

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Jefferson County Commissioners Office, 300 E Main Street, Madison, Indiana

DATE 08-03-2022

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

Bethany Legacy Foundation- Dora Anim, President and CEO of the Bethany Legacy Foundation, previously known as Bethany Circle, introduced herself to the Commissioners and discussed what her plans are regarding the newly created foundation. Anim hopes to build relationships with the community and hopes to work with the foundation to create various grant opportunities for charitable organizations and nonprofits.

4H Fairgrounds Fiber Request- Ellie Troutman and Taylor Reinhardt came before the commissioners to propose an ARP funding request, specific to providing fiber internet to the 4H fairgrounds. Troutman and Reinhardt have worked to bring the first PRCA rodeo to Madison in September. They would like to be able to stream the rodeo live on RFDTV but without efficient internet service, they will be unable to do so. Currently, there is only a small amount of cell phone reception and no internet at the fairgrounds. Troutman has been in discussion with Spectrum, who has already performed a site survey of the grounds. Spectrum has also pledged to help with \$25,000 of the construction costs of getting the fiber to site. Currently, the internet bill for the fairgrounds is around \$99. With the added high speed fiber, that cost will increase to approximately \$1300 a month. Spectrum is also willing to help the fairgrounds by lowering the bill after 2 years. The fairgrounds will have the option to raise and lower the speed depending on the time of year. The lowest the bill could be is approximately \$300. Troutman is requesting \$50,000 for the fiber project, \$25,000 will be a match to the construction costs and any remaining, would be to assist the fairgrounds on the bill for the next two years. The Commissioners advised they set aside some ARP money for broadband and would consider using that or other ARP funding. A decision will be made at the next Commissioner meeting.

Highway Update- Bobby Phillips was in attendance to update the commissioners on various highway department projects. Phillips also presented several quotes for new equipment, which he will purchase using the \$500,000 of the ARP money. The equipment purchase was over the \$500,000 threshold, but he used part of his budget for the additional amount. Commissioner Bramer made a motion to approve the following purchases: New Case 580SN Loader Backhoe \$117,995.38, New Case 521G Wheel Loader \$165,886.18, New Case 856C Motor Grader \$268,586.18, Used 2014 Peterbilt 365 Tractor \$52,000, Used New Holland T56 110 \$86,500. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0

In other business, Auditor Heather Huff updated the commissioners on the capital management plan, which is now a requirement for the State Board of Accounts audit. Huff attended a Southwest District Auditor Conference, where she met a vendor that can assist in the creation of the plan and assist with the inventory aspect of the plan. Huff will contact the vendor to get a quote and contract for services. Commissioner Bramer is working the Health and Human Relations Commission, which will help provide various resources to residents. Commissioner Bramer also said he has been in touch with Todd Bass at JPG and will begin discussions on the airspace available. The RDA will meet Friday at 10am at the Clark County Government Building. Commissioner Ron Lee announced the next Residential Treatment Committee meeting will be held on August 18 at the Public Safety Center. The Commissioner meeting will follow. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner David Bramer seconded. Motion passed 3/0.

ATTEST: _____

Heather Huff, Auditor

Ron Lee, President

Robert Little, Member

David Bramer, Member