

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

DATE 08-04-2021

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.

Lion's Club- Sara Minor, secretary of the Lion's Club, presented a request on behalf of the Lion's Club from the American Rescue Plan money the County has received. Minor detailed the various programs and fundraisers the Lion's Club hosts and explained that the Club has lost approximately \$6,000 to \$7,000 due to COVID. Commissioners thanked Sara for attending the meeting and will take the request under advisement.

Jefferson County ARP Funds Spending Plan, Phase I- Commissioner Bramer stated the commissioners are reviewing plans on ways to spend the County's \$6.2 million dollars from the American Rescue Plan. The County has received half of the funds and will receive the other half next year. Commissioner Bramer read aloud a list of potential spending ideas: \$50,000 for small festivals in the County for infrastructure projects; \$100,000 for each fire department, \$100,000 each for EMA and 911, \$150,000 for premium pay, \$500,000 for highway department infrastructure, \$200,000 to support the City of Madison Drinking Water Utility Project, \$100,000 to support the City of Madison Storm Water Management Study, and \$400,000 for grant matching funds for regional development authority projects. Commissioner Bramer stated he will speak with the auditor and the attorney and research the guidelines for ARP funding.

City of Madison Drinking Water Utility Project- Mayor Courtney asked the commissioners to reconsider their level of support of the water utility project. Mayor Courtney further explained that the City of Madison provides water to two-thirds of the County population. Courtney also explained the SWIF grant and how the level of support from the County improves the chances of receiving the grant and the amount of the grant received. Courtney also noted that the less money received from the support of the County and the grant, the higher the rates to the utility consumer.

Courthouse Security Cameras- Sheriff Dave Thomas came to the meeting to discuss the need for 4 to 6 additional cameras in the hallways of the Courthouse. Thomas also stated he received an event emergency plan from the property owners on K Road. Thomas will review and discuss the plan with the EMA Director.

Highway Department- Commissioner Robert Little stated that the roller at the Highway Department is beyond repair and needing replaced. The Highway Department received 2 quotes for the purchase of a roller; 1) for over \$125,000 and 2) \$83,000. Commissioner Little made a motion to accept the quote for \$83,000 for a 2021 Bomag roller. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Human Resources E-Forms- Commissioner Little stated the human resources department would benefit to move towards a paperless on-boarding process for new hires. County HR Heather White, researched three companies that could work for her department. Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve the purchase of NeoGov E-forms software in the amount of \$6,871. Commissioner Little seconded. Motion passed 3/0.

In other business, Commissioner Little read aloud a letter from the Indiana Department of Corrections, which stated the County would receive the annual payment for level 6 misdemeanor reimbursement. Commissioner Ron Lee announced that the next substance abuse/treatment train committee meeting will be August 12th at 4:00pm. Mayor Courtney requested an update from the commissioners regarding the water for the new jail. Commissioner Bramer stated that Dupont Water Corporation manager or Doug Hobbs would be in contact with an update soon.

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