

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

DATE 09-03-2020

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.

Public Hearing for Lease Agreement of the Jail Facility- Commissioner Bramer called a public hearing between the commissioners and the public asking for public comment regarding the lease agreement for the jail facility and the building corporation. No public comment. Public hearing was closed.

Ordinance Concerning Parades, Public Solicitation and Public Assemblies in Jefferson County- County attorney, Joe Colussi attended the meeting to give an explanation for the reasoning of the parade ordinance. Colussi stated that public safety was the main concern for the ordinance. He stated that the ordinance prepared was content neutral and stated that the ordinance created was not an act of racism. A revision to the first reading was handed out to meeting attendees and published on the county website for comments. Further discussion followed about whether the sidewalks around the Courthouse belong to the City or County. A reading of the revision will take place at the next commissioner meeting, offering additional public comment.

Resolution Approving the Application for OCRA Block Grant for COVID-19 Response- Holly Love-Gibson, Visit Madison and Jennifer Voris, our regional OCRA community liaison announced that Jefferson County was awarded grant money for the Revolving Loan Fund for local businesses. Commissioner Bramer read the resolution. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to approve the resolution as submitted. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Suicide Prevention Proclamation- Keith Howard, Healthy Communities Initiative Coordinator presented a proclamation to the commissioners, which stated the week of September 6-12 is National Suicide Prevention Week and September 2020 is National Recovery month. Howard stressed the importance of raising awareness in our community. Commissioners read the proclamation aloud and agreed to sign and implement the proclamation.

Jake Gayle Road- Highway Department Superintendent, Robert Phillips received two quotes for the repair. McAlister Excavating \$217,521 and KLB Excavating \$92,218.24. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to accept KLB's quote to repair Jake Gayle Road. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Golf Cart Ordinance Amendment- Commissioner Robert Little read an amendment to the golf cart ordinance to add a civil penalty of \$200 for each offense for anyone who disobeys the provisions in ordinance 2020-05. A second reading of the ordinance will take place at the next meeting.

Tourism Board Appointment- Commissioners appointed Wendy Lawson to serve on the tourism board and replace a vacancy on the board. Lawson's term will expire December 31, 2020. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to appoint Lawson. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Surveyor's Office Update and CARES Act Request- County Surveyor, Mike Pittman updated the commissioners on how the office is currently running. Pittman requested money from the CARES Act fund to purchase software for electronic building permits to improve the efficiency of the office. Pittman explained the simplicity of the new software and stated that Johnson and Clark counties currently use the software. Discussion followed on the use of the permits on the county website.

In other business, Commissioner Ron Lee announced the kickoff meeting for the mental health and substance abuse committee was held last week. The committee discussed options for the current jail once the new jail is built.

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