

## **COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

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

DATE 05-20-2021

Commissioner David Bramer called the meeting to order, and led The Pledge of Allegiance with Ron Lee. Commissioner Little was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to approve the all accounts payable, and payroll claim dockets, as well as the minutes from the previous meeting. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 2/0.

**Amber Finnegan, Court Services-** Finnegan provided an update to the commissioners regarding the 2021 Community Corrections and Justice Reinvestment Grants, which have been extended an additional 6 months. These were previously approved grants for a 6-month period, however additional monies will be provided by the Department of Corrections for the additional 6 months of funding. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to accept the grant amendment. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 2/0. In other business, Finnegan stated that HEA1068 has been signed by the governor and will take effect on July 1. This Act will establish a local justice reinvestment advisory council, which will meet quarterly and report on an annual basis to the department of correction. The Community Corrections Advisory Board is anticipating to also serve as the local justice reinvestment advisory council. Finnegan will begin sending an invite to Commissioner Bramer to also attend these meetings.

**Patty Jackson, SIRPC-** Patty Jackson was in attendance to update the commissioners regarding the owner occupied rehab program. Jackson had applied for a \$95,000 USDA grant, which was awarded, however the Indiana Housing program for the owner occupied rehab program has ended. Jackson has sought out another program through the Federal Home Loan Bank in Indianapolis for an owner occupied rehab program. German American bank would be the bank to help apply for the program and Jefferson County would be the sponsor for the application, with the Regional Plan Commission as the co-sponsor for the application. Jackson will use the \$95,000 for a match for the program. This is a new program for SIRPC, therefore Patty Jackson will update the commissioners on the program as she gets further into the process. Commissioners were in favor of Jackson proceeding with the program.

**Surveyor's Office Section Corner Bids-** County Surveyor, Mike Pittman requested the approval from the commissioners to advertise a bid to complete section corners for the GIS mapping system. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to approve the bid advertisement. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 2/0. Pittman stated he will contact the courier and have it posted in the courier this week.

**Builders Risk Insurance for Jail-** Rick Sauley presented two quotes for the builders risk policy for the construction of the new jail facility. Travelers came in at \$53,620 for \$35,000,000 coverage with a \$5,000 deductible. Zurich came in at \$78,400 for \$35,600,000 coverage with a \$10,000 deductible. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to approve the policy with Travelers for \$54,620. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 2/0.

**Jail Facility Construction Contracts-** Mark Shireman presented a bid tabulation from the bid opening held on April 23. EH Construction \$28,522,000; Hussung Mechanical \$7,337,000; Link Electrical \$5,281,000; C & T Design \$462,257: Total \$41,601,257. Shireman would like to send a letter of intent to the low bidders, contingent upon the sale of bonds. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to award the contracts contingent on financing and to issue the letters of intent to contractors mentioned above. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 2/0.

**Resolution Approving Increased Maximum Principal Amount for Lease Rental Revenue Bonds-** Commissioner David Bramer explained that the bids received for the jail project came in higher than expected. Fortunately, the interest rates have remained low. Therefore, the overall cost of the annual payment will not increase. Commissioner Bramer read aloud the amendment to a

resolution (2021-05). Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 2/0.

**Equipment Rental & Labor Bids-** At a previous meeting, Robert Phillips requested equipment rental and labor bids for on call work be taken under advisement. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to accept all bids received from KLB Excavating, Dave O'Mara Contracting, All-Star Paving and Riverside Group, LLC for on call services. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 2/0.

**Highway Dept-** In other business, the Highway Department has completed the annual operations report. Phillips requested signatures from the commissioner and stated he will be submitting on Monday. Phillips stated that the department has been working on paving and patchwork throughout the county. Phillips has also received 7 letters of interest for Bridge 107, which will be completed in 2026.

**Dogs in Brooksborg-** At a previous meeting, Brooksborg resident, Kay Gross requested the animal control officer to take care of several dogs running loose in Brooksborg Town. According to Gross, the animal control officer has not taken care of the issue. Megan Robbins, Brooksborg resident, also explained her issues with the dogs. Robbins referred to the county ordinance and stated that no citation or ceasing of the dogs has taken place. Robbins stated that at least 1 of the dogs is aggressive to other animals and children. Commissioner Bramer asked that Robbins send a statement to his email and he will contact the Sheriff.

**RDA-** Steve Meyer announced that the State of Indiana will provide \$500,000,000 to 10 regions in Indiana. Steve suggested that Jefferson County begin thinking about using funds to provide economic impact to rural areas. Further discussion followed.

**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 June 17<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, all are welcome to attend.

Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner David Bramer seconded. Motion passed 2/0.

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Sherry Eblen, Auditor

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David Bramer, President

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Robert Little, Member

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Ron Lee, Member