

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Jefferson County Courthouse, Room 103, 300 E. Main St. Madison, IN 47250

DATE 06-17-2021

Commissioner David Bramer called the meeting to order, and led The Pledge of Allegiance along with Robert Little and Ron Lee. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to approve the previous meetings minutes, all accounts payable, and payroll claim dockets. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

350 N Road Concerns- Residents, Robin and Devon Danner who reside at 376 E 350 N, attended the meeting to address signage issues and traffic issues on 350 N. Devon Danner said that the amount of traffic since the hospital and roundabout have been built, has nearly tripled on the road. Danner also explained that the road closure signs on 421 (for the Versailles bridge) has caused semis to use 350 N as a turn around. Danner said 350 N is not wide enough even for two pickup trucks, let alone a semi. Commissioner Bramer addressed the concerns and will contact the highway department about signage. Bramer agreed that some County roads are not able to handle semi traffic and will look into weight limits for roads.

Richard Carter- County resident, Richard Carter presented several documents for the commissioners to review regarding COVID vaccines and the 2nd amendment sanctuary. Carter is passionate about the county not spending tax payer dollars on federal laws that he deems unconstitutional. Further discussion followed.

Court Services Grant Approval- Amber Finnegan presented five grant applications to the commissioners for their approval. Finnegan explained that the Community Corrections Advisory Board had also approved the grant applications to be submitted. Grants: Community Corrections \$685,215- 11 staff members' salaries and benefits; Drug Court \$51,013- drug testing supplies, 1 case manager salary and benefits; Pretrial Services \$54,413-case manager salary and benefits; Prosecutor Diversion Program \$59,409-case manager salary and benefits; Jail Treatment \$30,000-Lifesring services in the jail. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to approve the IDOC grant applications. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Hanover Parks & Seniors Budget Request- Hanover Town Council President, Kenny Garrett attended the meeting to request funds from the 2022 budget to help pay for upgrades to the parks storage facility and to help provide weekly meals to the seniors. The Parks Department is requesting \$10,000 to update the vinyl siding and doors of the storage facility. The Hanover Seniors will be requesting \$7500 for meals, furniture and supplies. Commissioners will take the request under advisement.

Resolution 2021-06-Commissioner Bramer read aloud a resolution accepting the appraisals and approving the sale of real property. Commissioners discussed the reasoning for the resolution, which was to save money on interest. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to accept the resolution, based on attorney Rick Hall's recommendation. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Health Department Quotes- Administrator, Tammy Monroe came to a previous meeting to request the Commissioners to consider replacing the doors, windows and gutters at the Health Department. Commissioner Robert Little read aloud the quotes. Gutters: L J Seamless Guttering \$1830 for 12 downspouts; American Seamless Gutters \$1580 for 8 downspouts. Monroe was unsure on the quote for the 12 downspouts and confirmed that the department only has 8. Commissioner Little made a motion to hire American Seamless Gutters for \$1580. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0. Windows: Kinsingers \$23,012.09; Glass Unlimited \$27,742; Can Do Maintenance \$31,904. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to accept the quote from Kinsingers for \$23,012.09. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0. Doors: Glass Unlimited \$9,697, Can Do Maintenance \$11,152.

Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to accept the quote from Glass Unlimited for \$9,697. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Data Share Contract Southeastern Indiana REMC- WTH GIS submitted a letter requesting the Commissioners to approve sharing part of a GIS mapping layer with Southeastern Indiana REMC. The County Attorney has reviewed the contract and approved the verbiage. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to accept the data share contract. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

EMA Update- EMA Director, Troy Morgan announced the building dedication for the Jefferson County Public Safety Center will be held on Saturday, July 31 at 10am. All are welcome to attend. Morgan also addressed his issues with the current mass notification, Nixle. Morgan stated that the system has failed to rebroadcast national weather service alerts in the past. Morgan, along with a committee have reviewed different companies to provide similar services. The committee has chosen RAVE, which is a more advanced system. Rave will cost \$7399.97, which will be paid out of State 911 funds. The 911 board has approved the contract and Morgan hopes to have the new system implemented in July/August.

Surveyor's Office Update- Mike Pittman said he opened 3 bids for section corners last week; HREZO Engineering \$250 per corner; McAlister Land Consulting \$200 per corner; Pettitt & Associates \$140 per hour per corner and \$80 per hour for office work. Pittman is taking all the bids under advisement at this time. Pittman also addressed the two-mile buffer cleanup. He would like to advertise a bid in the paper to receive bids from contractors to help clean up properties that violate the county nuisance ordinance. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to allow Mike Pittman to advertise the bid. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

In other business, County Grant Writer Erica Cline stated she will be having a zoom meeting with the State to find out the County's shortfalls when she applied for the OCRA grant. Cline also stated the revolving loan fund balance is over \$25,000 and the commissioners should begin thinking about how they would like to utilize those funds. Commissioner Bramer spoke about the American Rescue Plan Act money and how the commissioners would need to come up with a plan on how to spend the money. Bramer also spoke about the RDA and how they would like ideas by July 20th. Commissioner Ron Lee updated everyone on his meeting today regarding the use of the old jail facility. He said he direction is beginning to shift and his committee may turn into a sub-committee under the JRAC board. His next meeting is scheduled for July 15th from 2-4 at the JCPSC.

Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded. Motion passed 3/0.

ATTEST: _____
Heather Huff, Auditor

David Bramer, President

Robert Little, Member

Ron Lee, Member