

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

DATE 05-02-2019

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, accounts payable with the exception of one claim that was in the claim docket listed as a voided check, and payroll claim dockets. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion, stating that he would research the voided check tomorrow. Motion passed 3/0.

Deputy Fire Department OCRA Grant- Susan Craig from SIRPC and Mike Hazelwood from Deputy Fire Department held a public hearing to apply for a \$500,000 OCRA grant. The estimated costs of rebuilding the fire department is \$950,000. The proposal for the grant is due tomorrow and the completed application will be due in July. Craig submitted an authorization to submit a proposal for the Commissioners to sign. Susan Craig also gave copies of updated Fair Housing Ordinance and a Drug Free Workplace Ordinance. Craig stated that Jefferson County's ordinance may need to be updated for grant purposes. A second public hearing will need to be held before the July application deadline.

Kelli Hoffman, Human Resources- Kelli Hoffman presented several updates needed for the County Employee Handbook. The changes include an explanation of unpaid lunch breaks for County employees, specifying that comp time is only eligible for full time nonexempt employees, a statement specifying that you must be employed with the County for 1 year before receiving the 2-week maternity leave, FMLA terms are the same but have been simplified. A new section that was added is a policy regarding destruction of County property. Offices may not destroy or alter county equipment without the approval of the commissioners first. Commissioners asked to table the changes until the next meeting.

Political Sign Ordinance- Commissioner Robert Little stated that he spoke with the state election board, the county attorney and the public access counselor and it was suggested that the ordinance be rescinded and that an ordinance is not needed for political signs. Commissioners would have the authority to handle the political signage in house. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to rescind the political signage ordinance. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Highway Department- Robert Phillips provided updates on current work in the department. Phillips also addressed a signage request for Hereford Lake, stating that the department would look into speed limit signs.

In other business, Commissioner David Bramer updated the Commissioners about discussions with Andrew Lanam about the public safety tax for the jail. The committee will begin discussions with the City of Madison to share their portion of the safety tax for the jail and possibly establish and interlocal agreement.

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