

## **COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

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

DATE 05-21-2020

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 previous meetings minutes, all accounts payable, and payroll claim dockets. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

**Mike Pittman, Surveyor's Office Update-** Mike Pittman stated that the office has written 20-25 temporary building permits throughout the county. The office has not been collecting permit fees to eliminate office traffic and will begin collecting those soon. The office is also working on open permits from the past two years. Pittman also discussed the option of hiring a temporary building inspector while the county inspector is out on leave. Commissioner Bramer stated that the commissioners would work with Pittman on hiring a part time inspector to also help with additional workload in the future. Pittman also discussed the options of virtual building permits and virtual codes and will research those options to increase office efficiency.

Mike Pittman also discussed mobile home trailers throughout the county. Trailers are being moved into and around the county without the proper permitting. The office is working to create letters to send out to owners and is hopeful that the new nuisance ordinance will help the county with this issue.

**EMA-** The EOC remains open at level 4. The EMA is working to support all entities throughout the County regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Morgan stated that he has been researching the CARES Act funding for the County. Morgan stated that a meeting would be helpful to get an idea of what the County will need to do to move forward with requesting funds from the State.

**Sheriff Department Update-** Chief Deputy Josh Taylor stated that the department would like to update the commissioners regarding some building maintenance issues in the near future. Taylor stated that the building is having issues with the HVAC unit on top of the building.

**Highway Department-** Highway Superintendent Robert Phillips requested approval from the commissioners for the financial letter of commitment for the CCMG projects. Phillips also stated he is needing signatures to submit the County's annual operations report to LTAP. Commissioners were in agreement with both.

Jake Gayle Road and 900 N is needing small structures replaced and Phillips is requesting Civilcon to perform engineering estimate, surveying and scope of work for the projects for \$23,100. There is a possibility of an additional \$6,000 if any right-of-way is needed. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to proceed with Civilcon. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Road Closures- River Bottom Road closed due to the slide, between Hanover Beach and Ten Cent Road. And, Ten Cent Road closed due to high water, between Ten Cent and Prospect Road.

**ICJI Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program-** Commissioner Little stated that Judge DJ Mote had contacted him to let him know of this program and that Jefferson County is eligible for \$72,124.48. Commissioner Little stated that the Commissioners should give authority for the Judge's Office to pursue this funding. Commissioners Bramer and Lee were in agreement.

In other business, Commissioner Bramer stated that a draft of the building schematics for the new jail has been given to the jail committee for review. Bramer stated that the bond attorneys will be discussing financing in June.

Aaron Wood with Madison TV15 asked when the courthouse would be opening and when the county meetings would be open to the public. Commissioner Bramer stated that the County is still working to develop a plan for meetings and offices. A plan will be sent out to the public soon.

Commissioner Bramer also announced early voting dates for the courthouse.

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

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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