

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

DATE 01-09-2020

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

Reorganization- Commissioner Robert Little nominated Commissioner Ron Lee for 2020 President, but Commissioner Lee expressed he would like one more year before taking on that roll. Commissioner Lee nominated Commissioner David Bramer. Commissioner Bramer accepts position of President.

Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to accept Commissioner Bramer as President. Commissioner Robert Little 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:

Board of Zoning Appeals- Term to begin on January, 1 2020 and end on December 31, 2023: Darrell Ginn and David Ferguson.

Plan Commission: Term to begin on January 10, 2020 and end on December 31, 2023: David Ferguson.

Commissioner Little made a motion to accept and approve appointments. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0

2020 Funding Contract- Madison TV-15 – Commissioners reviewed and approved contract with Madison TV-15 for \$6,000 for video coverage of Jefferson County Government in 2020.

Commissioner Lee made a motion to accept and approve. Commissioner Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0

Susie Lawrence- EMS Services- Susie addressed concern with KDH EMS training and supplies coming out of 911 budget. The county supplies them with their CAD System so they can enter calls, but they are not a Public Safety Access Point (PSAP). Because of this, the state of Indiana will not pay for any training, supplies, or anything related. Commissioner Bramer stated that KDH has sent over an amendment to the current Ambulance Service Agreement, in which they are going to have a discussion with them about and will include this concern. Susie stated that there has been a recent request for money for EMD (Emergency Medical Dispatch) to be recertified. Commissioner Bramer stated they will also include that in the discussion.

Tabatha Eblen- Tabatha requested that the Commissioners sign a contract to change the judicial system to “Odyssey”, which is what the state uses. Tabatha and the judges have agreed to switch system. This would not go live until August 2021, but contract needs signed to get that process moving. This will save the county money in the long run. We currently pay \$20,000 a year and Odyssey is free due to court cost and filing fees. IT will have to be involved with this process. The state will send someone to train IT for 3 months to help with the transition. Commissioner Bramer stated they will look over contract and speak with IT before signing. Tabatha also brought up concern about storage for 30 printers we are getting for election. Each printer is the size of a carry-on bag. Jefferson county is getting 30, paid for by the state, but Tabatha will be going to the county next year to purchase 69 more. She needs a place to be able to store all of these printers along with the rest of her election stuff. Commissioner Bramer and Tabatha to look at Health Department to see where she is currently storing them and what equipment she has.

Tanya Kelley- Vacant lot (138 Ohio Ave)- Tanya lives at 120 Ohio Ave, Hanover; and is wondering what is going to happen to vacant lot down the road from her. Lot has been vacant for at least 3 years now and has been on tax sale. The lot with taxes, back pay, and fees has had

a starting bid of around \$16,000 and the lot is only worth \$15,000. There was a house on the lot but the Town of Hanover had it demolished, and now the lot is just an empty lot. Kelley stated that the Town of Hanover has been doing a good job at maintaining it and keeping it mowed 2 or 3 times during the summer. Commissioner Bramer stated the first step would be to contact the Town of Hanover to see what they are wanting to do with it. Kelley stated for the last two years the gentleman who lives on the other side of the property has used the property to store his boat. Commissioner Bramer asked what would be the plans with the lot if she were to buy it. Kelley stated a few people in the neighborhood had expressed interest in the lot. Most to do nothing with the lot other than be able to control what comes into the neighborhood. Commissioner Bramer states he will get in touch with Mrs. Kelley once they speak with the Town of Hanover.

Highway Department- Bobby Phillips stated that they have been busy at the highway department making sure equipment is ready and watching the weather. Also have been making sure as many culvers are open as possible for when weather does hit.

EMA Update- Troy stated they are still working on the building and getting equipment installed, but everything is coming together. Save the date sent out of elected official workshop with Indiana Department of Homeland Security, that will be hosted in Madison on February 26th. Will have the revision of the Courthouse Review for the next meeting.

In other business, Commissioner Little brings up National Law Enforcement Appreciation day and thanks all men and women in the city and county that put their uniforms on every day.

Commissioner Little brings up letter from Bob Courtney on 2-mile buffer zone. Makes a motion to put a pause on the buffer zone for 180 days from January 1st. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0

Warren Auxier (President of Plan Commission) expresses concern with 2-mile buffer zone. Is in agreement with the 180 pause. Brought up how there is no county zoning ordinance currently in existence for the 2-mile buffer.

Commissioner Little suggestion for additional cameras in the courthouse. Also the prosecutor's office needs an electronic opener on their door to be ADA compliant. Stairway door needs to have a fire emergency exit on it. Also needing cellphone lockers at entrance for people going into the courtroom.

Commissioner Bramer makes a motion to approve the architect contract for the new jail facility. Commissioner Little seconds. Motion passed 3/0

Commissioner Lee talks about updating the county's comprehensive plan. Plan has not been updated since 1997. Looking to do quarterly meetings with fire departments for informational meetings.

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

ATTEST: _____
Sherry Eblen, Auditor

David Bramer, President

Robert Little, Member

Ron Lee, Member