

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Jefferson County Public Safety Center, 620 Green Road, Madison, Indiana

DATE 03-23-2023

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

County Property & Liability Renewal- Rick Sauley, RLS Insurance, 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 \$250,951 to \$300,165. Sauley detailed the areas in the policy that had increased, which included the addition of the Hanover EMA building and the addition of new highway department equipment (roughly \$252,000 worth of new equipment) and sheriff's department vehicles. In total, the policy increased 19.16% but Sauley mentioned that the inflation rates have increased across the board by approximately 7.7%. It was discussed that Travelers has paid out a substantial amount in claims over the past three years. Commissioner Little made note that the new jail is not included in on this renewal because it is still included on the builders risk policy, which will expire on July 1. Once the County takes possession of the new jail, RLS insurance will add to the policy. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to approve the property and liability policy renewal. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Cybersecurity Insurance- Rick Sauley also presented the County cybersecurity policy renewal. Two options were presented: Option 1) \$1 million dollar coverage, \$50,000 deductible \$14,369.48. Option 2) \$2 million dollar coverage, \$50,000 deductible \$30,609.58. The commissioners will discuss the options with Ovation, the County's IT services provider, for a recommendation. The policy will renew on April 1. In the meantime, the commissioners have agreed on option 1 at this time, but may opt for option 2 after further discussion. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to approve the \$1 million dollar coverage option for \$14,369.48. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Temple & Temple- Larry Hobson, Director of Business Development, played a short video and slideshow on trenchless rehabilitation solutions. Hobson also provided a brief update on the work begin done on 325 E. The commissioners thanked Hobson for attending.

2023-03

Ordinance Repealing the Jefferson County Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Control Ordinance and Maps and Adopting the Jefferson County, Indiana , Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) and Maps

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is advised that the Jefferson County Plan Commission has held a public hearing, following the giving of required notice, on proposed repeal and replacement of the Jefferson County, Indiana, Zoning Ordinance (Title 28, Ord. 2004-10), Subdivision Control Ordinance (Title 27, Ord. 2004-2), and Maps with the Jefferson County, Indiana, Unified Development Ordinance and Maps, and

WHEREAS, said Commission has given a favorable recommendation for repeal of the Jefferson County, Indiana, Zoning Ordinance (Title 28, Ord. 2004-10), Subdivision Control Ordinance (Title 27, Ord. 2004-2) and Maps, and adoption of the Jefferson County, Indiana, Unified Development Ordinance and Maps, and

WHEREAS, this Board concurs in the recommendation of said Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF INDIANA:

That the Jefferson County, Indiana, Zoning Ordinance (Title 28, Ord. 2004-10), Subdivision Control Ordinance (Title 27, Ord. 2004-2) and Maps are repealed. The repeal of the Jefferson County, Indiana, Zoning Ordinance (Title 28, Ord. 2004-10), Subdivision Control Ordinance (Title 27, Ord 2004-2) and Previous Zoning Maps shall have no retroactive application and said provisions shall remain enforceable as to any prior existing and continuing violations.

That the terms of the Jefferson County, Indiana, Unified Development Ordinance and Maps are hereby adopted as shown in the attached "Exhibit A".

Commissioner Bramer read aloud the above ordinance. A second reading will take place at the next meeting. Later in the evening, Sydney Coppadge, a representative from Vesper Energy (Solar Farm Developer) spoke in regards of the special exception standards and the special exception on the 1-year limit period. Coppadge said that for solar projects, it takes at least a 3-year minimum. Commissioner Bramer explained that the developers could ask for a variance when they submit an application to the BZA.

Conflict of Interest- Jail Facilities Manager, Brett Roberts submitted a COI for approval. Roberts is an independent contractor for Dinges Fire Co, which sells fire, police, ems and first responder equipment. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to approve the Conflict of Interest form for Brett Roberts. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

EMA Update- EMA Director Troy Morgan provided an update on the drought monitor, which shows the entire state is clear at this time. Morgan also updated the commissioners on the Multi-hazard Mitigation Plan, which is to be adopted by April 15. He will make the plan available for review on the county website in the near future. Morgan provided an update on the Hanover EMA building. He said the County has been approved for a grant from the healthcare coalition for the purchase of a tow motor. Morgan is also looking into options for the security cameras for the building as well. Morgan presented a copy of an invoice for infectious disease control spray of the Public Safety Center. He asked the commissioners to consider spraying the PSC bi-monthly to prevent any illness. Morgan said the building has a lot of traffic due to trainings and meetings that take place and the spray would help keep any illnesses at bay. Commissioners will take the request under advisement.

Highway Department- Highway Superintendent, Robert Phillips requested the purchase of a new 2023 Chevrolet Truck with a lift gate for \$59,893. Phillips has money already appropriated within the highway budget. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to approve the purchase. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0. Phillips also presented an unofficial detour from INDOT for 325 E. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to approve the unofficial detour. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Malcon Fuel Tax Refund – Bobby Phillips requested a contract renewal for the Malcon Fuel Tax Refund. Malcon performs data collection of fuel tax and submits claims to Indiana Department of Revenue for a tax refund. Last year, Malcon collected \$14,140 in reimbursement. Phillips stated that Malcons fee is about 50% of what is collected. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to approve the contract renewal. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

East Brushy Fork & Little Brushy Fork Slides- Phillips announced that the County has received an NRCS grant for both projects. Phillips requested a motion to secure the engineering services to put the projects out to bid. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion for Andersen Professional Services to prepare bid documents. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Brushy Fork Bridge Bid Opening- Phillips received 3 bids for Brushy Fork Bridge: 1) Dave O'Mara \$569,940 with a \$115,000 alternate; 2) RL Vuxson \$276,554 with a \$127,535 alternate 3) Temple & Temple \$549,905 with a \$72,000. FPBH's engineers estimate came in at \$299,101. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to award RL Vuxson, without the alternate. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

CCMG Paving- Jefferson County was awarded one million dollars from the Community Crossings grant. Phillips received 3 bids for the CCMG paving projects: 1) All Star Paving \$1,294,106; 2) Dave O'Mara \$1,347,008.50 3) Mac Construction \$1,408,500. The engineers estimate was \$1,697,593. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to award All Star Paving the project. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Animal Shelter Update- Director, Tricia Parker provided an update to the commissioners and thanked the community for their donations to the shelter. Parker would like to meet with a commissioner to discuss how to proceed with the adoption fees.

In other business, Commissioner Lee attended the treatment train meeting today. Lee said the group was waiting for the results from the needs assessment and he hopes to be able to share that data sometime in June. Commissioner Bramer updated everyone on the stormwater ordinance. He said a draft should be available by the end of the month.

Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner David Bramer seconded.
Motion passed 3/0

ATTEST: _____
Heather Huff, Auditor

Robert Little, President

Ron Lee, Member

David Bramer, Member