

## **COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

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

DATE 08-18-2022

Commissioner Ron Lee called the meeting to order, and led The Pledge of Allegiance along with Robert Little and David Bramer. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to approve the previous meetings minutes, all accounts payable, and payroll claim dockets. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

**Community Coordinator Position-** Jason Cranney, Court Services Director attended the meeting on behalf of the JRAC committee to provide a recommendation to the commissioners to hire Michael Hicks as the contracted community coordinator. This position is a contract position that will be fully funded with a grant that the County received earlier in the year. Cranney stated the JRAC committee had 50 applicants for the position. Cranney said Hicks will be able to start as soon as August 22. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to approve the hiring of contract employee Michael Hicks as the new Community Coordinator. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

**Capital Asset Management Plan-** Ron Heller, from Municipal Finance Consulting, presented his services to the Commissioners regarding a required State Board of Accounts capital asset management plan that he intends to help create for Jefferson County. Heller explained in detail the GASB 34 (Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement #34) which deals with the reporting of long-lived capital assets. Roadways are typically a county's major infrastructure asset. The County attorney is reviewing a policy to be adopted by the county commissioners. Auditor Heather Huff stated that she will bring the approved policy to the next commissioner meeting for approval. Heller recommended a policy that identifies assets \$10,000 or more. Auditor Huff explained that this plan is now required by the SBOA and the county could be written up without it. The commissioners will take under advisement and wait for the policy from the attorney.

**Jail Update-** Construction Manager, Mark Shireman attended the meeting to provide a jail update to the commissioners regarding an increase in cost of pvc piping. Shireman stated the County has a \$50,000 allowance within their jail budget for instances such as these. Therefore, he is not requesting additional money at this time, but letting the commissioners know that the allowance will be used towards pvc piping, due to unexpected cost increases due to inflation.

**Richard Carter-** County resident, Richard Carter attended the meeting to discuss his request for a second amendment preservation act. Carter provided various documents supporting his request and also clarified his stance from the recent second amendment public meeting. Carter does not want county tax dollars to be used to enforce federal or state law regarding gun control. Audience discussion and debate followed. Many residents attended the meeting to ask for an update on the second amendment ordinance that was presented two years ago. At the second amendment public hearing, that was held on July 28<sup>th</sup>, the commissioners said they would begin researching ordinances regarding the second amendment. The residents are upset that nothing has been presented yet. A separate second amendment meeting was requested and it was suggested that the commissioners contact our State representatives to discuss the matter. Commissioner Lee stated he would be the point of contact if residents have questions or concerns regarding the matter. The commissioners will continue to work on an ordinance and will publish a separate meeting specifically to discuss the second amendment ordinance.

**4H Fairgrounds Fiber Request-** At the August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, representatives from the upcoming Madison Rodeo attended the meeting to request that a portion of the ARP money that has been set aside for Broadband use, be allocated towards installing fiber at the fairgrounds for the rodeo and for future use of the 4H programs and other activities held on the grounds. Originally, Ellie Troutman and Tayler Reinhardt had had discussions with Spectrum, who gave them a quote of \$25,000 for the installation. Troutman and Reinhardt had also requested an additional \$25,000 to be put towards two years of the monthly fiber bill. Commissioner Little and 4H fairgrounds IT, Tim McDonough had contacted Metronet, who stated they could provide the install at a cost of \$7500, with a projected monthly bill of \$250. Audience discussion followed on whether or not this was a good use of broadband funds. Reinhardt was in attendance at

tonight's meeting for the final decision and to stress the importance of the fiber at the fairgrounds for not only the rodeo, but also for the 4H youth and in the instance that we have another pandemic. County residents and students could park at the fairgrounds and utilize the wifi. Commissioner Little made a motion to provide \$7500 to the Jefferson County Agriculture Association and \$250 per month for 1 year, out of the County's appropriated ARP broadband funds. Commissioner Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

**WTH Data Exchange**- WTH Technologies submitted a letter requesting approval from the Commissioners for the mapping company, WTH, to release GIS layer files to CoreLogic. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to accept and sign the agreement. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

**Cathy Hale**- Supporter of the Children's Advocacy Center, Cathy Hale attended the meeting to urge the commissioners to donate additional money towards CAC. Hale explained the differences between CAC and CASA and stressed the importance of the CAC. Commissioner Bramer stated that there are funds set aside within the American Rescue Plan funds for nonprofits. Hale requested at least \$100,000 to be set aside for the CAC.

Commissioner Ron Lee announced the next Residential Treatment Committee meeting will be held on September 15th 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.

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Heather Huff, Auditor

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Ron Lee, President

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Robert Little, Member

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David Bramer, Member