

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

DATE 07-25-2019

Commissioner Robert Little called the meeting to order, and led The Pledge of Allegiance along with Ron Lee and David Bramer. Commissioner David Bramer 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.

VSO 2nd Quarter Report- County VSO, Faith Weir presented the second quarter report from the Veteran Service Office. During the second quarter, the office has assisted with 361 claims and awarded \$266,309.16 in Veteran benefits to County Veterans and their families. The VSO office also documents each phone call. The office received 818 incoming calls and 532 outgoing calls during the quarter. Weir also presented a letter from U.S Representative, Greg Pence, inviting her serve as a board member on the Indiana's Sixth Congressional District Veterans Advisory Board. Weir explained that this will not affect her position with the County, but will need to attend quarterly meetings. The Commissioners were in favor of her accepting the invitation. In other business, Weir stated that the Stand Down event will be held at the Brown Gym on September 14th to honor area veterans.

Metronet Contract-EMA/911 Building- Troy Morgan and Jennifer Shelton presented two separate Metronet contracts for the new building on Green Road. The contracts include service for internet, phone, TV and back up phone lines for emergency situations. The departments will share all internet and TV services but the phone lines will be billed separately due to the different needs of each department. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to accept the 36-month contracts for Metronet service for the EMA and 911 departments. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0. On behalf of 911 Director, Susie Lawrence, Jennifer Shelton presented a part time IT contract for the commissioners to review. Commissioners will take the contract under advisement.

Road Concerns, David Johnson- Johnson stated he has looked over the Gravel Road Conversion Program on the website and believes that the residents will not qualify for the program because of the small cost that it would take to repair the road and the traffic count not exceeding 100 cars per day. The commissioners recommended Johnson to turn the forms in regardless of what he believes the point values may be, to be considered for the conversion program in the future. Johnson and other residents are still interested in what it would take to chip and seal the road. Further discussion followed on cost effectiveness and concerns for not converting the road to chip and seal.

EMA Update- EMA Director Troy Morgan stated that the building construction is ahead of schedule at this time and is scheduled to be finished in September. Duke Energy will be assessing the exterior lighting soon and the backup generators are on order. Morgan also stressed an IT issue that IT Director, Tyson Skinner had brought to his attention. IT will not be able to add phone lines to the County phone system until an update is done. The demolition in the storage area has been completed as well to house the Clerk's Office books that are located in the Annex basement. Morgan will continue to update the commissioners as the construction progresses.

Highway Department Update- Highway Superintendent Robert Phillips stated Bridge 142 is open and USI has inspected the structure today. Phillips also announced an upcoming road closure on Rykers Ridge Road for a large pipe replacement. Phillips stated the Annual Operations Report was filed with LTAP and State Board of Accounts on June 20, 2019. A notice to proceed has been signed for the paving bids from the previous meeting, which was awarded to Dave O'Mara. In other business, Phillips attended several LTAP Road Scholar classes in Madison. Phillips also wanted to inform the commissioners that he had recently purchased dust control

for his own property at his own expense, as well as the vegetation control from the same company that the county uses. He wanted it to be clear that he was getting billed separately.

Jail Land-Geotechnical-Phase I Environmental Assessment- Commissioner Bramer presented two bids for the Geotechnical Phase I study. The first bid is from ATC at \$7100 for the geotechnical portion and \$2100 for the phase I portion. ATC will perform 16 tests at 20 ft. deep. The second bid is from Terracon at \$13,500 for the geotechnical portion and \$2850 for the phase I portion. Terracon will perform 16 tests at 30 ft. deep. Commissioner Bramer stated he would contact the companies to ask additional questions and notify the other commissioners before a decision is made.

Comprehensive Plan Update- Commissioner Bramer said the steering committee for the comprehensive plan update will host a public meeting on July 30th at Ivy Tech for public input. All are invited to attend at any time between 6-8pm.

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

ATTEST: _____
Sherry Eblen, Auditor

Robert Little, President

David Bramer, Member

Ron Lee, Member