

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

DATE 09-06-2018

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

Sheriff John Wallace- Sheriff John Wallace presented an updated memorandum of understanding regarding the Madison Consolidated Student Resource Officer. Special Deputy, Tim Armstrong was hired for the position. The Sheriff's Department agrees to provide training and equipment that Armstrong would need, with the exception of a car. Madison Consolidated has agreed to provide Armstrong a car and would allow him to use the car to respond to emergencies. Commissioner Norbert Schafer made a motion to accept the MOU as presented. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Highway Department- Highway Superintendent, Robert Phillips stated the Upper Dry Fork project is progressing well. Discussion followed about the other FEMA projects throughout the County.

Announcement: Commissioner Norbert Schafer announced the Jefferson House will be having an open house on Saturday, September 8th from 10a-2p to view the new location at 526 Jefferson Street. Also at the open house, the former Jefferson House will be renamed The Lum Hall Legacy Hall.

Richard Davidson, River Bottom Road Zoning Issues- During public comment, Richard Davidson explained to the Commissioners his frustrations regarding zoning issues near his home and the Lee Bottom Flying Field. He explained that he has notified the Surveyors Office and Plan Commission multiple times and has not received any assistance. Davidson requested the Commissioners to contact employees of the Surveyors Office and members of the Plan Commission to ask them to follow up and enforce the zoning issues. Commissioner Norbert Schafer stated that he was at the recent Plan Commission meeting that the Davidson's attended and said he spoke with the board about the issues and will expect to see results.

RQAW, Jail Assessment Study- Over the past several months, RQAW and the Jail Committee have been researching the needs of Jefferson County and creating a plan of action for the construction of a new jail facility. Eric Weflen of RQAW and Jim Rice of HWC presented their findings to the Commissioners. According to predictions, RQAW recommended a 333-343 bed facility. RQAW discussed the design process and several options that the County can choose from. Andrew Lanam presented an updated financial plan to include price estimates presented by RQAW. Lanam outlined the funds needed for the project, including adding a jail tax and the possibility of using the County Economic Development fund. Discussion followed regarding the time frame needed to make decisions on this project. The Commissioners will meet again in the next few weeks to discuss the options. Richard Hill, Secretary for the Jefferson County Park Board and former community co-chair of the JPG Restoration Advisory Board, recommended further research of the deeds at JPG. He is under the assumption that the land at JPG needed to be used for public recreational use. Commissioner David Bramer thanked Hill for the advice and agreed to research the deeds and site.

Commissioner Norbert Schafer made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

ATTEST: _____
Sherry Eblen, Auditor

David Bramer, President

Norbert Schafer, Member

Robert Little, Member