

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

DATE 06-07-2018

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.

Troy Morgan, EMA- Troy Morgan provided updates regarding FEMA interactions in Jefferson County in the past week. FEMA reported 205 interactions with Jefferson County residents and business owners with a total of \$44,000 distributed to County residents. FEMA will be set up two more days, with the hopes that more residents will apply for reimbursement.

Robert Phillips, Highway Superintendent-Robert Phillips received four quotes to clear the land and instill gravel for the Park & Ride in Hanover. The bids submitted include KLB Excavating at \$12,440, Sedam Contracting at \$13,750 for 12" stone or \$11,850 for 8" stone, McAlister Excavating at \$27,180 and O'Mara Excavating bid at \$25,000. The Commissioners will take those bids under advisement at this time. In other business, Robert Phillips stated that the department is scheduled to close Bishop Hill for an additional week to remove a culvert. Robert Phillips also announced the Department was approved for a creek bank erosion grant for Bloody Run and Turkey Branch. With the approval of these two projects, Phillips will remove the two roads from the FEMA list of repairs, which will eliminate the 25% the County would be responsible for to repair the roads damaged by the flood. Robert Phillips recently completed his twelfth class for the LTAP Road Builder certification. A certificate and hard hat was presented to him at a recent conference.

Public Comment- Kay Gross, resident of Brooksbury Manville Road, requested a list of the roads scheduled to be black topped and chip and sealed. Robert Phillips stated he has a short list of potential roads to be repaired this summer which will be discussed with the Commissioners. Phillips advised the audience that the FEMA issues are his top priority to be fixed due to the 75/25% reimbursement from FEMA. Phillips also stated he has several drainage issues to fix in the County as well. Gross questioned the Brooksbury Manville Road slide caused by the recent flood and Phillips responded that FEMA will not cover damages less than \$3,175. Phillips stated that the road can be repaired by replacing gravel on the edge of the road, which will not exceed that amount. Phillips advised that there are larger projects that need attention first and foremost. Gross then requested the status of the Upper Dry Fork road closure. Phillips stated that due to the extent of the damage caused by the flood, he is required to bid out the work according to FEMA and State codes.

John Wallace, Jefferson County Sheriff- A drug drop off is scheduled for Saturday, June 9th from 10a to 12p at King's Daughters Hospital. The drug drop offs have been beneficial for Jefferson County to help residents properly dispose of medicines.

In other business, Commissioner Norbert Schafer stated that the 2-mile buffer zone encompassing the City of Madison mandates that all permits are regulated through the City. Commissioner Schafer would like to have the County attorney review the buffer zone regulations to find the best option of either requesting the buffer zone be removed from the City or remain unchanged. Commissioners Little and Bramer agreed to have the attorney review the options. Also, Commissioner Schafer recently submitted a contract to Nathan Grimes for evaluations to begin on the block garage building for book storage. Grimes will begin working on the project as soon as possible. Discussion followed about the previously discussed comprehensive plans and inn keepers tax. Commissioner David Bramer explained that there have been concerns with the air quality in the basement of the Courthouse. A representative from the Indiana State Department of Health evaluated the air quality on May 30th and reported

that levels were within normal ranges except for a small trace of sulfur, which does not cause a health risk.

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