

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

DATE 03-05-2021

Commissioner David Bramer called the meeting to order on Zoom, 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.

Ordinance for Designation of an Infrastructure Development Zone within Jefferson County-

Commissioner David Bramer read the ordinance and explained that REMC would be bringing broadband service to the northern part of the County. No one from the audience had any further comments or questions regarding the ordinance. A second reading and public hearing will be held at the next commissioner meeting.

Paul Cronen, Hoosier Trails Council- Cronen came before the commissioners to provide funding and project updates to the Camp Ernst Boy Scout Camp. Cronen stated the roof to the dining hall was repaired and requested that the remaining funds from the repairs be utilized to repair the collapsed basement door. Commissioners were in favor of the Hoosier Trails Council to move forward with the repairs on the door. Commissioners also thanked Cronen for the project updates.

Pilot Club- Elsie Perry Payne, President of the Pilot Club requested the sidewalks and parking to be blocked off for the Spring and Fall Old Court Days. The footprint of the Old Court Days has not changed. The dates are: Spring- May 27th at 6pm- May 30th and Fall-September 23rd at 6pm- September 26th. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to approve the sidewalk and parking closure for Old Court Days. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded. Motion passed 3/0.

Richard Carter- County resident, Richard Carter requested to be on the agenda today to speak about 3 topics. 1) County Trash Truck Contract- Carter explained his concerns with government taking over the contract and the possibility of placing regulations on trash. Carter stated that the County's decision to end the contract with Rumpke and purchase a truck was "ill-advised". The commissioners explained the cost savings of the County purchasing a trash truck. 2) Second Amendment Sanctuary- Carter supplied documents from other counties that had recently changed to 2A sanctuaries. Carter would like for Jefferson County to move in that direction. 3) COVID- Carter believed COVID to be a scam and is requesting the County to remove the mask mandate and open businesses back up. Carter provided COVID statistics that he had found.

Highway Department Update- Highway Superintendent Robert Phillips updated the commissioners on various projects that the garage has been working on. Phillips stated that the bridge deck on 1525 has been completed and the road should be open soon. Phillips announced that the County was awarded the grant from INDOT for Bridge 107 in the amount of \$1,240,800, which is the 80% that INDOT will be reimbursing. Phillips explained this will be a 5-year project.

EMA Update: EMA Director, Troy Morgan updated the Commissioners on the flood status. EMA, along with the Highway Department will continue to monitor the roads and water levels. Further discussion followed regarding nixle text alerts.

Sheriff Department Update: Sheriff Thomas said the Circuit Court held their first trial since the start of COVID. The Sheriff's Department ordered a metal detector for the Venture Out Business Center. Thomas also discussed the option of using off-duty jail staff for the site security at the new jail facility grounds.

Jail Update: Jail Architect, Scott Carnegie attended the meeting to discuss a few updates on the jail project. Carnegie asked the Commissioners on an update regarding water rates and Commissioner Bramer said he has contacted the water companies, asking for rates. Carnegie also asked for a signature on a rebate form from Duke Energy, which could potentially save the County thousands of dollars. Further discussion followed. Later in the meeting, Commissioner

Ron Lee announced a meeting to be held on March 18th at 4pm and the Public Safety Center to discuss options for the current jail, once the new jail is in place.

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

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Sherry Eblen, Auditor

David Bramer, President

Robert Little, Member

Ron Lee, Member