

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

DATE 04-19-2018

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

Bob Greene, Heritage Trail Conservatory- Bob Greene came before the Commissioners with a request for a culvert pipe to be used on the addition of the Heritage Trail under the Alois Bachman Bridge on Cragmont/Hwy 7, which is maintained by INDOT. INDOT requested that the Heritage Trail Conservatory acquire a 24" corrugated metal pipe with end sections to be installed. Because of the specific request, the Heritage Trail Conservatory obtained a quote from Civilcon, a supplier for the County and State. Civilcon's quote is \$1418.40, however, if the County would purchase the pipe, there would be a significant discount. Therefore, the Heritage Trail Conservatory is requesting the County to purchase and supply the culvert for the trail. Since we are unsure at this time what the County's cost would be, Commissioner Norbert Schafer made a motion to allocate up to \$1000 for the purchase of the culvert and end sections, which would be paid from the special projects fund. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Jasmine Mardello, JCJTAP- Jasmine Mardello, JCJTAP Coordinator presented the Commissioners a list of various grants that are available to organizations in the County. JCJTAP has received approval from the State to be able to provide grants to these various organizations. Funding for these grants come from the Funding Drug Free Communities fund. JCJTAP reports to the Commissioners each year for approval to release the monies from this fund to the organizations. Jasmine explained that the money to be awarded are to help the various programs and organizations get started. The Commissioners agreed that JCJTAP does a great job delegating out the appropriate amounts to each organization.

Troy Morgan, EMA- Troy Morgan stated he received notice that the County will receive a \$25,000 grant for EMA salary reimbursement. He also received 30 weather radios from FEMA to distribute to members of the County. Because of the small amount that was given, Troy has decided to work with WIKI radio and WORX radio stations to help distribute the weather radios by having radio contests. Discussion followed regarding the recent flood damage and how the County is still waiting to hear from FEMA on whether or not we will be granted relief.

Public Comment- Kay Gross, resident from Brooksbury Manville Road, questioned the Commissioners on what roads will be paved this year and when paving will begin. The Commissioners were unsure of a definite date of when paving will begin because the recent flood damage has delayed some work being done by the Highway Department. Commissioners explained that Highway Superintendent Robert Phillips would be able to answer these questions. Kay Gross questioned the use of the PASER Rating scale and the Commissioners explained that Robert Phillips uses the scale to help get the best use of what funding the Highway Department has each year. Kay Gross explained that she disagrees with Robert Phillips on his decisions for the paved roads. Commissioner Norbert Schafer explained that by maintaining the already paved roads, the roads will continue to stay in good shape, long-term. Kay Gross believes that the blacktop that was recently laid on Brooksbury Manville Road could have been used to pave the portion of Brooksbury Manville Road that is currently gravel. She is requesting a list to be produced of all roads on schedule to be paved this year. Commissioner David Bramer stated that they do not have a list to give her. Kay Gross then questioned the use of the FEMA money to pave the road. EMA Director Troy Morgan, explained that the FEMA money is not guaranteed at this time and can only be used to repair roads and culverts back to the condition they were before the flooding. Troy also explained that the FEMA relief is a

reimbursement program. Therefore, the County will be liable for any costs for repair and then reimbursed later, pending we are awarded the FEMA relief.

In other business, Commissioner David Bramer stated that he plans on working to create an RFP to update the Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Schafer stated that the Plan Commission has also been discussing the future of the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Norbert Schafer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

ATTEST: _____
Sherry Eblen, Auditor

David Bramer, President

Norbert Schafer, Member

Robert Little, Member