

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

DATE 04-01-2021

Commissioner David Bramer called the meeting to order, 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.

Resolution for supporting local control of land use decisions and opposing HB1381 Commercial and Solar Standards- The Indiana Association of County Commissioners have requested county commissioners across the State of Indiana to sign a resolution to express the opposition of house bill 1381. Commissioner David Bramer read aloud the resolution, which has been reviewed by the County attorney. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to approve the resolution (2021-02). Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Surveyor's Office Update- County Surveyor, Mike Pittman provided a newsletter from the Southeastern Indiana Recycling District that details out specific days that area residents can drop items off, free of charge. Pittman also stated that the County will be enforcing zoning complaints regarding dumping and junk on properties and for residents to take this opportunity to utilize the SEIRD. Pittman also announced that the office will soon be accepting bids for section corners or reference points for property lines. Pittman stated that the cost for preparing the bids has already been budgeted for this year.

OCRA Revolving Fund- County Grant Writer, Erica Cline provided several updates on the grant process to the commissioners. The balance of the Revolving Loan Fund is \$14,263.11. There is a new application that Cline would like to apply for but grant writers must be certified through OCRA to apply. Cline has already registered for a program to become certified in early May. Discussion followed regarding the new application, which would be used for people with disabilities. Cline will review the new grant and provide an update at the next meeting.

Walnut Street Jail Reuse Committee: Commissioner Ron Lee updated everyone on a meeting held to discuss the plans for the old jail once the new jail is built. According to Lee, an upcoming house bill 1068 states that counties will assume responsibility for creating substance abuse and mental health programs for county residents. The committee has been brainstorming and working together on various options for Jefferson County. The next meeting will be held on April 15th at 3pm, all are welcome to attend.

Sheriff and Justice Center Update: Commissioner David Bramer announced that Shireman Construction will hold a pre-bid meeting at Ivy Tech at 2:00pm on April 7th. The county bond attorney will be attending the next council meeting to discuss using the funds collected from the Public Safety Tax to award contracts to bidders, prior to actual bond funding. By using these funds now, this will allow the construction manager to award contracts and begin the site prep for the new jail facility.

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

ATTEST: _____
Sherry Eblen, Auditor

David Bramer, President

Robert Little, Member

Ron Lee, Member