

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Jefferson Co. Courthouse, Room 103, 300 E. Main Street Madison, IN 47250

JUNE 12, 2018

START- 5:00 pm

ADJOURN- 5:58 pm

In attendance: County Council President Chris Shelton, County Council members Gary Armbrrecht, Judy Smith, Pam Crozier, Ray Denning and Joe Craig. Auditor, Sherry Eblen and taking minutes, Kelli Hoffman. Heather Foy was not in attendance.

Chris led giving the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Minutes from 05/15/2018 were approved. Pam made motion to approve, Judy 2nd. Minutes approved 6/0.

Tawana Thomas: Visit Madison: Tawana was in attendance to talk to Council about the Innkeepers' Tax, explaining that the State currently collects this 5% tax for Jefferson County and that Jefferson County is only 1 of 8 Communities that still has the State collect the fee, with the rest of the Communities collecting the fees locally. Tawana explained the benefits for collecting this tax locally and talked about how there would be accuracy showing who has and hasn't paid the tax and who should and shouldn't be paying in Jefferson County. She also stated that the Board of Tourism supports collecting this tax and explained if Council approved to collect the Innkeepers' Tax, the ordinance would need to be updated and 90 days would need to pass in order to give the community notification of the change in the ordinance. Council stated they would like to find out more information before making a decision and stated they'd like to know if there's a software that could be used and asked Tawana to find out how other communities are keeping this information.

David Bramer: Commissioner President: Dave was in attendance to give Council a brief update on the Commissioners looking into facilities to house the EMA Director and historical books. David explained that the Main Source Bank building located on Main Street is for sale and is the same building that the Courthouse used after the Courthouse fire and explained that the Commissioners haven't done anything other than walk through the building and are interested in getting more information. Dave also explained that this building is listed for a decent price, but the Commissioner's wanted to make sure Council was on the same page with them on possibility purchasing a building before proceeding forward and getting more information. Council looked over a handout that Dave passed out that had the building information and general ideas for the use of this space and then suggested to go ahead and talk with the owners about the listing price and see if there was any negotiating that could take place with the price.

John Wallace: Sheriff: John was in attendance to answer any questions on the transfers and additional he put in to Council. John explained the Sheriff's Dept. have had 5 cars in wrecks within the last 1 ½ months, with 2 cars being totaled out. John explained how 2 cars will need to be purchased and from the totals, the department has received \$18,000 from insurance on one of the vehicles and \$0 on the other vehicle, but it should be coming through soon. John also explained that currently the jail is about 50 inmates over population, explained how the overpopulation of inmates has caused inmates to be housed in rooms that aren't meant for inmates and explained how there are some inmates who are now causing damage to the facility. John and Council discussed if inmates are having to pay for the damages they cause and John explained if an inmate has money in their commissary fund, it is being removed to pay for any damages they've caused. Council suggested looking into moving any Level 6 inmates to the State if they have more than 4 to 6 months left on their sentence, in order to save the County any money.

(Detailed fund/account information is located at the end of these minutes.)

Council discussed and voted on a transfer for \$16,000 going into two accounts. One for \$10,000 and the other for \$6,000. Pam made motion to approve, Ray 2nd. Approved 6/0.

Health Department Additional- *(Detailed fund/account information is located at the end of these minutes.)*

Council discussed and voted on an additional for \$6.60. Judy made motion to approve, Gary 2nd. Approved 6/0.

Damon Welch / Bob Cook: Economic Development Nomination- Mr. Welch and Mr. Cook were in attendance to about the Council's nomination that needed to be voted on for the person they would nominate to serve on the Economic Development Board. Mr. Cook explained how Council nominates 1 person to the board, the City nominates 1 person and the Mayor nominates 3 people. Mr. Cook recently found out that any County or City board member could not be nominated to serve on the Economic Board, but Council still needed to nominate someone on their behalf. Due to time restrictions and needing to get someone voted upon, Mr. Cook and Mr. Welch suggested Council to nominate Bob Courtney. Joe made a motion to nominate Bob Courtney, Pam 2nd. Approved 6/0.

Troy Morgan: EMA: Troy was in attendance and updated Council saying that FEMA wrapped up work on Monday, but stated that privately owned home owners would still have until July 5 to add their name for assistance. Troy stated FEMA came to assess 132, but ended up adding more while in town, for a new total of 205. Troy also stated that 49 owners registered and chose to take advantage of the assistance FEMA provided and explained that \$44,000 was written from FEMA on June 1, 2018. Troy also explained that there was a meeting scheduled for Troy and Bobby Phillips to attend to start on the recovery of roads.

Pam made a motion to adjourn, Ray 2nd. Approved 6/0.

TRANSFERS:

Sheriff/Jail

FROM:

1000-005-0115.00 \$10,000.00
1000-005-0115.00 \$ 6,000.00

TO:

1000-005-0223.00
1000-019-0119.00

ADDITIONAL:

Health Department

1159-001-0215.00 \$6.60

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Auditor Attest: _____