

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

DATE 11-17-2022

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.

Prior to the meeting, Commissioner Lee announced our new recording equipment that will be used to record county meetings and then uploaded to a county youtube channel.

Highway Department Annual Supply Bids- The County Highway Garage received bids for 2023 supplies. Robert Phillips opened all sealed bids and announced the cost of all supplies. Phillips requested that the Commissioners accept all bids. By doing so, he will be able to purchase supplies throughout the year from vendors, according to availability. All bids were taken under advisement.

325 E Bid Opening- Phillips accepted bids for small structure replacement on 325 E. Bids received are as follows: (1) Temple & Temple \$217,100 (2) RL Vuckson \$322,965 (3) Dave O'Mara \$292,436.50. Engineers estimate: \$222,930. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to approve the bid from Temple & Temple. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Bridges- Phillips discussed the bridges that were recently taken over by Jefferson County. Phillips would like to apply for a federal grant, which would be a 80/20 match, with Jefferson County supplying the 20% match. The bridge estimates are as follows: (1) Abandoned railroad bridge \$3,363,125 (2) Clifty Creek bridge \$2,761,750 (3) \$2,483,500. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to allow Phillips to apply for a federal grant for bridges. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Children's Advocacy Center Project- Patty Jackson & Mary McCarty from SIRPC attended the meeting on behalf of the CAC to request the County be the OCRA grant applicant for a new, permanent facility for the CAC. State Representative Randy Frye spoke in favor of the OCRA grant application. The County will have no financial responsibility for the application. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to approve the application for the OCRA grant. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Ordinance Dissolving the Animal Shelter Advisory Board-

ORDINANCE NO. 2022- _____

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2006, Jefferson County previously adopted an Interlocal Agreement Establishing an Animal Shelter Advisory Board as memorialized in the Jefferson County Ordinance No. 2006-5; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County seeks to provide a sufficient standard of preventative medical care for the animals in the custody of the Animal Shelter, and to provide sufficient protocols, training, and guidance to the Animal Shelter staff; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of Jefferson County to establish a Veterinarian Oversight Board to provide said guidance, to dissolve the Animal Shelter Advisory Board, and to place the day to day operations of the Animal Shelter under the supervisory control of the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, a joint public meeting was held with the Animal Shelter Advisory Board and the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners and all members of both boards were in favor of dissolving the Animal Shelter Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County desires to dissolve the Animal Shelter Advisory Board for the purpose of reorganizing the structure of the Animal Shelter and establishing an interlocal agreement creating a Veterinarian Oversight Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF INDIANA that the Animal Shelter Advisory Board established by the Interlocal Agreement Establishing an Animal Shelter Advisory Board as memorialized as memorialized in the Jefferson County Ordinance No. 2006-5 is hereby dissolved.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF INDIANA that Jefferson County Ordinance No. 2006-5 is amended to remove paragraphs (A), (B), (C), and (D) regarding the formation, structure, and powers of the Animal Shelter Advisory Board.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF INDIANA that Jefferson County Ordinance No. 2006-5 is amended to add a new paragraph (A) which reads as follows:

- (A) Day to day operations of the Animal Shelter shall be under the supervisory control of the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners unless and until an interlocal agreement establishing a Veterinarian Oversight Board and/or establishing additional organizational structure, rules, or protocol for management of the Animal Shelter adopted by all involved entities.

This Ordinance shall become immediately effective upon its adoption by the Board of Commissioners, enrollment in the book of Ordinances, and publication of notice as required by law.

Any Ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance is hereby repealed.

The foregoing Ordinance was passed and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Jefferson, State of Indiana this 17th day of November, 2022.

Board Appointments- The Commissioners have reviewed and contacted members of various boards throughout the County for reappointments and appointments. Appointments are as follows:

Jefferson County Plan Commission- Warren Auxier-4-year term to begin on January 1st, 2023 and end on December 31, 2026. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to approve the appointment. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

County Employee Insurance Committee- Kathy Sizemore, Susie Lawrence and Judi Terpening-1-year term to begin on January 1st, 2023 and end on December 31, 2023. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to approve the appointments. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

EMA Update- EMA Director Troy Morgan provided an update on the burn ban, which was lifted on November 14th. Morgan also updated the commissioners on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan is at 70% complete at this time. There has been no update from FEMA yet on the Brushy Fork disaster.

Employee Christmas Party- Sarah Morgan asked the commissioners to close the courthouse for the employee Christmas party, which will be held on December 9th from 11-2. The commissioners agreed that the closure was fine and to advertise the closure. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to approve the closure. Commissioner David Bramer seconded. Motion passed 3/0.

Revolving Loan Program- Erica Cline was in attendance to update the commissioners on the RLF program that has been opened for small businesses in the County. The deadline to apply is November 18th.

Broadband Task Force- Cline also updated the commissioners on the broadband campaign. A new map showing broadband access throughout the County will be released soon. The FCC will have a process in place to identify any incorrect information on the map. Cline & the broadband taskforce will review and challenge any incorrect information.

Public Comment- William Boden, a representative from the Dry Dock Center, provided a recommendation to the commissioners to look into purchasing EO Muncie School for a facility treatment center. He would like to see the commissioners ask for a tour of the facility.

Gary Maas, County appointment to the Telegraph Hill Sewer District, provided an update to the commissioners on the status on the sewer district. Maas stated that 2 lift stations are down

amongst other issues with leaks. An engineer is currently reviewing issues and Maas hopes to coordinate with SIRPC on grant opportunities.

In other business, Commissioner Little stated the jail is still ahead of schedule. Commissioner Little is working with Corporal John Schoenstein to begin ordering equipment and supplies to have on hand. Commissioner Bramer announced a zoning and subdivision ordinance public input session on December 8th at Ivy Tech, from 6-8pm. Bramer also announced the stormwater management kickoff meeting, which will be held on November 18th. Commissioner Lee stated that the residential treatment facility will meet again in January to give time for the University of Cincinnati to complete their needs assessment.

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

ATTEST: _____
Heather Huff, Auditor

Ron Lee, President

Robert Little, Member

David Bramer, Member