

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

DATE 04-15-2021

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 all accounts payable, and payroll claim dockets. The minutes were not printed and will be approved at the following meeting. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

ADA Transition Plan- County Zoning Enforcement Officer, Josh Cline presented an updated Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan. The county did not have a plan in place before and Cline has prepared the plan and submitted to the County attorney for approval. After review from the attorney, the plan was submitted to the commissioners. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to accept the transition plan. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Trash Interlocal Agreement- The City of Madison and Jefferson County Commissioners have come to an agreement to use the City of Madison Transfer Station to dispose of trash collected at the County trash sites. The fee for the County would be consistent with the rates and provisions as prescribed in City Ordinance 2021-2. Because the recyclables are so few, the City agreed to take the recyclables at no charge. By using the transfer station, this will save on wear and tear of the county owned truck, mileage and fuel. The City also agrees to fill in as a backup in the event of mechanical failure of the county truck, at a rate of \$750 per day. The City would supply the truck and employee for the day. The City has also requested \$25,000 to update the transfer station. This fee will spread out over the course of 3 years. The County attorney has reviewed the Interlocal prepared by the City and recommended a change to the liability section; the City will not be liable to the County and the County will not be liable to the City. The commissioners read the agreement and Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to accept the Interlocal, contingent on the agreement of the above changes recommended by the County attorney. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Highway Department Update- County Superintendent, Robert Phillips was in attendance. Phillips explained that the highway department has been busy replacing culverts, patching, trimming, among other things.

EMA Update- Commissioner Robert Little explained that the County Council has approved a month to month lease of the fairgrounds building to house the PPE that EMA Director Morgan has received from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security.

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, house bill 1068 was passed, which 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 May 20th at 3pm, all are welcome to attend.

In other business, the Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 21st to discuss the comprehensive plan and hear public input on the draft. All are welcome to attend. Commissioner Bramer stated that Shireman Construction will hold a bid opening on Friday, April 23rd at 10am at Ivy Tech. The County Council approved an additional appropriation at their meeting. This additional appropriation will allow the site prep to begin on the jail property.

Steve Meyer provided an update to the commissioners on the RDA. The State has awarded \$150,000,000 to the RDA for regional economic development. The RDA will be meeting monthly to discuss plans on moving forward.

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