

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Jefferson County Public Safety Center, 620 Green Road, Madison, Indiana

DATE 07-06-2023

Commissioner Robert Little called the meeting to order, and led The Pledge of Allegiance along with David Bramer and Ron Lee. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to approve the previous meetings minutes, all accounts payable, and payroll claim dockets. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Children's Advocacy Center Budget Request- Executive Director, Kelli Jette came before the Commissioners to request \$25,000 for the 2024 budget. Jette provided documents explaining the many benefits of the CAC in our County and explained how the system works if a child is in need of services. Jette also updated the commissioners on the 601 West Street building. The Commissioners will take the request under advisement for the 2024 budget.

Bridge 6 Bids- The Highway Department received 4 bids for the bridge 6 project. 1) Louisville Paving \$592,000 2) Dave O'Mara Contracting \$586,700 3) Temple & Temple \$587,301 4) RL Vuckson \$567,802.86. The engineers estimate was \$523,362.09. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to award the bid to RL Vuckson. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Highway Department Update- Highway Superintendent, Robert Phillips provided an update on the various projects the department is working on. Discussion followed about Hanover Beach Road construction. Phillips stated that the Town of Hanover and Hanover Sewer Department is handling the construction of the road. Phillips was clear to the engineers that the road is to be returned to the condition before the project began. Phillips said the road was functional before the project began. Phillips is planning to reach out to the engineers to discuss paving that was on schedule for May and request patchwork.

HWC Engineering Align Regional Trails Plan- The Align Regional Trails Plan includes Clark, Floyd, Washington, Scott and Harrison counties. HWC will provide planning to include Jefferson County in the Trails Plan. Commissioner David Bramer provided an example of possibly establishing a trail to connect Heritage Trail to Hanover College and on to Hanover Beach Road and beyond, creating a regional trail. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to approve the engineering services agreement with HWC for \$17,900 for the Jefferson County portion of the study. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

USI Consultants/JPG Campground Study- Commissioner Bramer presented an on-call assignment with USI Consultants to research and prepare a conceptual site layout for a campground. The campground is to be located at Kreuger Lake in the proving grounds. The project is not to exceed \$33,600. Commissioner David Bramer has invited members of the park board to be a part of the project. Park Board member, Richard Hill said he would be glad to be involved. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded. Motion passed 3/0.

Noise Ordinance- Commissioner Robert Little has been in contact with the county attorney to develop a noise ordinance. Commissioner Little stated he will present the ordinance and have a first reading at the next meeting.

Jail Update- Commissioner Little stated the jail project is almost complete. The crews were finishing paving and working on the cameras and door controls. Discussion followed on communicating with Brett Roberts on developing a plan or schedule on the various systems at the new building. Commissioner Little said the construction team will soon hold a "owners schooling" before the building is turned over to the County.

EMA Update- EMA Deputy, Matt True updated the commissioners on the various projects he has been working on. The HVAC on the dispatch side was recently replaced. True is working on getting a quote for the logistics building in Hanover to have the same camera and key card system as the Public Safety Center. He is waiting for a re-quote on the wall demo for the Public Safety Center. True has been in contact with First Net about a mobile cell tower to be used at the fairgrounds during the fair. True provided a report from the Regatta event and said that

issues the EMA found were communication issues due to radio communication. The EMA advisory board will hold a meeting on July 10th at the Public Safety Center. Commissioners thanked True for the updates.

Animal Shelter Update- Director, Tricia Parker provided an update on the cat adoptions. Right now the adoptions for cats is half price. Parker also said the animal shelter van is no longer in use. She had Craig Toyota look at the van and they advised her that there was an issue with a computer module and the cost to fix is higher than what the van is worth. Commissioner David Bramer said he has a personal vehicle that he would be willing to let the animal shelter use while the shelter decides if they want to purchase a new van. Bramer said if the trailblazer works out for the shelter, they can continue to use it as long as needed.

Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner David Bramer seconded. Motion passed 3/0.

ATTEST: _____
Heather Huff, Auditor

Robert Little, President

Ron Lee, Member

David Bramer, Member