

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Jefferson County Public Safety Center, 620 Green Road Madison, IN 47250

DATE 01-19-2023

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

Jason Cranney, Court Services-JRAC

Recommendation to accept University of Cincinnati needs assessment proposal. Cranney talked about approval of the needs assessment. Halfway housing, transitional housing, focus groups for the general population, and outpatient treatment. Looking for the best fit appropriate for our county. Jason quoted a price point of \$15,000 Up to \$25,000. Asking for permission for needs assessment \$25,000 price point provided by grant. Ron Lee suggested moving forward to give people a place to rehab and help keep more people out of jail. Ron motioned to move forward. Robert Lee second motion approved.

Commissioner Ron Lee stated that Dr. Hicks hired by Jefferson County to look at assessments to see how vital rehab services will be for our community.

Commissioner Dave Bramer asked if results compared regionally as well. Jason replied that they would.

Southeastern Indiana Solid Waste District Board

Commissioner Ron Lee motioned Board approval Commissioner Robert Little second the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Insurance Committee 2023

Chris Shelton and Troy Hawkins were accepted to the insurance committee.

Commissioner Robert Little asked motion to approve Ron Lee Motioned and Dave Bramer second the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Erica Cline Jefferson County Commissioners' Office

Erica addressed the Right of Way Permit Manual and creating an ordinance. Purdue University Tech assistant Jennifer Sharkey met with Ron Lee, Robert Little, Highway and Erica. The focus is on broadband, rural roads, right away and gravel roads. The goal is for all the above to be safe and accessible. Providers would be required to provide traffic control, call 811, and clean up property if disrupted.

Ordinance applications would not be exclusive to broadband but all utilities. Utility applicants would need to be bonded.

Commissioner Dave Bramer asked what fees would be for this service

Erica reported that we would have freedom for fees and would get with Bobby Phillips for some ideas.

Erica discussed Broadband Task Force logo design contest. Area students' ages 10 years–18 years can design a logo for JCBTF and submit by February 28 for a chance to win an Amazon gift card in the amounts of 1st \$200, 2nd \$100 and 3rd \$50. Madison Precision is graciously funding the prize.

Erica reported that Reneisha Rudder SIRPC informed that the Affordable Connectivity Application could save applicable residents up to \$30 month off internet and up to \$100 off the purchase of a laptop. Families that participate in SNAP, Medicaid, WIC, SSI, Veteran pension, etc. automatically qualify. Erica reported that Canaan has 101 eligible households, 5 enrolled; Dupont has 140 eligible households, 26 enrolled and Deputy/Hanover has 254 eligible households, 58 enrolled

EMA Director Troy Morgan

Monthly status report on Burk engineering on Multi Hazzard Mitigation Plan revision is on its way. Feb 23 first draft. Weekly update: Drought monitor is not as dry as it has been, not out of the woods.

David asked about solar lights to help in Hanover. Troy stated there is a light on the West side that is now working. Install and replacement will fall on the County.

Highway Department Bobby Phillips

Bobby explained that he would like to implement a service called BAM that is weather specifically for Jefferson County. Paid service, currently looking onto. Bobby stated that we would have a meteorologist at our beck and call. Phillips states this would help manage the daily productivity of the highway employees and the time they are suiting up equipment. Currently losing a days' worth of productivity when they have to change up equipment. Projects turned in to FEMA/State currently none.

New truck purchase did not go through. The price could not be agreed upon. Lead on used trucks and could be ready by fall.

On January 25th 1360 West will be closed for bridge inspection/historic bridge.

Bobby addressed job fair at Venture Out Business Center set for January 27th. Would like to offer CDL training program. There are Federal laws that would have to be learned and followed.

Animal Shelter Tricia Parker

Trish had positive things to say about multiple adoptions during the holidays. Trish asked if the shelter is a 501C3 shelter. If so Scottsburg Walmart will donate torn/opened bags of feed to the shelter. Trish is collaborating with House of Hope and the prison program with the donations. The Animal Shelter is going to have a part time position available soon.

Health Department Director Lindsay Wyne

Discussed a government public health grant that would give more money to IDOH. IDOH would then give money to the health department. Lindsay is getting more facts and information to present later.

Commissioner Robert Little

Jail update. The jail is about 65% completed. Saturday January 14th jail tour had a nice turnout.

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

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Heather Huff, Auditor

Robert Little, President

David Bramer, Member

Ron Lee, Member