

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Jefferson Co. EMA, 620 Green Rd Madison, IN 47250
Meeting was also held via Zoom.
03-09-2021
START- 5:00 pm
ADJOURN-7:20 pm

In attendance: County Council Members Pam Crozier, Gary Copeland, Judy Smith, Heather Foy, Ray Denning, Chris Shelton, Sherry Eblen, Heather Huff taking minutes, and Ray Black via zoom.

Pam Crozier called the meeting to order, and led all with the Pledge of Allegiance of The United States of America. Ray Black made a motion to approve the minutes from the 02-09-21 meeting. Judy Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 7/0.

Andrew Lanam- Barnes & Thornburg- Andrew delivered a detailed Jail Project update to the Council. The current interest rates available to this project are 2.39%. The County will be advertising an additional appropriation of \$2,000,000.00 to help buy down the amount borrowed for the project. Lanam reported the economic impact of COVID-19 is still unknown, but the project is preparing for the worst case scenario. Council discussed the calendar in depth with the Barnes and Thornburg team. Commissioners are currently planning on awarding the construction bid on Thursday 5-6-2021.

Dave Thomas- Sheriff- Dave reported the current inmate population is 191, with 55 of those inmates housed at other facilities. He also reported in the last few weeks population had been as high as 217. Dave also updated the council on the possibility of JCJTAP being a part of the new facility. The inter-local agreement establishing a treatment facility was agreed upon after the facility design was selected. The Sheriff reported that there are several different treatment programs available and all are being researched as to which would be the best fit for the facility. The Sheriff presented a document to officially retire K-9 Meeko. Meeko will be relinquished to his handler Ben Flint. Judy Smith made a motion to retire Meeko. Chris Shelton seconded the motion. Motion passed 7/0.

The Council then took time to sign all documents from previous meetings that were approved during zoom meetings.

Richard Carter- Concerned Citizen- Pam Crozier read a statement from Richard Carter. Mr. Carter was unable to attend, but wanted to share some recent statistics concerning Covid.

Sherry Eblen- Auditor- Sherry reported the Auditor's Office and Treasurer's Office are in need of new computers and monitors. The two offices currently have computers that were purchased in 2009. The operating systems are no longer efficiently working with the updated software. The quote prepared was reviewed. Judy Smith made a motion to approve the additional appropriation to Cum Courthouse for purchase of computers and monitors for Auditor's and Treasurer's Offices. Ray Denning seconded the motion. Motion passed 7/0.

Pam Crozier let Council know that Judge DJ Mote reached out to be put on the April agenda to request that the current part time employee be promoted to full time with benefits.

The Council then moved on to Transfer and Additional requests.

Health Dept

From: 1159-001-0361.00 Equipment \$2,000.00 To: 1159-001-0362.00 Upkeep Bldg \$2,000.00
Ray Black made a motion to approve the transfer. Chris Shelton seconded the motion. Motion approved 7/0.

Additional

1159-001-0215.00 \$295.00 Immunization Grant
Chris Shelton made a motion to approve the additional. Gary Copeland seconded the motion. Motion approved 7/0.

Troy Morgan- EMA- Troy Morgan addressed the Council about a possible extension on an agreement with the Jefferson County Fair Board. Currently EMA is storing PPE in a building at the fairgrounds the extension would allow the storage to continue for another 12 months. The Council requested that he collect one more estimate for storage, and the agreement would be tabled and revisited at the April meeting.

Gary Copeland provided the Council with additional information concerning a work boot program. Gary provided information from two different vendors in the area. After discussion there were still questions and it was decided that this would be an item that should be brought up at budget time for the 2022 budget.

Sherry Eblen updated the Council that the Auditor’s Office has currently sold \$79,000.00 in trash cards since December 2020.

Council discussed the absence of Channel 15 crew at the meetings, currently all Council meetings are recorded via Zoom and are also shared on Facebook live.

Ray Black then stepped down from the Tourism Board. Judy Smith then made a motion to appoint Gary Copeland to serve on the board. Chris Shelton seconded the motion. Motion passed 6/0.

Ray Denning made a motion to adjourn. Gary Copeland seconded the motion. Motion passed 7/0.

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