

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

DATE 04-06-2018

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

Jeff Dagher, Surveyor- Jeff Dagher came before the Commissioners with a resolution and request to waive building permit fees for the recent flood victims. In the past, the Plan Commission has been approved to waive fees for building permits for disasters such as tornados and flood damage. The fees to be waived will be for any persons wanting to rebuild a structure similar to existing structure. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to accept the resolution, provided by the Plan Commission, to waive building permit fees for flood victims. Commissioner Norbert Schafer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Book Preservation Project- At a previous meeting, Commissioner Schafer presented a quote from Renaissance Design Build, Inc. to create an engineering and design plan for the garage in the alley to store books, which are currently stored in the basement of the annex. Commissioner Schafer contacted the engineer on the project to create a bid that the County will be able to submit to companies for construction bids. Commissioner Little made a motion to approve the \$9,250.00 for Renaissance Design Build for the architectural print for book storage. Commissioner Norbert Schafer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Troy Morgan, EMA- Troy Morgan explained to the Commissioners that FEMA has met with representatives of Jefferson County to discuss the flood damage. FEMA validated that there were 14 destroyed residences and 77 residences with major damage caused by the recent flooding. An audit was also performed this week with the City of Madison Street Department, Jefferson County Highway Department and Emergency Management with FEMA to discuss the \$1.4 million dollars of damage that was turned in for damage assistance. As long as the rest of the State meets the threshold for FEMA relief, the outlook for Jefferson County to receive funding looks promising.

In other business, Troy Morgan discussed an email that he sent to the Commissioners regarding the issues surrounding the need for a private network at the Health Department to connect in with other County offices. Troy Morgan stated that even though the issues are not life threatening, it is an inconvenience and it will improve accuracy and efficiency if repaired. Troy explained that the IT Department has had some obstacles in resolving the situation with the network and asked that the Commissioners approve anything that the IT Department needs to correct the issue.

Highway Department- Superintendent Robert Phillips stated that Upper Dry Fork will be closed until further notice due to a slide caused by the heavy rains in March. Robert Phillips also discussed that the Highway Department is continuing to work on potholes, gravel road maintenance and tree trimming. Robert Phillips requested the Commissioners approve a contract for an engineer report of Dawson Smith Road to be used for future grants. Commissioner Norbert Schafer made a motion to approve the engineering contract for Dawson Smith Road for \$5000. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

John Wallace, Sheriff's Department- Sheriff John Wallace expressed concern about the rising jail population. He also explained that there has been a number of sprinkler heads damaged in the past few weeks in E Block and believes a new sprinkler system would keep replacement costs down. The cost of the new system is \$5,516 and there is money appropriated in Cumulative Jail fund for this expense.

Tammy Monroe, Health Department- Tammy Monroe, Health Department Administrator, also discussed and agreed with Troy Morgan regarding the importance of the email and network issues with day to day functions. She also stressed that the issues needed to be fixed as soon as possible. Tammy Monroe also advised the Commissioners that Karen Buchanan, who recently retired after 30+ years of service, has been replaced by Blythe Couch. Blythe has been working for the Health Department and has been promoted to the position. Amber Hoskins was hired to replace Blythe's position.

In other business, Commissioner Robert Little announced that the Animal Shelter 5k has been postponed until April 21st due to weather. Also, the Jefferson House requested funding at a previous meeting to aid the Jefferson House and their future endeavors with the new house that had been purchased. Commissioner Little made a motion that \$10,000 could be taken from the Historic Preservation fund to help fund the repair of the outside of the historic home. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 2/0 with Commissioner Norbert Schafer abstaining due to his position on the Southeastern Transitional Resources Board.

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

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Sherry Eblen, Auditor

David Bramer, President

Norbert Schafer, Member

Robert Little, Member