

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Jefferson County EMA Office
620 Green Rd
Madison, IN 47250

7-14-2020
START- 5:00 pm
ADJOURN-7:10 pm

In attendance: County Council Members Pam Crozier, Joe Craig, Judy Smith, Ray Black, Heather Foy, Chris Shelton, Sherry Eblen, Heather Huff taking minutes.

Pam Crozier called the meeting to order, and led all in attendance with The Pledge of Allegiance of The United States of America. Judy Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from June 9, 2020 meeting. Chris Shelton seconded the motion. Motion passed 6/0.

Robert Little- on behalf of Tammy Monroe- Jefferson County Health Dept- The Health department has collected bids for repair and replacement of equipment for the sewage lines. Currently the Health Department uses two above ground grinder pump units, which one is inoperable. The equipment used is the original equipment placed when the Health Department was constructed. After discussion the Council made bid recommendations, and Robert Little will collect that information for next month's meeting and present it at that time.

David Thomas- Jefferson County Sheriff- David updated the Council on the Central Square conversion which staff will be trained on by the end of July, with a live launch date in early August. The Sheriff's Department has been able to negotiate the cost of housing inmates in other facilities, currently there are 57 Jefferson County inmates at other facilities.

Kenny Garrett- Town Of Hanover- Kenny thanked the County for continued support of the Hanover Parks Department and the Hanover Senior Citizens Group. Pictures were shown of projects that were completed due to donations from Jefferson County such as new fencing at sports fields, new volley ball courts, and tennis building update. The plan for 2021 is to improve the baseball building. The county's contribution of \$5,000.00 to the Senior Citizen group serves as a match to enable the group to receive a grant. The Council took the information under advisement for future budget hearings.

Channel 15- Tawana Thomas & Jan Vetrhus- Tawana and Jan presented information about Channel 15, Madison's local cable channel. Channel 15 is ran on fees collected from local cable companies, currently Channel 15 receives 15% of the Cable Franchise fees that are deposited to local entities general funds. The Cable Advisory Board is requesting 50% of the Franchise fees for 2021. The additional revenue would ensure that Channel 15 would be able to make the much needed equipment updates. Council took this request under advisement for future budget hearings.

Richard Carter- Concerned Resident- Richard Carter a resident of Jefferson County was concerned with funds coming from Jefferson County that the City Of Madison was using for the PACE program. Richard was concerned the fund for the newly established Safety Tax was being used incorrectly. Council Members explained with the assistance from Andrew Lanam the interlocal agreement between the City and the County states the City of Madison will pledge 50% of their portion of the Safety tax back to the County, in return the County pledged an amount from River Boat Economic Development to be used for the PACE program. The Council thanked Mr. Carter for his concerns.

David Bramer & Andrew Lanam- Jail Project- Andrew presented information on proposed financial options to finance the Jail. The Jail is currently in the design phase, which is the figures used for the finance options presented. The debt can be reduced by \$2,000,000.00 by using the accumulated Jail tax collected. Andrew also did a study on how COVID will affect the income tax collection, at this time the effect appears to be minimal. Last week the Commissioners formed a Building Corporation to lease the Jail from during the time of finance. This board is formed and the following were appointed as members

of the board, Clifford Carnes, Warren Auxier, and Andy Crozier. The next step will be an approved lease between the Commissioners and Council and the Building Corporation. The lease will be presented for approval at the August meeting. A committee has been appointed to manage the use of the existing jail for inpatient treatment. The committee currently consists of Heather Foy, Ron Lee, Bob Courtney, Jim Courter, Cherilyn Miller, and Amber Finnegan.

Susie Lawrence- 911 Director- Susie updated the Council that the move from the downtown 911 location is now complete and 911 is now located at the Green Rd. location. The grounding of the 911 tower is now complete and lighting is working with a few minor glitches being worked out. Susie was requesting the following appropriations to take place, as result of moving expenses.

1222-001-0308.00 \$10,000.00 Radio equipment, wiring etc.

Judy Smith made a motion to approve the request. Joe Craig seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0.

1222-001-0308.00 \$16,822.34 Move, Set up, Lodging, Travel Expense etc.

Chris Shelton made a motion to approve the request. Judy Smith seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0.

Transfers

VSO-

From		To	
1000-021-0222.00	\$1,000.00	1000-021-0221.00	\$1,000.00
Stand Down		Office Supplies	
1000-021-0331.00	\$200.00	1000-021-0323.00	\$200.00
Equipment		Telephone	
1000-021-0222.00	\$500.00	1000-021-0221.00	\$500.00
Stand Down		Office Supplies	

Joe Craig made a motion to approve the request. Ray Black seconded the motion. Motion passed 6/0.

Additional-

Health Department-

4999-001-0204.00 \$633.00 Furniture & Equipment State approved

Judy Smith made a motion to approve the request. Chris Shelton seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0.

1159-001-0215.00 \$1,152.88 Immunization Grant

Joe Craig made the motion to approve the request. Chris Shelton seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0.

1159-001-0215.00 \$459.40 Immunization Grant

Ray Black made a motion to approve the request. Judy Smith seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0.

The Council then signed the resolution that was approved at the June 09, 20 meeting.

Jefferson County Library- per State of Indiana a declaration of fiscal body must be filed. Jefferson County is the fiscal body for the Jefferson County Library. The form was signed for the state. Judy explained the services the Library provides, and how COVID was handled.

Pam Crozier then recommended members to think about the possibility of a task force to help monitor Jail expenses.

Budget hearings will take place August 8-10-20 and 8-11-20 at the EMA office located on Green Road, with August's regular monthly business meeting to follow.

Chris Shelton made a motion to adjourn. Judy Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 6/0.

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Auditor Attest: _____