, Janet Peters, Eric Duderstadt, Crystal Anderson, Betty Birzer, Dr. Frank and Paul Bean.

Harmat Bebe, from the Advent Health Ottawa Administration team, was present to answer questions regarding the hospital and the concerns about Ottawa Family Physicians. She said OFP voluntarily gave up their privileges at the hospital. The contract in question only pertains to the patients not assigned to a physician. The contract is in negotiation because the previous contract was out of federal compliance. She said the hospital is very appreciative of the services offered by OFP and would like them to continue their services. She said they offered OFP the top of the line contract that they could to OFP. She said that they are very open to continued discussions with OFP.

Commissioner Dickinson moved and Commissioner Waymire seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows: minutes from the meeting on October 12, 2022. All voted "yes".

Dustin Coureton, Information Technology Director, discussed the purchase of 27 devices for the new PubWorks software. 17 devices will be purchased from US Cellular that will have cellular service on them at \$400 per unit. The remaining 10 devices will be purchased from Apple since they will not have a cellular plan attached to them at \$609 per unit. They will be cellular capable in case they are needed at a later date. All the iPads will get a rugged case from Amazon to protect them at \$23.99 each. The total cost of the purchases will be \$10,290.73.

Commissioner Stottlemire moved and Commissioner Harris seconded to approve the purchase of 27 iPads and cases from Amazon, US Cellular, and Apple in the amount of \$10,290.73. All voted "yes".

Staff reports were given by Paul Bean, FCDC Director; Jeff Richards, Sheriff; Dustin Coureton, IT Director; W. David Lee, Public Works Director; and Janet Paddock, County Clerk.

Commissioner Harris moved and Commissioner Waymire seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:01a.m. All voted "yes".

Clerk

Chair