

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

DATE 03-15-2018

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

Jenny Slover, Animal Shelter- The Animal Shelter and the Animal Shelter Advisory Board have been researching the benefits of installing a credit card terminal to be used by the shelter. The Advisory Board has already voted and approved the installation and monthly fee of \$39 for the terminal. Animal Shelter Director, Jenny Slover brought the data before the Commissioners to let them know she would be going forward with installation next week. She then explained how beneficial the terminal will be to the public and to the employees and will prevent the issues caused by periodically bounced checks. From this point forward, the Shelter will only accept card or cash for adoption fees. Jenny Slover has also been researching a grant through the Mason Foundation of Animal Shelter Design. She would like to conduct a needs assessment for the shelter to evaluate what the shelter may need in the future. To apply for the grant, a \$4,000 match would need to be promised, which is in the animal shelter budget. To apply, she would need a signature for the form. Commissioners advised her to send the application to the County Attorney for direction. Jenny Slover also advised the Commissioners of several building concerns she has about the shelter and has reached out to Sandusky Construction and the Poole Group for quotes to repair drywall and ventilation issues. After reviewing the quotes, Commissioners suggested that Jenny contact the Poole Group to make sure the quote includes evaluating the roof, which was included in the Sandusky quote.

Jefferson House, Southeastern Transitional Resources- Larry Lee presented the Commissioners with a packet of information and photos explaining the need for funding to aid Southeastern Transitional Resources in the renovation of a new property that was recently purchased. The Jefferson House is a transitional house for men recovering from the disease of addiction and alcoholism which typically allows men to stay in the house for 4-6 months. The goal for the new house, is to allow men to stay up to 9-12 months if they need the extra time. The new house and the current house will need some renovation for new residents. On behalf of the Southeastern Transitional Resources Board, Larry Lee presented a quote for \$32,400 for the renovations and requested \$7500 from the special projects fund. The \$7500 will help with inside work that needs to be completed for residents to be able to move in. The Commissioners agreed that the Jefferson House has been a benefit to the County and will take the request under advisement.

Rick Sauley, RLS Insurance Group & Randall Teltoe, Burnham & Flower Agency- Rick Sauley presented the annual county property and casualty policy renewal to the Commissioners. Rick Sauley explained the similarities and differences of the new policy to the current policy. Overall, the policy has increased \$506 from last year's policy. Several changes to the policy included the removal and the addition of several vehicles and equipment. The total for new policy is \$165,448.33. Commissioner Norbert Schafer made a motion to approve the renewal for County property and casualty insurance policy. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Victoria Perry, Madison Main Street Program- Victoria Perry updated the Commissioners on the various projects that the Madison Main Street Program has been working over the past few months, including the Veteran's Banner project and the renovations to the 300 block of Mulberry Street. She also explained that the Main Street Program and Cornerstone have discussed a Preservation Project in the future to increase awareness, explain financial incentives

and the best practices for historic restoration projects within the County. Commissioners believe there has been money appropriated in the budget for Madison Main Street for upcoming projects, which is scheduled to be released later in the year.

Veteran Service Office- Faith Weir, County VSO and Doug Dobson, American Legion Service Officer came before the Commissioners to request additional handicap parking spaces on Jefferson Street and in the Annex alley. Doug Dobson walked the perimeter of the Annex and Courthouse and found that there is only a small amount of handicap spaces available to the public. Faith Weir explained that the majority of the public who visit her office are handicap and have difficulty finding a place to park. Commissioner Little stated that he would contact the City of Madison to get approval to make the 2 spaces directly in front of the annex, handicap spaces and would work on getting 2 spaces in the alley painted as soon as possible. Commissioner Norbert Schafer made a motion to paint the 2 spaces in the annex alley and to contact the City for approval on the 2 spaces in front of the annex. Commissioner Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Troy Morgan, EMA- Troy Morgan advised the Commissioners the damage assessment team assessed 132 properties after the recent flooding. Out of those, 14 properties are considered destroyed by the EMA and 77 properties encountered major damage. EMA is waiting for the review from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, which will then help determine FEMA status. Troy also stated that the debris removal is improving over the County with the exception of a few residents in the Hanover Beach area. Troy Morgan also explained that several areas in the County, other than river areas, had damage from the flash flooding which caused bridges and culverts to be fully submerged. He will be working directly with the County Highway Department and City of Madison on what damage has been done.

Public Comment- Kay Gross, a resident from Brooksbury Manville Road, explained that part of her road was washed out from the flash flooding and heavy rains. She is concerned about people who travel the road who may not know that the road has deteriorated since the rains. Kay Gross is requesting signage to be placed on the road at this time to let drivers know of the road hazard. Commissioners stated that they will address this issue with the Highway Department to get signs placed on the road as soon as possible.

Highway Department- Superintendent Robert Phillips stated he received notification for the Bridge Inspection contracts from INDOT and the inspections have been awarded to USI. Robert Phillips also recently attended a Council meeting to request additional funding for the purchase of an asphalt zipper for the highway garage. The equipment is scheduled to be delivered in the next month. Discussion followed about the flood damage and what repairs have been made to the roads.

Jail Exploratory Committee- David Bramer provided an update from the Jail Exploratory Committee. The Committee sent a letter to Sheriff Whipker regarding the plans for addressing the noncompliance issues at the jail. RQAW held a jail assessment kick off meeting to discuss the upcoming projects and will be collecting data over the next 3-4 weeks to better evaluate our needs.

Public Comment- Steve Myer, a resident from Hanover Beach thanked the Commissioners for the dumpsters that were supplied for debris removal.

In other business, Commissioner Norbert Schafer contacted Nathan Grimes with Renaissance Design Build, Inc. to submit a proposal for engineering and design services on the alley garage for book preservation. The Commissioners decided to take the proposals under advisement.

Commissioner Norbert Schafer made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

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Sherry Eblen, Auditor

David Bramer, President

Norbert Schafer, Member

Robert Little, Member