

## **COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

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

DATE 03-21-2019

Commissioner Robert Little called the meeting to order, and led The Pledge of Allegiance along with David Bramer. Commissioner Ron Lee was unable to attend the meeting. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to approve the previous meetings minutes, all accounts payable, and payroll claim dockets. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 2/0.

**Rick Sauley, RLS Insurance Group & Randall Teltoe, Burnham & Flower Agency-** 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 decreased from last year's policy, with added coverage. Several changes to the policy included the removal and the addition of several vehicles and equipment and the added a \$2 million-dollar policy for cyber liability. The total for new policy is \$153,171. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to approve the renewal for County property and casualty insurance policy. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 2/0.

**Bridge #142 Bid Openings-** Highway Superintendent, Robert Phillips received two bids for Bridge #142. McAlister Excavating submitted a bid for \$234,895 and Rohe Asphalt's bid came in at \$224,235. According to the bids, McAlister Excavating would begin work on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Rohe would not be able to begin work until October. Phillips suggested that the bid be awarded to McAlister's due to the early start date and the work would not interfere with buses during summer break. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to award Bridge #142 to McAlister Excavating for \$234,895. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 2/0.

**Jeff Dagher, Surveyor-** County Surveyor, Jeff Dagher, presented a proposal from WTH Technologies to update the section corners on GIS. The update will make the mapping more efficient and accurate. The proposal to update the section corner backlogs was \$2975. WTH also included an additional option to input and create new section corners on an as need basis. According to Dagher, the offices has 25-50 new section corners each year. The cost to add new section corners will be \$20 per corner. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to accept the proposal from WTH to update the section corner backlog for \$2975 and the \$20 per corner as needed. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motions passed 2/0.

**Court Services Grants-** Court Services Director, Amber Finnegan submitted 4 separate grant applications for the Commissioners to review and approve. The grants include: Jail Treatment Grant for \$30,000; Prosecutor's Diversion Grant for \$57,094; Court Recidivism Reduction Program Grant for \$58,084; and Community Corrections Grant for \$741,774. Finnegan explained that all grants were approved by the advisory board. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to accept the grant application proposals to be submitted. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 2/0.

**Bob Cooke, Redevelopment Commission-** Bob Cooke explained to the commissioners that the Redevelopment Commission would like to apply for a grant through INDOT to widen Wilson Ave. According to Cooke, the County owns part of Wilson Ave, but the City of Madison does most maintenance. Cooke has requested that the County either create an interlocal agreement for the portion of Wilson Ave that the County owns or relinquish the portion to the City. The Commissioners and the Highway Superintendent will take the options under advisement.

**Nicole Shell, Cotton Mill Project-** Nicole Shell presented a powerpoint explaining the details of the Cotton Mill Project for redevelopment. In April of 2018, developers Ron Bateman, Glenn Gellert and John McGrew, also known as Riverton LLC, purchased the Cotton Mill for a hotel development. An application has been submitted to Marriot Fairfield franchise. Riverton LLC hopes to begin construction in Fall of 2019 and open in 2020. The total rehab cost will be \$21,150,000. Shell is requesting \$100,000 from the historic preservation fund. At this time, the

Commissioners will take this decision under advisement. Cooke requested that a decision be made within the next 6 weeks.

**Meadow Lane Drainage Concerns-** Residents from Meadow Lane brought their concerns and photographs of the inadequate drainage on Meadow Lane. Residents explained the hazards that come with the standing water, which include a large mosquito problem in the summer. Covenants for the property are unclear, not explaining who is responsible for drainage issues. Property owners are wanting the issue resolved but want to make certain that issue is resolved in the appropriate manner. Commissioner Little stated he would speak to Danny Vance, Bridge Foreman regarding the drainage issue on Meadow Lane. A ditch may be the best option.

**IT Independent Contractor Agreement-** A contract was produced by County Attorney, Joe Colussi to continue the contracted employment with Andrew James as the IT assistant to the IT Director. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to approve the agreement for Andrew James' IT services. Commissioner Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 2/0.

**Pauper Attorney Board Appointment-** The Jefferson County Pauper Attorney Board recommended that Robert Little be reappointed to the Pauper Attorney board for additional 1-year term. Commissioner Little accepted the nomination to the board.

**Jail Property-** The Jail Committee reviewed potential building sites for the jail and has made a recommendation to the Commissioners. The property chosen is located on JA Berry Lane, next to the old Robus factory. The committee recommends obtaining approximately 50 acres of land for the jail. Commissioner Bramer made a motion to select the JA Berry Lane property for the jail. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 2/0. The Commissioners will make the site location recommendation to the County Council at their next meeting.

In other business, Commissioner Robert Little stated that the Insurance Committee met today. If the County was fully insured, the cost would have been up to \$90,723. By being self-insured, the County has already saved \$87,286 this year. The plan through Custom Design Benefits is working out well.

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

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Sherry Eblen, Auditor

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Robert Little, President

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David Bramer, Member

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Ron Lee, Member