

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

DATE 05-06-2021

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, as well as the minutes from the April 1st and 15th meetings. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Kroger Pharmacy Plan change to Magellen Rx-Susan Walker, from USI Insurance presented an alternative plan to the County prescription plan, by switching to Magellen Rx. The insurance committee has reviewed the plan and the cost savings to the county employees and the county self-insurance fund and has recommended to the change to the Commissioners. Walker explained by switching to Magellen, the County will see overall lower claims, higher rebates for medications and lower copays for employees. USI and Custom Design Benefits are estimating a 43% savings. Magellen charges a 30% admin fee for their services of looking for rebates, manufacturer coupons, government grants or hospital paid drugs. Commissioner Bramer requested a report after 60 days to see how much the plan has saved. The change-over does not take effect until August 1. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to change the employee pharmacy plan from KPP to Magellen Rx. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Swan Road- Highway Department Superintendent, Robert Phillips received one bid from KLB Excavating for Swan Road. The engineers estimate for the project was \$132,000. KLB bid \$129,600 for the replacement, \$14,000 for the road repair, and \$16,400 for guardrail, for a total of \$160,000. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to accept the bid. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Equipment Rental & Labor Bids- Robert Phillips requested equipment rental and labor bids for on call work. Phillips explained that he will be adding these services to his annual bid requests. Bids from KLB Excavating, Dave O'Mara Contracting, All-Star Paving and Riverside Group, LLC were read aloud. Phillips requested that these bids be placed under advisement until the next meeting.

Grader Purchase- Phillips stated that the departments grader is needing motor repair, which was estimated at a \$40,000 repair. Ripley County Highway Department has a 2015 John Deere grader for sale for \$85,000. Phillips would like to purchase the Ripley County grader and sell the current grader as-is. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to move forward with the purchase of the 2015 John Deere grader. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

American Rescue Plan Ordinance (2021-02)- Commissioner David Bramer read an ordinance creating a new fund for the receipt of funding from the American Rescue Plan (ARP). The ARP provides \$350 billion in emergency funding to state and local governments. Jefferson County is scheduled to receive a total of \$6,265,938. The ordinance is required to be passed for the County to be able to start receiving funding in May. Commissioners will develop a plan in the coming weeks on the use of the funds. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to pass the ARP Ordinance 2021-02. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Jail Project- Commissioner Bramer said they received bids on April 23 for the jail construction. The bids must be accepted by June 21. At this time, the County's owners' representative and Shireman Construction, the construction manager for the jail, are reviewing the bids for any additional cost savings to the county.

Comprehensive Plan- The Plan Commission has reviewed the Comprehensive Plan and have recommended the plan be approved by the commissioners. Public meetings were held for public comment on the plan. Unfortunately, the entire process of developing the plan was delayed due to COVID-19. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to accept and approve the new Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Rogers Road- Larry Alexander and Jess Stoner of Rogers Road came to the meeting to express their concerns on the road conditions and request a “No Outlet” or “Dead End” road sign. Alexander said he has a circle driveway and most people are using it as a turn around because they are unaware that the road ends. Residents also explained the condition of road is deteriorating and is need of ditching. Residents requested Commissioner Bramer to inspect the roadway with them. Commissioner Bramer provided his cell phone number and will meet with the residents at a later date.

Sheriff’s Department- Sheriff Thomas was in attendance to provide updates on the Sheriff’s Department and Jail. Thomas discussed a recent fire inspection and the necessary purchases to remain compliant for the fire safety. Thomas purchased equipment to seal inmate property in air tight packaging. Thomas stated that this equipment can be used at the new jail as well.

Dogs in Brooksborg- Brooksborg resident, Kay Gross requested the animal control officer to take care of several dogs running loose in Brooksborg Town. Gross said the dogs defecate in the church playground and it has become a nuisance. Sheriff Thomas said he will contact the County’s animal control officer in the morning to come out and take care of the issue.

Substance Abuse 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. The next meeting will be held on May 20th at 3pm, all are welcome to attend.

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

ATTEST: _____
Sherry Eblen, Auditor

David Bramer, President

Robert Little, Member

Ron Lee, Member