

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

DATE 08-21-2020

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

Resolution Concerning Cyclical Reassessment Contracts- The Jefferson County Attorney along with counsel from Tyler Technologies discussed a resolution and agreement which states that Jefferson County would rescind the Lexur contract and reinstate the Tyler contract. Commissioner Robert Little stated he had recently read a letter from State Board of Accounts Wes Bennett. In summary, Bennett stated that the County did not violate any Indiana Codes with the bid process and contract with Lexur. Commissioners Bramer and Lee agreed with Little. Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve and sign the Resolution Concerning Cyclical Reassessment (2020-06). Commission Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Animal Shelter Adoption Fees Ordinance- Commissioner David Bramer read the first reading of the ordinance. Shelter Manager, Jenny Slover attended the meeting and discussed that the ordinance would allow the manager to change fees on a per animal basis or as necessary. Slover stated that the current adoption fee would be raised to include neutering the animal and any vaccinations an animal would need prior to being adopted. Commissioner Bramer requested that a list of services and costs to be made public. During comments from the public, Warren Auxier stated that the advisory board should discuss the ordinance at their next meeting, on September 2nd. Auxier stated that input from the board could improve the ordinance.

Heritage Trail Historic Preservation Funding Request- On behalf of the Heritage Trail Conservancy, Cathy Hale and Tony Hammock requested \$25,000 from the Historic Preservation fund to purchase a parcel of land to complete the last piece of the Heritage Trail. Commissioner Bramer stated that they would take the request under advisement.

Surveyor's Office Update and CARES Act Request- County Surveyor, Mike Pittman updated the commissioners on how the office is currently running. 2019 YTD building permits-47; 2020 YTD 80 building permits. Pittman stated that the average cost of improvements with building permits were approximately \$72,000. Pittman requested money from the CARES Act fund to purchase software for electronic building permits to improve the efficiency of the office. Commissioners state that they would take the request under advisement.

Ordinance Concerning Parades, Public Solicitation and Public Assemblies in Jefferson County- The commissioners read aloud the ordinance prepared by the county attorney. Warren Auxier voiced his concerns with the ordinance. Commissioners will take the concerns under advisement. A second reading of the ordinance will be at the next meeting.

Internal Control Standards and Procedures Ordinance (2020-07), Jefferson County Employee Ethics Policy (2020-08) and the Internal Financial Controls & Risk Management Ordinance (2020-09)- County council requested that the commissioners skip the third reading of the ordinances and pass for State Board of Accounts. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to approve all three ordinances. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Fair Housing Ordinance (2020-06) Commissioner Robert Little read the final reading of the fair housing ordinance. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Jake Gayle Road- Highway Department Superintendent, Robert Phillips requested an emergency road closure for a portion of Jake Gayle Road, South of 900 N, near 8875 N Jake Gayle Road. Phillips stated he will be getting quotes from three separate companies to repair a small structure. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to grant the emergency road closure. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Sheriff Department Update- Sheriff Thomas reported 187 total inmates, with 56 housed out of county. Further discussion followed regarding costs to house inmates and negotiations with other counties.

Tourism Board- Commissioner Bramer said he will take the commissioner vacancy on the tourism board and finish out the 1-year term. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to appoint Dave Bramer to the tourism board. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 2/0, with Bramer abstaining.

Jail Update- Commissioner Bramer stated that the Jail Committee will meet today to discuss the design of the new jail.

During public comment, Warren Auxier stated that he was concerned with the request for proposal for the EMA/Health Department Warehouse that was published this week. He stated that the RFP did not meet state statutes or meet qualifications for design builds. He also explained that he was not pleased with the possible location of the warehouse, as it would disturb the character of the neighborhood with a pole barn like structure. Commissioners took his concerns under advisement.

Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded. Motion passed 3/0.

ATTEST: _____
Sherry Eblen, Auditor

David Bramer, President

Robert Little, Member

Ron Lee, Member