

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

DATE 01-23-2020

Commissioner Dave Bramer called the meeting to order, and led The Pledge of Allegiance along with Ron Lee and Robert Littler. 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.

2020 Appointments- The Commissioners have reviewed and contacted members of various boards throughout the county for reappointments and appointments. Appoints are as follows:

Public Advisory Service Board- Term to begin on January, 1 2020 and end on December 31, 2021: Peter Woodburn.

Julie Thevenow was also up for appointment, but due to a possible conflict of interest, this has been moved to the next Commissioners Meeting.

Annual Board of Finance Meeting

Commissioner Robert Little officially opened the annual Board of Finance meeting. Commissioner Robert Little recommended that Dave Bramer be nominated as the President of the Board of Finance. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 2/0 with Dave Bramer abstaining from the vote. Commissioner Dave Bramer made a motion to elect Melinda Klopp as Treasurer to the Board of Finance. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0. Treasurer First Deputy, Meghan Hoskins read the minutes from the previous meeting that took place on January 24, 2019. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to accept the previous minutes. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0 Meghan Hoskins presented the Board with the 2019 account interests gained totals and statement balance totals. Interest rates have stayed the same as last year: German American at 1.21% and First financial at 1.05%. The interest gained are as follows: German American Bank \$140,465.49; PERF \$14,678.83; Credit Card \$25,468.65; First Financial Bank \$65,837.53; Farmers Bank of Milton \$37,502.27; German American EFT \$15,291.91; German American FSA \$1,256.46. Overall, the interest gained has increased \$59,893.23 since the previous meeting. Tax sale stats were also gone over. Properties offered in 2018 were 37 VS. 2019 with 46. Meghan to get list of habitual tax sale properties to the Commissioners for Commissioner Tax Sales. Additionally, new items for the Treasurer's Office were gone over; including: Inn Keeper's tax, Trash card money collection, and Trec's program. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to adjourn the Board of Finance meeting. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Sharon Dagir - Underserved Group- Working on starting a volunteer program for local artist to work with small groups from "Underserved Groups" (Salvation Army, Jane's Kids, Ruth Haven, Jefferson House, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Club, Ect.). This program would be based around Art, Music, and Culture, in hopes to spark interest to help with recovery or help at risk or autistic children. Was just wanting to make Commissioners aware of what she is working towards.

Faith Weir – VSO End of Year Report- Faith thanked Commissioners for construction work done on VSO office. Veterans in the community have really enjoyed the changes and feel more comfortable when in the office now. Faith went over Annual End of Year Report. JCVSO filed 1,840 claims and applications for the

year. The office took 6,124 phone calls (incoming and outgoing), and had 1,808 total appointments. JCVSO is continuing efforts with community outreach by hosting veteran benefit speeches, seminars, and informational discussions in the community. Faith was re-elected as Vice Chair of the Jefferson County Veterans Council. She was also selected to sit as an Advisory Board Member for River Terrace. She also was one of the only CSVOs in the SE district to be selected to sit on the Sixth District Veteran's Advisory Board for the 6th Congressional District in Indiana. The Stipend Program has been implemented to generate Veteran Transpiration drivers. Currently have three vehicles and have been able to take veterans to all appointments. The following financial numbers are grossly underestimated, due to numbers coming from reward letters that are brought into the office. Annual Compensation \$896,872.32; Retroactive \$525,295.78; Total Comp. 1,422,168.10; Property Tax Abatement \$2,185,520.00.

Bobby Phillips – Road Project Quotes- Bobby Phillips received quotes for two projects for 2020, including: Lower Dry Fork and Doe Run.

Lower Dry Fork:

KOB Excavating- Lining bottom of culvert with concrete and wing walls \$16,586

Sedam Excavating- Scouring protection - \$15,250 with headwall additional - \$14,500

GSI- Bridge deck over existing - \$147,520 Micro piles in existing culvert \$142,752

Doe Run: Road widening, replace guard rails and scouring protection.

GSI- \$146,188.08

Bobby also had a security system for the highway garage, consisting of 4 cameras, 30 day recording, and monitor by Sonitrol. Price for full system and installation - \$3,990. Comprehensive parts & labor monthly charge - \$44. All updates to system would be free. Bobby is also working on getting quotes on mowing equipment and trucks.

Phase II Environmental Assessment- Concern on east side of property during Phase I. Phase II will include bores and soil testing. Concentration will be on ditch/drainage area on property. Cost will be \$7,250. Commissioners agreed to vote at next Commissioner Meeting.

Robert Black (Fire Chief Madison Township)- Addressed issue with addresses not being marked at Woodside and Madison Mobile Home Trailer park. Commissioners to find out if there is an ordinance for this issue.

Troy Morgan – EMA Update- OMEGA has completed network installation. Building is ready for move, just waiting for a few things on dispatch side. Courthouse Emergency plan was given to the Commissioners and was signed by President David Bramer. Elected and Appointed Officials Workshop on February 26th. Annual Severe Weather training for the public will be February 25th.

In other business, the next Regional Development meeting will be on February 7th, at 10am in Salam, IN. Commissioner Little brought up the new cell phone locker at the main entrance to help enforce the issue of no cell phones in the courtrooms. There have also been three signs added to the exterior of the building regarding cell phones. Meeting on January 30th at 3pm with the Agricultural Economic Group out of Perdue at the Farm Bureau Building. The next project steering team meeting will be February 10th, at 5:30pm at the courthouse. Jail Kick Off Meeting with DLZ was held on January 23rd.

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

ATTEST: _____
Sherry Eblen, Auditor

David Bramer, President

Robert Little, Member

Ron Lee, Member