

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

DATE 04-03-2020

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.

Dossett Consulting- County Prosecutor, David Sutter submitted a contract to the Commissioners for Dossett Consulting to assist with child support claims and reporting. Sutter explained that the Clerk and Auditor Office utilizes Dossett for various reimbursements. Compensation for Dossett would be able to come out of the child support incentive funds. Sutter also stated that Dossett would be available in office for assistance with audits, if necessary. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to accept the agreement between Dossett Consulting and the Prosecutor's office. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Frontier JA Berry Lane- Mark Gibson, a representative from Frontier submitted plans and a request to the Highway Department and the commissioners, regarding the installation of new fiber cable along JA Berry Lane and under the railroad tracks. Gibson explained the need for the request due to the current right of way, which is edge of pavement to edge of pavement. Gibson stated that the new cable would start near SR 7 and come down JA Berry Lane, cross under the railroad tracks and continue on. Commissioner Robert Little expressed his concerns about which third-party company would be doing the install and Gibson stated he could insist that Electricom perform the install. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to allow Frontier to install the new fiber duct along JA Berry, proving that Electricom performs the install. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Johnson Controls Contract- Johnson Controls submitted a contract renewal to monitor the fire alarms for the annual fee of \$2350. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to accept the agreement. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0. A separate quote was submitted to install CO2 detectors in the basement of the courthouse. The commissioners agreed that the quote seemed high for the install and would table the quote at this time.

Owner Occupied Rehab Program- Patty Jackson from Southeastern Indiana Plan Commission requested the approval to submit a grant for the rehab program for Jefferson County. The grant would be for \$350,000 to assisted low or fixed income families in the County. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to allow Patty Jackson to submit and proceed with the HPG grant. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Highway Department- Robert Phillips submitted two contracts for approval. One from Civilcon to replace a small structure over quick creek on CR 1525 W. And the other from Butler, Fairman & Seufert for a culvert rehabilitation on Lower Dry Fork. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to accept both contracts for CR 1525 W and Lower Dry Fork. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0

Melinda Klopp, Treasurer- Melinda Klopp asked the commissioners when the courthouse would be open again to the public because tax bills will be released on Monday. The commissioners stated that at this time, they are unsure when the courthouse would be open. Klopp stated she would consider placing an ad in the paper to inform people how to pay their bills but was open for suggestions on how to assist the public. If taxpayers want to send their tax payments in by mail and want a receipt, they would need to also send a self-addressed stamped envelope along with their payment. Taxpayers are able to pay their bills online as well.

Karen Mannix, Assessor- Mannix stated that business personal property forms are still due on May 15th and did not get an extension from the state.

Signs for Seniors- The City of Madison is using a colored paper system for senior citizens to put in their windows: green paper if the resident is OK, red paper if the resident needs some kind of assistance. This paper system allows neighbors to help neighbors. Commissioner David Bramer stated that he would look into a similar program for County senior residents.

In other business, the commissioners will be meeting with the health department today to discuss the impact of the coronavirus on the community.

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

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Sherry Eblen, Auditor

David Bramer, President

Robert Little, Member

Ron Lee, Member