

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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

3-12-19

START- 5:00 pm

ADJOURN-6:06 pm

In attendance: County Council Members Chris Shelton, Joe Craig, Judy Smith, Heather Foy, Ray Black, Ray Denning, Auditor Sherry Eblen, and taking minutes Heather Huff.

Judy Smith called the meeting to order, and led all in attendance with The Pledge of Allegiance of The United States of America. Ray Black made a motion to approve the previous meetings minutes as submitted. Chris seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0.

Judy stated Jeff Dagher County Surveyor was withdrawn from the agenda. Jeff was advised to come to the Council meeting later in the year to request additional appropriations to cover the training of a new employee during the retirement process of the current secretary.

Robert Little- Jefferson County Commissioner- Robert was requesting the additional appropriation for the ongoing chiller replacement project. Judy confirmed the additional had been advertised by Auditor Sherry Eblen, and needed an official vote. Chris made a motion to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$44,606.00 for the chiller replacement. Ray Denning seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0.

Robert Little also discussed the possibility of a pay increase for employee Duane Hall. Currently Duane is the Facility Manager for all Jefferson County locations. Robert expressed that Duane is always on-call. The Commissioners are recommending a \$2,500.00 pay increase. John Wallace and Sheriff Dave Thomas gave a positive recommendation for Duane as well. Ray Denning suggested this is an item that should have been visited during budget hearings, but was also worried about Duane being the only employee with knowledge of the buildings, and how to repair items. Heather Foy asked how many hours a week Duane works, and or is receiving phone calls. After further discussion the Council would like to revisit the additional request at next month's meeting, but would like for Duane to keep a log of hours worked and phone calls, so they can review the data.

Troy Morgan- Jefferson County EMA- Troy announced next week is Indiana Severe Weather Preparedness Week. The National Weather Service will be conducting a test of the state Emergency Alert System on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 10:15 a.m. Heather asked about a social media event for weather spotter training. Troy announced the training will be held in Switzerland County on April 2nd at 6:30. The training is free and open to the public.

Judy then stated The Council was still in need of someone to serve on the SIRPC. Heather volunteered after confirming meeting dates.

Dave Thomas- Jefferson County Sheriff- Dave introduced representatives from Central Square, a company that provides software and service for public safety. The representatives gave a detailed presentation on their product showing its efficient methods of information sharing between departments. Jefferson County 911 is currently moving forward with this project pending grant approval. The Town of Hanover and The City of Madison are both in the finishing stages of approving the transition to this software as well. It would be most cost effective if Jefferson County decided to make this change at the same time as well. Ray Black asked what the deadline would be if Jefferson County wanted in as well. Tiffany confirmed Central Square would need to know by the end of April. Judy requested Sherry Eblen to add Central Square to the April meeting agenda. The Council tabled the decision for the April meeting. If Jefferson County chose to join the transition to the new software it would take 8-10 months to complete.

Dave Bramer- Jefferson County Commissioner- Dave reported public Jail meetings were held. Attendance was lower than desired, but feels like meetings attendance will grow once a location is picked.

Joe asked where the County stands with video arraignment. Sheila Harrison Jail Commander stated the Jail was set up, waiting on Courts. John Wallace stated the sheriff's department would contact the company that provides the video services for the jail, to possibly reach out to court staff.

Dave Thomas updated the Council that Sheriff staff members had started monitoring the County's trash drop off locations to enforce the purchasing of trash cards.

Ray Black reported that the Jefferson County Insurance committee meeting reports saving just over \$400,000.00 to date on County Health Insurance since the implementation of a self-funded insurance. The savings is based upon the difference of what the County paid on a traditional health insurance plan in the year 2017 vs the expense of 2018 and 2019.

Chris made a motion to adjourn. Ray Black seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0.

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