

## **COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

Jefferson County Public Safety Center, 620 Green Road, Madison, Indiana

DATE 07-21-2022

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

**City of Madison-ARP Distribution-** Mayor Bob Courtney and City Utilities Manager Brian Jackson were presented two checks from the County's American Rescue Plan fund. \$1,000,000 was given to put towards the City's drinking water infrastructure project and \$250,000 was given towards the stormwater management plan.

**4H Budget Request-** Scott Hubbard was in attendance to discuss the 4H statistics from this year. Hubbard explained that 4H is the largest youth organization within the County, serving 473 kids, which was in 8% increase from last year. Hubbard also stated that the auction brought in \$306,000 this year from around 100 businesses and individuals. 57 animals were donated to the House of Hope. Hubbard thanked the commissioners for their annual contribution to the fair and requested \$20,000 for next year. The commissioners will take the request under advisement.

**Hanover Parks-** Scott Davidson came to the meeting to discuss a \$10,000 budget request for the upcoming Hanover Holiday Happenings. Davidson discussed last year's event and plans for this year's event. Davidson also requested \$10,000 for the youth sports and recreation program. Davidson said that the park has seen an increase in youth participation from all across the County, and not just from the Hanover community. Davidson requested a final \$5,000 towards poverty support for Hanover. This request will be used to help kids that may not be able to afford equipment, uniforms or supplies needed to participate in youth sports programs. Davidson went on to say that no child is turned away if they cannot afford to play. He also discussed many other yearly activities such as the back pack giveaway, Easter egg hunt, soccer program and the upcoming car show. The commissioners thanked Davidson for attending and will take the requests under advisement.

**VSO 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report-** County VSO, Faith Weir presented the second quarter report from the Veteran Service Office. During the second quarter, the office has assisted with 531 claims. According to the GDX report, approximately \$9,190,000 has been paid out in compensation and pension to area veterans. Weir has partnered with Switzerland and Scott Counties to host a Stand Down on September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Fairgrounds. Weir will also host a pension seminar at Thornton Terrace on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Weir announced that the office received \$5,000 from the City of Madison and she has used this money to purchase Kroger gift cards for veterans. If a veteran comes in seeking financial assistance, while they are waiting for financial aid, Weir can supply the family with a Kroger gift card to help with groceries or gas in the meantime. Faith will continue to update the commissioners throughout the year.

**Dossett Consulting-** Auditor, Heather Huff submitted a contract to the Commissioners regarding consulting services from Dossett. The Auditor's office utilizes Dossett to audit and review claims regarding child support to receive reimbursement from the State. Dossett's fee is \$5,000. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to approve the Dossett Consulting contract for \$5,000. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

**Highway Update-** Bobby Phillips was in attendance to update the commissioners on various highway department projects. Currently, the department is working with a vendor to apply dust control to gravel roads. Doe Run is still closed and chip and seal will begin in August. The gravel road conversion program has not been scored as of yet. And, Phillips is looking into various options for vegetation control. The Highway Department has received \$500,000 from the ARP funds to help purchase necessary equipment. Phillips thanked the commissioners for the appropriation.

**EMA Update-** Troy Morgan stated the multihazard mitigation plan is 50% complete and is scheduled to be completed by the end of fall. Thanks to a grant from Duke Energy, the wide

format printer has been replaced and installed. The property purchase of 215 W Lagrange road, was closed on June 27. The County will take possession on August 27.

In other business, Commissioner Little announced that the County has received \$20,973 from level 5 offenders and \$143,283 for the level 6 offenders. Little also provided a jail update and said the roof is at 95% complete. Little also provided a projected 10.85% increase in the County employee health insurance plan. Commissioner Bramer stated the county's stormwater management plan will hold a kickoff meeting in early August. He will continue to update the board as the project progresses. Bramer said the JPG study is on hold for now. The Council invited members from the Madison Airport to attend their meeting to discuss the pros and cons of the airport planning study. More discussion on this plan will continue. Commissioner Ron Lee said the residential treatment committee hopes to begin interviews this week for a coordinator for the committee.

Commissioner Ron Lee announced the next Residential Treatment Committee meeting will be held on August 18 at the Public Safety Center.

Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner David Bramer seconded. Motion passed 3/0.

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Heather Huff, Auditor

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Ron Lee, President

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Robert Little, Member

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David Bramer, Member