

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 3851 IN-256, Madison, IN 47250

DATE 02-18-2021

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

Rick Sauley- Rick was in attendance to go over workers compensation renewal. Rick stated that due to payroll increase there was an increase in the premium. The 2020 premium was \$98,954 and 2021 came in at \$102,453. He also mentioned the IPEP grant which opens in July. This grant would allow departments to purchase items or pay for training related to safety.

Bobby Phillips (Awarding of Highway Bids)- Bobby Phillips requested that the commissioners award O'Mara Paving with the community crossings paving job (\$1,024,093). Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to approve O'Mara bid. Commissioner Bobby Little seconded. Motion passed 3/0.

Bobby also stated the highway department had been very busy with snow removal. He said the crew had been doing a great job getting roads cleared.

Bridge job had been stalled due to weather. Weather permitting the deck will be poured next week.

OCRA Public Hearing- Erica Cline held first public meeting regarding OCRA's COVID-19 Response program. *Please see attached statement.*

Public Hearing Announcement Phase II Businesses Awarded- In accordance with OCRA's standards, the following businesses were awarded \$25,000 each. These monies came from the fund of the Jefferson County Commissioners' in a total of \$50,000 and OCRA's COVID-19 Relief Response: Phase 2 Program funded by CDBG totaling \$250,000:

- Attic to Basement
- Keepsake Consignment
- Lee's Lock Service
- Red Pepper INC.
- Made with Fire
- Steve Bickis Art and Sign
- Brenda's Art and Photography
- Kirsten Quick Cosmetology
- Darrell's Tire & Alignment
- Midwest Gym Supply
- Cozy Acres Golf Complex

Troy Morgan- Troy gave kudos to the Highway Department for keeping up with the snow like they have been.

There was a meeting held Sunday at the EMA building to prepare for the incoming weather. Troy issued an apology that the Town of Hanover was left out from this meeting, it was not intentional.

Insurance Board Update- Commissioner Bobby Little updated the Commissioner's on the Insurance board meeting. Currently have 145 employees on the plan. Plan is running \$65,000 better for January 2021 vs January 2020. Board is also working on setting up Biometric Screenings for employees.

Comprehensive Plan Update- Commissioner Bramer is to reach out to the Plan Commission to come up with a date for meeting.

Jail Update- Construction Manager selected at a special called meeting last week. Working on reviewing and finalizing contract. Owners rep (Jack Krouse) has submitted a proposal to move from hourly fee (\$150/hr) to flat monthly fee (\$14,000/month). Commissioner Bobby Little made a motion to accept the proposal made by Jack Krouse with CCI for a flat monthly rate. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded. Motion passed 3/0.

JCBT- Commissioner Dave Bramer stated there was a JCBT meeting Monday at 5:30pm at the Courthouse.

Reuse of old Jail- Next meeting will be February 25th 3pm, at the Jefferson County Public Safety Center. Public is invited to attend.

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

ATTEST: _____
Sherry Eblen, Auditor

David Bramer, President

Robert Little, Member

Ron Lee, Member

1st Public Hearing:

Good evening! The Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) is seeking applications from local units of government that would like to be considered for OCRA's COVID-19 Response program which is funded through Indiana's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

Jefferson County's proposal has been reviewed and is now in the process of finalization for the application. This Phase Three application is due on March 11th with awards being announced on April 15. If awarded the Jefferson County Commissioners will be using these funds for their Revolving Loan Fund Program. The goal of the RLF Program is to assist small/micro businesses with low-to-moderate income employees. OCRA requests that Jefferson County prioritize businesses that are owned by veterans, minorities, and/or women. The total amount available for this grant is \$250,000. The Jefferson County Commissioners will be requesting that funds from their budget be used as matching funds with the permission of the Jefferson County Council.

Jefferson County has previously shown success with this same program and grant in phase 2. The County Commissioners want to ensure that all Jefferson County