

Minutes

PRESENT: Commissioner Harvell, Commissioner Carlton, Commissioner Brann

The meeting was held via: Zoom

Franklin County Commissioners Meeting

September 3, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Harvell at 3:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Audience (Present): David Rackliffe, Christopher Davis, William Davis, Jim Desjardins, Jake Nichols, Nathan Hiltz, Robert Lightbody, Susan Pratt, Adam Catrell, Raymond Plog, Naomi Henderson, Tom Saviello, Fenwick Fowler, Donna Perry, Mt. Blue T.V., Amy Bernard, Tiffany Baker, Jamie Sullivan, and Brenda Bittle.

Audience (Zoom): Sarah Bickford, Jessica Brown, Brad Timberlake, and Fenwick Fowler.

APPOINTMENTS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Clerk's Report - Motion to accept the Clerk's Report: Bob/Terry (3/0)**
- 2. Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept the Treasurer Report: Terry/Bob (3/0)**
- 3. Opioid Committee** – The interviews were conducted on the three applicants that applied to become Opioid Committee Members. **Motion to appoint Leanna Lavoie, Tom Saviello and Stacy Austin as Opioid Committee Members: Bob/Terry (3/0)**
- 4. Sheriff's Department – Making a Deputy a Sergeant** – The Franklin County Sheriff's Department is looking to promote a Deputy to a Sergeant. This would not be an added position, rather it would be a promotion within the Department and would bring the number of Sergeants to four. By adding a fourth Sergeant, it would significantly reduce the number of shifts a Sergeant is not working, which would increase accountability, thereby reducing liability as well as reducing the amount of overtime used. The estimated cost for this promotion would be approximately \$7,200 (\$6,000 for remainder of the year). Those funds would come from several sources of revenue to offset the salary and benefits increase. **Motion to add the fourth Sergeant to the Sheriff's Department: Bob/Terry (No Vote). Revised Motion to promote a Deputy to a Sergeant's position: Bob/Terry (3/0)**
- 5. Town of New Vineyard Internet Service** – Commissioner Carlton and Charlie Woodworth attended a Selectboard Meeting for the Town of New Vineyard. The internet service for the town was discussed. Half of the town has access to TDS or Fidium optical fiber and Half of the town does not. TDS or Fidium have both received federal funding to bring fiber to our communities and have until 2028 to use the federal money granted. The Town of New Vineyard would like the Commissioners to reach out to TDS or Fidium to complete the project. **Motion to send letter to the State to request them to complete the installation of optical fiber in Franklin County: Bob/Terry (3/0).**

OLD BUSINESS:

None

MISCELLANEOUS:

None

WARRANTS: AP, ARPA, UT, and Payroll – Motion to sign Warrants: Terry/Bob (3/0)

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 3:50 p.m.: Bob/Lance (3/0)

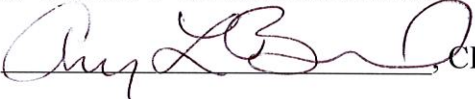
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ATTEST:  CLERK