

## **COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

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

DATE 03-18-2021

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-**

The commissioners 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. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to skip the third reading and pass the ordinance. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

**Rick Sauley, RLS Insurance-** Rick Sauley presented the annual county property and casualty policy renewal to the Commissioners. Sauley explained the similarities and differences of the new policy to the current policy. Overall, the policy has increased from last year's policy from \$184,861 to \$208,901. Sauley detailed the areas in the policy that had increased, which included the property and the cyber policies. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to approve the property and casualty and cyber policy renewal. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

**OCRA Public Hearing-** County grant writer, Erica Cline announced the 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing for the OCRA grant process. Cline stated the application has been submitted to OCRA to receive \$250,000 for Phase III, and will also include a \$40,000 County match from the Commissioners, which was approved by council at their March meeting. Cline has developed a revolving loan application and flyers in English and Spanish, to distribute to County businesses. According to Cline, OCRA will announce the awardees on April 15<sup>th</sup>. If Jefferson County is selected, she will move forward with the application process for businesses to apply.

**First Amendment to the Ambulance Service Agreement-** Commissioner David Bramer read the amendment submitted by Bethany Circle of King's Daughters' Hospital. The amendment changes the agreement from a \$50,000 annual compensation to an annual compensation of \$100,000 to be paid by the County before February 1 of each year. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to approve the amendment. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

**Jail Construction Manager-** At a special called meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>, the Commissioners voted to select Shireman Construction as construction manager. A contract from Shireman has been reviewed by the County attorney and the jail owners' representative. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to accept the contract. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the contract. Motion passed 3/0.

**EMA Update:** EMA Director, Troy Morgan announced this week is severe weather preparedness week and advised all to visit ready.gov and discuss plans with your households for any severe weather in our area.

**Sheriff Department Update:** Chief Deputy, Josh Taylor was in attendance to answer any questions that the commissioner may have had. Taylor stated that the current jail population, as of 6am, was 190.

Commissioner Ron Lee informed everyone on a meeting that was held today discuss the plans for the old jail once the new jail is built. Lee said the meeting was productive and discussions are being had to establish a substance abuse program. The next meeting will be held on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

In other business, Commissioner Robert Little attended an insurance meeting this morning, the past few months are running well on the insurance claims and the county is 52% to the good. Little also stated the new pump grinder was installed at the health department this week. Little was able to negotiate and save the county \$11,000 on the total project.

**Sheriff and Justice Center Update:** Commissioner David Bramer announced that Shireman Construction will be taking bids soon on the construction for the new jail facility.

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

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Sherry Eblen, Auditor

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David Bramer, President

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Robert Little, Member

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Ron Lee, Member