

## **COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

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

DATE 07-27-2023

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.

**Springdale Cemetery-** The commissioners presented a \$25,000 check from the Historic Preservation fund to Springdale Cemetery board members, John Muessel and Don McKay. Springdale Cemetery plans to rehab the chapel located in the cemetery, which Muessel anticipates taking one year to complete. Commissioners look forward to watching the progress. Commissioners also thanked Springdale for donating several church pews to the County for the second floor courts.

**Health Department Assistant Administrator-** Administrator, Lindsey Wyne attended the meeting to introduce the new assistant administrator for the health department. Kaylan Robinson was promoted to the newly created position. Commissioner Bramer invited Wyne to attend the next Health and Human Relations commission meeting, which will be held next week at the Public Safety Center.

**Noise Ordinance-** Commissioners read the first reading of a new noise ordinance for the County. The public provided no comments on the ordinance. The ordinance does include penalty fees, which will be determined later. The Sheriff has also reviewed the ordinance and will suggest edits. Commissioners will have a second reading at their next meeting.

**Peters Franklin Agreement-** Auditor Heather Huff presented an agreement from Peters Franklin, which is a financial advisor to assist the county with the budget process or assist in providing recommendations for the county's various funds and appropriations. The county attorney has reviewed the agreement and requested an amendment to include a cancellation policy. Huff also stated the council has approved funding for this agreement. The cost of the agreement will not exceed \$24,000. Commissioner Bramer made a motion to approve the agreement to develop the financial plan. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

**SIRPC Appointment-** Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to appoint county employee, Brian Amick to the Southeastern Indiana Regional Plan Commission. This appointment is to fill a vacancy from employee, Erica Cline. The appointment will begin today and expire December 31, 2023. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

**WTH Limited Use Agreement-** WTH submitted a request for Lussier Golf Course Design to assist the City of Madison to redesign Sunrise Golf Course. There is no fee for the agreement. Commissioner Lee made a motion to accept the agreement. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

**Telegraph Hill-Rykers Ridge Sewer District Appointments-** The Sewer District has requested four members be reappointed to the district; Gary Maas, Susan Culbreath, Cliff Carnes, Mark Cheatham. The board also wishes to appoint new member Robert Sondles. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to approve the appointments. Commissioner Lee seconded. Motion passed 3/0.

**Highway Department Update-** Highway Clerk, Vicki Wehner attended the meeting on behalf of Superintendent, Robert Phillips. Wehner updated the commissioners on the various department projects. Wehner also announced that the bridge on 750 N is now open and the new bridge will be added to the county's inventory. Paving on the CCMG 2022-2 has been completed. United Consulting was the highest rank for the bridge inventory inspection.

**Community Crossings Matching Grant Program-** Phillips is requesting a financial commitment from the county for the 2023-02 CCMG grant. Phillips is applying for a \$1,000,000 grant, with a 25% match from County funds. Commissioners signed the letter of commitment during the meeting.

**Gravel Road Conversion-** Wehner updated the commissioners on this years' selection, which is Inness Road. Wehner stated that Inness Road is set to be completed in 2024. Last year, three roads were selected to be converted in 2023. However, due to funding, only one road was selected for 2024 because of the length of Inness Road.

**EMA Update-** EMA Deputy, Matt True updated the commissioners on the various projects he has been working on. The mass text notification system has changed with the National Weather Service. True is working with the County's IT department to coordinate IP addresses for the Rave notification system. True picked up the new golf cart trailer from Austin and thanked Highway Clerk, Vicki Wehner for helping him with the title information. EMA Director, Troy Morgan had begun discussions with the coast guard about various options for Jefferson County for a boat to keep on the river for emergency situations. True will continue those discussions and update the commissioners on the grant process, which may be a 25% match. True has signed up for additional training from FEMA to receive his Primary Emergency Management Certification.

**Public Comment-** Julie Patterson attended the meeting to discuss an email regarding animal welfare in the County. Patterson would like to partner with another organization to assist the county with spay and neuter clinics. Commissioner Bramer suggested Patterson to meet with new grant writer, Brian Amick to research various grants that may be available. Commissioner Bramer also made a suggestion to meet with the animal shelter director and volunteers to discuss other sources, that may be able to promote the welfare of animals. Commissioner Bramer thanked Patterson for taking animals to Cincinnati to spay and neuter.

Adam King requested an update on the shelter van that is currently inoperable. Commissioner Bramer will be donating his spare vehicle to the shelter. After a few minor repairs, the trailblazer will be turned over to the County in the near future.

In other business, new employee Brian Amick updated the commissioners on the Archivist/Grant Writer Department. Amick has been working on various files and familiarizing himself with the Revolving Loan Program. Commissioner Bramer will reach out to OCRA about grant education courses.

Commissioner Lee received an update on the treatment study. He hopes to have the results of the study within the next couple of weeks. Commissioner Bramer stated the stormwater master plan will be finished this month. Once the county has the plan, the county will be able to apply for grant opportunities.

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Heather Huff, Auditor

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Robert Little, President

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Ron Lee, Member

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David Bramer, Member