

## **COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

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

DATE 06-4-2020

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.

**Public Library Board Appointment**- The Jefferson County Public Library Board presented three options for library board trustee. Kathy Crafton, Robyn Ryle and Amy Hensley. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to appoint Kathy Crafton to library trustee for a term to begin on July 1, 2020 and end on June 30, 2024. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

**Two Mile Buffer**- Our current county ordinance regarding property maintenance and nuisances does not include the two-mile buffer area because the ordinance is part of the County's Zoning Ordinance and the County does not have zoning authority in the two-mile buffer area. In order to have authority regarding property maintenance and nuisance issues, a separate ordinance for the two-mile buffer outside of the County's Zoning Ordinance had to be created. First, the commissioners would need to rescind ordinance 2019-06, which created a new zoning map of the county to include all of the two-mile buffer as part of the county. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to rescind ordinance 2019-06. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0. Secondly, the commissioners have prepared a new ordinance specifically for the two-mile buffer. The ordinance created is a copy of the current county ordinance for property maintenance, an amendment in the County's Zoning Ordinance. Commissioner David Bramer stated that this ordinance will be modified in the future to include other issues the county has faced and will be made available to the public for discussion. Commissioner Robert Little stated that once this ordinance is enacted, the county will be able to enforce nuisance and property maintenance issues within the two-mile buffer. Commissioner Little made a motion to adopt ordinance 2020-04 with the intent to modify the ordinance in the future. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

**Highway Department**- Highway Superintendent Robert Phillips addressed concerns regarding the intersection of Chicken Run and Borcharding Road. Phillips read the recommendation from Traffic Safety Engineer, Laura Slusher from LTAP. Slusher stated that she did not believe the intersection warrants an all way stop. Slusher based the decision on data over the past ten years and traffic count. Slusher did recommend adding stop bars to both approaches at Borcharding Road and adding intersection warning signs on Chicken Run and possibly speed limit signs. Phillips will be contacting a vendor to do the striping. The Commissioners agree to proceed with the recommendations but will look into other options to promote the safety of drivers.

Phillips also updated the commissioners on several projects that are completed and underway within the department.

**Plexiglass Shields**- The County has reached out to Superatv for a quote for shields for several departments in the courthouse. The quote consists of 19 shields of various sizes for \$1890. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to proceed with purchasing the shields. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

In other business, Commissioner Little explained the issues with the health department sewer system. Tammy Monroe is receiving quotes to replace the entire system and will more than likely need to ask council for additional funding for the repairs. Commissioner Ron Lee announced to the public to continue to look at the county website for updates regarding meetings. Lee also addressed the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment sanctuary to let the public know that the commissioners have not forgotten about it, but want to give the public the opportunity to attend a public meeting for discussion. The commissioners are also working on developing a plan for the courthouse to reopen and will update the public at a later date.

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