

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

DATE 02-15-2018

Commissioner David Bramer called the meeting to order, and led The Pledge of Allegiance along with Norbert Schafer. Commissioner Robert Little was unable to attend this meeting.

Commissioner Norbert Schafer made a motion to approve the previous meetings minutes, all accounts payable, and payroll claim dockets. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 2/0.

Bridge #108 Bid Approval- At the February 1st Commissioner meeting, Highway Superintendent Robert Phillips opened two bids for the replacement of Bridge #108 over Eagle Hollow, which the Commissioners took under advisement. Robert Phillips reviewed the bids according to the engineering assessment that was performed earlier. Commissioners came to an agreement that the bid placed by McAlister Excavating matched the engineering assessment. Commissioner Norbert Schafer made a motion to accept the bid for Bridge #108 from McAlister Excavating. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 2/0.

Aaron Bell, Southeastern Indiana Recycling District- Aaron Bell presented the Commissioners the 2017 Annual Report for the Recycling District which included several programs and services, growth and trends, recycling report and the financial report. Aaron stated that there has been an overall decrease of volume to the recycle centers, satellite containers and difficult to dispose of items. He attributes this decrease to the rising costs to dispose of the items. Discussion followed about the Recycling District raising costs to break even with the cost of disposal.

Elsie Perry Payne, Pilot Club- A member of the Pilot Club came before the Commissioners to ask for permission for the use of the Courthouse sidewalks and parking areas for the Spring and Fall Old Court Days. The Spring Old Court Days is scheduled for May 25th through May 27th and the Fall Old Court Days is scheduled for September 28th through September 30th. The Pilot Club is requesting that the sidewalks and parking to be blocked on the evening before the festivals. Commissioner Norbert Schafer made a motion to approve the request for the use of the sidewalks and parking spaces around the Courthouse for the Spring and Fall Old Court Days. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 2/0.

Veteran's Council- Allen Manning and County VSO, Faith Weir presented the Commissioners with a new topper ornament for the American Flag in the Commissioners office. The Commissioners thanked the Veteran's Council for their donation and installed the new eagle topper after the Commissioners meeting. Allen Manning stated that the Veteran's Banner Project has received 40 applicants, and stated that there are 11 banners available for purchase. If more people are interested and all applications have been filled, the Council will begin taking reservations for the 2019 display. On behalf of the Veteran's Council, Allen Manning thanked Faith Weir and the Veteran Service Office for their help in locating the correct documents for the applicants. A dedication will be held on May 19th to present the banners to the public. Allen Manning also provided updates on the other projects the Veteran's Council has been working on, including the bronze plaque to correct the birthdate of Samuel Woodfill, a monument that will be placed in Hebron Cemetery to memorialize Samuel Woodfill, a dedication of a Samuel Woodfill Highway, a medal of honor trail to honor Samuel Woodfill, and a Veteran's walking tour in conjunction with the Veteran's Banner Project to honor local Veterans. Allen Manning thanked Commissioner Norbert Schafer for his help with his personal contact with Senator Smith. Norbert was able to hand deliver a letter the Senator Smith regarding the possibility of naming part of highway 421 the Samuel Woodfill Highway. Commissioner David Bramer stated he has been in contact with the State of Kentucky in regards to naming the Madison-Milton Bridge. He will continue to work on this project and keep in touch with Allen Manning on the status. On another subject, Allen Manning stated that the Veteran's Council is still seeking

volunteers for the DAV Van which is used to transport Veteran's to the VA Hospital. The Veteran's Council is currently in the process of fundraising for the replacement of the DAV Van and accepting donations at this time. In other business, the Veteran's Council came before the Commissioners in a previous meeting in 2017 requesting funding for various projects for the 2018 year. Commissioner Norbert Schafer stated that based upon the descriptions of the projects, the Commissioners would be able to provide funding from the Historic Preservation fund. The Commissioners requested that a spreadsheet of all the projects to be completed in 2018 with their descriptions. By doing so, the Commissioners will be able to decide which funds are appropriate for the funding request. Also at a previous meeting, the Veteran's Council requested that the Veterans Transportation Ordinance § 12-5-13-1 be removed from the County ordinances because the ordinance had been obsolete for years. Commissioner Norbert Schafer read aloud the new ordinance removing the transportation section and made a motion to remove the transportation section, creating Ordinance 2018-02. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 2/0.

Conflict of Interest Form- Vicki Wehner, Soil & Water Conservation District- co-owner Crazy Ladies Catering LLC. Commissioner Norbert Schafer made a motion to approve the Conflict of Interest. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 2/0.

Park & Ride Lease Agreement- Commissioner David Bramer and Warren Auxier, Auxier Investments have been working on an agreement to establish a Park & Ride area for people traveling to and from Clark & Scott Counties for work. According to the recent Census data, approximately 420 Jefferson County residents travel to Clark & Scott Counties for employment. This area, located at 431 W Lagrange Road in Hanover, will be upgraded with gravel and lighting and will be maintained by the County. Auxier Investments has agreed to lease the area for \$0 for a 4-year contract, which can be renewed at the end of the contract. Commissioner Norbert Schafer made a motion to accept the agreement with Auxier Investments. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 2/0.

Jail Exploratory Committee- David Bramer provided an update from the Jail Exploratory Committee. The Committee met with two finalists for the jail assessment study and has chosen RQAW to perform the study. RQAW will review the current facility and manpower to evaluate what the County will need to move forward with the jail issue. Commissioner Norbert Schafer made a motion to approve RQAW for the jail assessment study. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 2/0.

John Wallace, Sheriff- John Wallace stated that the transfer switch in the generator needs to be repaired. If the generator powers on, it is unable to switch itself back off, causing the County to call in a repair company to manually shut the generator off. He has received one quote for \$39,000 to repair the generator and is waiting on a second quote to be performed. Sheriff Wallace also stated that the new transport van has already saved the department a trip this past month by being able to transport both male and female inmates across the state.

Highway Department- Superintendent Robert Phillips stated that the Highway Department is addressing gravel and drainage issues throughout the County. And, the department is prepared for the rain in the upcoming forecast. He will continue to coordinate road closures with the Sheriff's Department and Troy Morgan, EMA Director.

Public Comment- Kay Gross brought it to the attention of the Commissioners that Carroll County, Kentucky is hosting an active shooter training for churches and the public to better prepare for emergency situations. She asked if that was something our county could provide. John Wallace spoke up and stated that we could offer that to our community and that he can provide her with any information she needs.

Commissioner Norbert Schafer announced the passing of Scott County Commissioner Kelley Robbins this past week. Commissioner Schafer and his wife were able to attend the visitation and said there was a large crowd in attendance. Commissioner Schafer stated that Kelley Robbins was an asset for his community.

Commissioner Norbert Schafer made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 2/0.

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Sherry Eblen, Auditor

David Bramer, President

Norbert Schafer, Member

Robert Little, Member