

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Jefferson County Public Safety Center, 620 Green Rd. Madison, IN 47250

DATE 01/05/2023

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

Commissioners discussed reorganization of the board of Commissioners. Commissioner David Bramer nominated Commissioner Robert Little to serve as the 2023 board President. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 2/0/1 with Commissioner Little abstaining from the vote.

John Muesell- Springdale Cemetery- John started by thanking the Commissioners for recent contributions to local fire departments, and to the Springdale Cemetery from ARPA Funds. John then discussed a project that Springdale Cemetery will be seeking funding to complete. The Cemetery established 1839 and is a 5013C not for profit and is hoping to rehabilitate the chapel at the cemetery with the assistance of donation, and a soon to be applied for PACE Grant from the City of Madison. The chapel was built in the 1930's by Harold Lohrig, and was paid for by private donations. The chapel has experienced a great deal of vandalism over the years, and has drainage issues. Renovations include repairing stained glass windows, mediating drainage issues in the basement, doors, and sprucing up the interior. The cemetery is requesting \$25,000.00 from the Commissioner's Preservation Fund along with fundraising efforts to use as the grant match. The Commissioner tabled the discussion.

Meghan Hoskins- Jefferson County Treasurer - Annual Board of Finance Meeting-

Commissioner David Bramer called the meeting to order. Meghan Hoskins read the minutes from the 2022 Board of Finance meeting. Meghan then reviewed the following interest earned in 2022. German American 01 \$105,235.55, Farmers Bank of Milton \$12,465.96, First Financial \$2,220.48, Perf \$10,383.81, Credit Card \$34,196.26, German American EFT \$8,454.67, German American FSA \$302.29, with a 2022 total of \$173,259.01. Meghan discussed tax sale results for 2022 all properties sold with the exception of the same property that had not sold in 2021. Auditor Huff explained the remaining property that had not sold was located in Deputy, and was vacant. Someone that would be interested in the building next year at tax sale after being unsuccessful in contacting the current owner has contacted the Auditor's Office. Commissioner Bramer made a motion to approve the 2022 minutes. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Bramer then made a motion to nominate Commissioner Little to serve as the President of the Jefferson County Board Of Finance. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Little nominated Meghan Hoskins to serve as the Treasurer of the Jefferson County Board of Finance. Commissioner Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was then adjourned.

Auditor Heather Huff-Auditor Huff then presented a letter of engagement with Reedy Financial. Reedy Financial will perform Arbitrage Rebate calculation for the Jefferson County, Indiana Jail Building Corporation Lease Rental Revenue Bonds. Auditor Huff explained this is a required calculation on the first year of the bonds, and every fifth year following. County Attorney Magrath has reviewed the letter of engagement with no changes needed. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to approve the Letter of Engagement with Reedy Financial for the Arbitrage Rebate Calculation. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Commissioners then reviewed a Memorandum of Understanding between the County and William E. Pettitt, Land Surveyor. This agreement states William Pettitt will provide section corner location, preservation and perpetuation services at the rate of \$140 per hour for field

work and \$80 per hour for office work. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to accept the Memorandum of Understanding. David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Sheriff Ben Flint- Was available for any questions about the Sheriff Department. Jail staff is working on a cost plan for current jail repairs that may need to take place before moving to the new facility. Ben reported that over the weekend Inmate population reached 160, but several have now bonded out.

Commissioner Lee reported that Jason Cranney of Court Services will be in attendance at the next meeting.

Commissioner Little updated everyone on the New Jail Facility. Furnishings are nearly all purchased, water is connected, drywall work will begin soon.

Commissioner Little then asked the audience if there were any public comments.

Richard Carter- Richard Carter presented Commissioners with information concerning a Second Amendment Preservation Act. After discussion, Carter reminded Commissioners that he was still requesting an ordinance for Jefferson County.

Adam King- Adam King was concerned with the Jefferson County Animal Shelters sign that had fallen during the recent winter storm. Commissioner Little stated it will be fixed soon. Adam also asked about the new vet oversight program that has been discussed. Commissioners also reported that the oversight program is still planned but has not yet been implemented.

After no further discussion, Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dave Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

ATTEST: _____
Heather Huff, Auditor

David Bramer, President

Robert Little, Member

Ron Lee, Member