

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

DATE 04-04-2019

Commissioner Robert Little called the meeting to order, and led The Pledge of Allegiance along with David Bramer and Ron Lee. 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.

Deputy Fire Department- Mike Hazelwood with the Deputy Fire Department came to the Commissioners to ask for their support to file for an OCRA grant for the firehouse, which was recently destroyed by fire. Susan Craig attended the meeting on behalf of the SIRPC and stated that she is assisting Hazelwood with the application process and the two would need to attend the next meeting for the next step in the application process. The Commissioners stated they are in full support of Deputy Fire Department applying for the OCRA grant.

Treasurer Tax Refund Exchange Compliance System (TRECS)- Jacque Clements with the Association of Indiana Counties presented a new program to Indiana Counties that allow counties to withhold Indiana tax returns for those that are delinquent on their property taxes. The program would be at no cost to the County, but would charge a fee to those tax payers that are delinquent. Clements stated that other counties that have used this program have been able to recover delinquent taxes by sending a letter notifying residents that their tax return may be garnished. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to accept the contract between the Indiana Association of Counties and Jefferson County for the TRECS program. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Dossett Auditor/Clerk Program- Auditor Sherry Eblen presented a contract for a new program to replace the Maximus program that the Clerk and Auditor use. According to Eblen, switching to Dossett will save the county \$1800 per year. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to accept the multi-year contract with Dossett for the Clerk and Auditor offices. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Comprehensive Plan- Commissioner David Bramer stated that the contract for the comprehensive plan update has been reviewed by the county attorney and the plan commission attorney. Commissioner Bramer stated there are a few negotiations to discuss. Bramer made a motion to accept the contract from Taylor, Seifker and Williams for the comprehensive plan update, contingent on county attorney approval. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Andrew Lanam, George K. Baum & Company- Commissioner David Bramer stated Andrew Lanam has been working for the County over the past year on the jail project, providing guidance on county finances and bonds needed for the jail. The county attorney has approved the contract submitted by Lanam. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to approve the contract for underwriter engagement with Andrew Lanam. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Highway Department- Robert Phillips provided updates to the Commissioners on the current Highway Department projects. Phillips also announced the need for two seasonal mowers.

In other business, Commissioner David Bramer announced the opening of the Park & Ride, which will take place tomorrow, Friday, April 5th at 10:00am.

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

ATTEST: _____
Sherry Eblen, Auditor

Robert Little, President

David Bramer, Member

Ron Lee, Member