

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

DATE 08-22-2019

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.

Sheriff Thomas- Sheriff Thomas introduced Josh Taylor as the new chief deputy for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. Taylor recently resigned from the position of Hanover Town Chief to begin working for Jefferson County.

Telegraph Hill-Rykers Ridge Sewer District Appointments- All members of the Telegraph Hill-Rykers Ridge Sewer District Board have agreed to serve on the board for another 4-year term. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to appoint Susan Culbreath, Mark Cheatham, Clifford Carnes and Gary Maas to the Telegraph Hill-Rykers Ridge Sewer District Board for a term of 4 years, set to expire on June 1, 2023. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Jail Bond Counsel- Commissioner David Bramer recommended the County hire a bond counsel to assist with the issuance of bonds for the jail financing. Barnes and Thornsburg has submitted a letter of engagement to serve as the bond counsel in connection with the issuance and sale of one or more bonds, which will be used to finance jail and other capital improvements within the County. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to accept the letter of engagement from Barnes and Thornsburg to serve as counsel. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Highway Department Update- Highway Superintendent Robert Phillips updated the Commissioners on the various projects the Highway Department has been working on. The department is scheduled to finish chip and sealing by the end of the month.

EMA Update- EMA Director, Troy Morgan updated the Commissioners on the status of the new EMA/911 Building and stated that progress is being made. Morgan presented a contract from Duke Energy to update and add exterior lighting to the property. Duke Energy provided two options for payment: (1) A lump sum of \$1965.23 or (2) \$23.42 a month for the life of the equipment. Morgan advised the commissioners that utilities will be reimbursed by State 911 funds and suggested option 2 would be the best option for the County due to the reimbursement. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to update the exterior lighting and pay the additional \$23.42 to Duke Energy for the life of the equipment. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Jail Land- Commissioner David Bramer stated that the jail committee would be meeting on August 28th to review architect request for proposals for the proposed jail. Commissioner Little stated that the jail land that was purchased would need to be surveyed soon and that he would make contact with the land owner and a surveyor to get it done as soon as possible.

Meeting Date Change- Commissioner Little requested that the October 3rd and October 17th commissioner meeting dates be rescheduled to October 10th and October 24th. Commissioners Ron Lee and David Bramer agreed with the change.

Gravel Road Conversion Program- Gravel Road Program- County resident, David Johnson stated that he is working on submitting his forms for the gravel road conversion program. He questioned two parts of a form asking for traffic counts and the estimated cost of conversion. Highway Superintendent Robert Phillips stated that he would like for residents to fill the forms out the best they could. Johnson stated that he would get the forms turned in as soon as he made contact with a few more residents.

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

ATTEST: _____
Sherry Eblen, Auditor

Robert Little, President

David Bramer, Member

Ron Lee, Member