

## **COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

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

DATE 08-08-2019

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.

**Hanover College Historic Preservation-** Lake Lambert, from Hanover College, came before the commissioners to request support for a study for the historic Hanover College campus to be added to the national historic register. Lambert stated that he would like for the campus to be recognized as a historical property and is requesting \$6200-\$6500 for the study. Commissioner Robert Little stated that the commissioners will take the request under advisement at this time.

**Hanover Presbyterian Church-** David Harden, a representative from Hanover Presbyterian Church, stated that the church is in need of a new roof. The church has raised \$29,700 and is requesting \$10,000 from the historic preservation fund. Commissioner Little stated that the commissioners will take the request under advisement.

**Highway Department Update-** Highway Superintendent Robert Phillips stated the Rykers Ridge project is nearing completion. The department has also been chip and sealing. Phillips will be updating his PASER ratings as the roads are completed. Phillips received three quotes to replace a culvert on Doe Run Road. McAlister Excavating submitted a quote for \$90,900, Dupont Service for \$52,500, and KLB Excavating at \$14,800 with the County supplying the culvert. Robert Phillips stated that he would advise that KLB be awarded the project. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to accept the quote from KLB Excavating for the culvert replacement. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

**Sheriff's Department Update-** Sheriff Dave Thomas stated he will have one new deputy that will be out of the academy in 4 weeks and two deputies that will be going to the academy. Thomas stated that two deputies will be leaving due to salary and benefits. In other business, there was a party on K Road last weekend with about 200 people in attendance. The department did receive a few noise complaints.

**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. Morgan also updated the commissioners on the power supplies for both EMA and 911. Morgan submitted a \$5000 grant application to the Department of Homeland Security for new equipment for the building. He will keep the commissioners updated on any other news in the future.

**RDA Update-** Steve Meyer, a representative for the RDA board, stated that the RDA will be finalizing the comprehensive plan on August 16<sup>th</sup> and will be made public soon.

**Public Comment-** Nel Konkle, a resident on Greenbriar Road, thanked the highway department for the road signs and requested information about traffic counts. Phillips stated that there were about 300 cars on the road per day, which can be found on the INDOT website. Phillips estimates that the count is actually less than that.

**Comprehensive Plan Update-** Commissioner Bramer stated that a public meeting was held on July 30<sup>th</sup> with about 75-80 people in attendance. The consultant is working on the ideas from that meeting and will be meeting with focus groups over the next month. A draft of the plan will be established for review in December. There is an online survey for those that were unable to make the meeting and would like to provide input.

**Jail Land-Geotechnical-Phase I Environmental Assessment**- Commissioner Bramer stated that the borings have been performed on the proposed jail land. The preliminary report states that the land looks ok to build on the land. Commissioner Bramer will continue to update everyone on the status of the property.

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

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Sherry Eblen, Auditor

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Robert Little, President

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David Bramer, Member

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Ron Lee, Member