

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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

1-8-2019

START- 5:00 pm

ADJOURN-6:00 pm

In attendance: County Council Members Chris Shelton, Joe Craig, Judy Smith, Pam Crozier, Heather Foy, Ray Black, Ray Denning, Auditor Sherry Eblen, and taking minutes Heather Huff.

Chris Shelton asked all in attendance for a moment of silence in reembrace of former Council Member Gary Armbricht. Chris then led giving the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. Chris then welcomed newly elected Council Member Ray Black to the meeting. Pam Crozier then made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as submitted. Ray Denning seconded the motion. Motion passed 6/0 with Ray Black abstaining from vote.

Chris then stated it was time for him to step down as President of the Council, and opened the table for nominations. Pam made a motion to nominate Judy Smith as Council President. Ray Denning seconded the motion. Motion passes 6/0, with Judy abstaining from vote.

Chris then nominated Pam Crozier for Vice President. Ray Black seconded the motion. Motion passed 6/0 with Pam abstaining from vote.

Judy then took lead of the meeting.

Jeff Dagher- Jefferson County Surveyor

Jeff came to the meeting to request an additional appropriation for an administrative position to prepare for the retirement of current employee Gay Jackson. This position often works alone and it would be most helpful if the new employee would be able to train with the current employee. Jeff is requesting additional appropriations estimated at \$8,000.00, to cover an employee during training and during the time needed to pay the current employee out. Council advised Jeff to submit the request documentation to the Auditor's Office for advertisement and they will revisit the request at the next meeting.

The council then approved the following additional:

4008-001-0213.00 \$25,000.00

4008-001-0213.01 \$6,000.00

A vote did not take place as the request was to keep the balance in both lines from 2018.

After discussion the following council members will now represent the County Council on various boards.

Community Corrections – Chris Shelton

Plan Commission- Ray Denning

SEIRPC- Tabled

Pauper Attorney Board- (Public Defender) Heather Foy

Board of Tourism- Joe Craig

The Council then voted 7-0 to appoint John Muessel to the PTBOA.

David Bramer- Jefferson County Commissioner

David came to council on behalf of the Plan Commission to request funding for the new compressive plan and to also discuss an economic development opportunity with the Indiana Wine Trail. The Wine Trail is actively pursuing a 2 for 1 USDA grant that would match up to 250,000.00. The grant money would be available for advertising, and assistance to local businesses. The Plan Commission was presented with 3 bids for the Compressive plan after add on items will make the plan cost around \$50,000.00. There is already \$25,000.00 available for special projects, and the Plan Commission will be requesting an additional \$25,000.00 from Economic Development. After discussion the Council recommended to pay the additional \$25,000.00 from LIT account 001-0102.00 where the money is already appropriated. The Council also asked David for an update on the Jail project. Currently the Jail committee is researching which project delivery method will be best for our project.

Tawana Thomas- Visit Madison-

Tawana presented a rack card that could be used to inform business of a change in tax collection. Tawana and the Board of tourism believe collecting Innkeepers Tax in the County Tax Collection office would greatly improve the availability of the funds, and would increase that data as to who is paying Innkeepers tax. Jefferson County is currently one of five Indiana Counties that allow the State to collect the Innkeepers tax and distribute to the County. It is believed the revenue would increase if collected locally.

Judy then verified that all business was covered.

Chris made a motion to adjourn. Ray Denning seconded the motion.

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Auditor Attest: _____