

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

DATE 05-03-2018

Commissioner David Bramer called the meeting to order, and led The Pledge of Allegiance along with Norbert Schafer and Robert Little. Commissioner Norbert Schafer made a motion to approve the previous meetings minutes, all accounts payable, and payroll claim dockets with the exception of claim number 125625 to obtain more information. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Centerstone, Sue Melton- Sue Melton presented an annual report involving services performed in Jefferson County during the 2017 fiscal year to the Commissioners. Sue gave an explanation of the services that were provided to 1,183 consumers in Jefferson County. Examples of the services include school-based counseling, medical services, residential programs, HUD apartments, recovery and health coaching and employment services to name a few. Centerstone also provided \$787,452 in Medicaid Rehabilitation Option to residents. The Commissioners agree that Centerstone plays a vital role in our community to help combat some of the issues that the County is facing. Centerstone will continue to update the Commissioners annually.

2nd Amendment Preservation Act, Commissioner Little- Commissioner Robert Little presented an example of Franklin County's 2nd Amendment Preservation Act. The purpose of establishing such ordinance in the County is, if the State chooses the change their stance on the 2nd amendment, Jefferson County would retain the right to bear arms. Commissioner Little has spoken with Jefferson County Sheriff and City of Madison Police Chief, and they are in agreeance that this would be beneficial for the County to create. Commissioner Little will take this to the County Attorney for review and will present it at the next meeting.

Jefferson County Highway Department- Highway Department Superintendent, Robert Phillips, has been researching new equipment purchases. Robert Phillips explained that several of his trucks need replacing and has found newer alternatives to benefit his department. The first potential purchase is a Kenworth T370 Chassis and to include an additional 5-year/100,000-mile warranty for \$94,278. By communicating with a purchasing agency, Robert Phillips was able to achieve government pricing, as well as some additional equipment for the total price of \$57,190. Robert Phillips stated that the majority of this purchase is available within his budget, but will approach the County Council for an additional appropriation for the balance that will be due. The second potential purchase is a 2006 Freightliner M270 for \$39,900. The truck can be used to improve the efficiency of the durapatcher and will provide an additional vehicle to be used elsewhere in the department. The third potential purchase is a 2015 Kubota with bush hog attachments for \$68,500 to make mowing jobs more efficient and safer. Robert Phillips stated that there are several vehicles within his inventory that can be sold to offset the balances for these purchases. In other business, Robert Phillips stated that part of Upper Dry Fork remains closed at this time and has received some estimates for the cost of damage, and will need to bid the project out. He has also been receiving quotes to replace the small structure on Dawson Smith Road and that project has been awarded to KLB Excavating for \$17,450. The Highway Department recently received a letter thanking them for the patching work that was performed on Brooksborg Main Street. Robert Phillips read the letter aloud to all who were in attendance. Commissioner Bramer and Robert Phillips will meet next week to discuss finishing the park and ride project located in Hanover.

Troy Morgan, EMA- Troy Morgan announced that the Indiana Governor has sent the request for Federal Declaration for Indiana counties to the White House.

In other business, Commissioner Norbert Schafer spoke with the Clerk about the document scanner and the need for additional employees to help scan the Clerk books quicker. Clerk Eblen agreed that additional employees would help speed up the process. Norbert said he will research what options are available. Commissioner David Bramer stated that ROAW plans to meet with several departments in the coming week to get clarification on the jail assessment questionnaires. ROAW is also requesting the County to decide on three or four possible locations for a future jail. Also, the Veterans Banner Dedication will take place on May 19th at 11:00a at Bicentennial Park. The dedication will honor all Jefferson County Veterans.

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