

Date: May 6, 2019

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- Kevin Weston - Labor Negotiations
- Ray Minor - Labor Negotiations
- Steve Leek - Labor Negotiations
- Neil Hargis - Labor Negotiations
- Alan Price - Labor Negotiations
- Jack Warren - Labor Negotiations
- Randal Crocker - County Board Chair - Grants

**MINUTES:** The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by chair, John Gulley. Not present was Neil Hargis, in attendance were, Franklin County Clerk, Greg Woolard, Franklin County Circuit Clerk, Jim Muir, Franklin County Treasurer, Steve Vercellino, Franklin County Supervisor of Assessments, Cindy Humm, Franklin County Animal Control Supervisor, Thad Snell, Franklin County Board Administrative Assistant, Gayla Prather, Franklin County Recycling Coordinator, Keith Ward and other interested parties.

John Gulley submitted the County claims, which were approved and signed by all members present. Discussion was held concerning various claims.

Franklin County Treasurer, Steve Vercellino reported on the County finances. Mr Vercellino led discussion concerning sale and error fees and suggested a increase in said fees, this will be on the agenda for consideration at the regular May meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Minutes submitted 5/7/19

John Gulley  
Chair, Finance Committee

Date: May 20, 2019

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John Gulley submitted the County claims, which were approved and signed by all members present. Franklin County Treasurer, Steve Vercellino explained the purchase of a new car for the sheriffs department with a 55% grant. Franklin County Coroner, Marty Leffler answered questions concerning costs of autopsies and cremations, discussion followed.

John Gulley submitted a memo concerning the budget and explained same, discussion followed, a copy of said memo is hereby attached as a part of these minutes. Franklin County Treasurer, Steve Vercellino reported on the County finances and the budget and suggested places to cut budget.

Alan Price submitted proposals for project manager and explained and discussed same. Kevin Weston discussed the Annex Building project and progress being made and stated the plans should be done in four weeks. Franklin County Engineer, Mike Rolla submitted a plat of the courthouse grounds and explained the survey of same, discussion followed.

Randall Crocker reported a USDA grant had been submitted for monies to purchase the Benton Evening News building and demolish to create a parking lot, discussion followed. Mr Crocker stated the County had received a letter informing the County the increase in sales tax would start July 1, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

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**Minutes submitted 5/21/19**

**John Gulley  
Chair, Finance Committee**

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Department Heads

From: Randall Crocker, Chairman, Franklin County Board  
John Gulley, Finance Committee Chair

Re: FY 2020 Budget

In the coming months, we will begin the budgeting process for the FY2020 budget. As has been the case for many years, cash flow and the general fund balance continue to be a serious concern.

You are undoubtedly aware of the cash flow issues affecting some of our neighboring counties, and are also likely aware of the steps that some of our neighbors have been forced to take. While it is the intent of the Franklin County Board to make every attempt possible to avoid drastic cuts to our services, it is clear that we must take steps now to improve our cash flow and general fund balance. For the last three years, we have been forced to borrow money in the spring to meet our obligations. Also for the last several years, our general fund balance has consistently remained in the red. This trend cannot continue.

Please be aware that there will likely be \$500,000 or more in cuts made in the FY2020 budget. This represents almost 7% of the general fund budget. This will be required to realistically keep our expenses within our expected revenue. Fiscal year 2020 begins on December 1. You can help minimize the impact of these cuts now by doing the following:

- Employees who resign or retire should not be replaced. Department heads are strongly encouraged to develop creative solutions to accommodate smaller staff sizes.
- Begin developing plans for operating your office with a smaller budget. The county board realizes that all offices are operating on shoestring budgets. However, department heads are strongly encouraged to bring forward creative solutions to reduce costs.
- Analyze fees and other revenue sources to determine if additional revenue can be generated

This memo is being sent now—six months in advance of the start of the fiscal year—so that we can begin the dialogue. By starting the process now, department heads can play a role in shaping the future of their departments. Please know that no one is excited about the possibility of cuts. However, we can no longer continue to ignore the reality of our financial situation.