

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

DATE 09-07-2023

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

Broadband Task Force- The Jefferson County Broadband Taskforce held a logo contest for students to design artwork for the taskforce. The taskforce has chosen artwork from the Junior Leaders 4H Club for the official logo. The taskforce presented a \$200 amazon gift card. The taskforce thanked everyone for participating.

PTABOA Appointments- Assessor, Amanda Roselle is requesting Nancy Sobek & Becky Law to be re-appointed to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals. Roselle has also requested the commissioners waive the Assessor Level II certifications for the PTABOA members. These terms will begin today and expire December 31, 2023. Commissioner Bramer made a motion to approve the appointments. Commissioner Lee seconded. Motion passed 3/0. Commissioner Bramer made a motion to waive the Level II requirement for the PTABOA members, per IC 6-1.1-28.1. Commissioner Lee seconded. Motion passed 3/0.

ADA Transition Plan- Kevin Hay, HWC Engineering, presented the County facilities ADA transition plan. The plan will be open for public comment for 2 weeks, then approved at a commissioner meeting and then sent to the State. Hay discussed the plan and the requirements that the County must follow. Hay also discussed how the public would file a grievance to the ADA Coordinator. The County Surveyor, Mike Pittman was appointed earlier in the year as the County's ADA Coordinator. Pittman stated that a copy of the transition plan will be available in the Courthouse and the Surveyor's Office for public review and comment.

Highway Department- Phillips presented three quotes for the East Prong Road deck replacement project. 1) RL Vuckson \$84,500 2) McAlister Excavating \$89,900 3) Temple & Temple \$74,250. It was noted that Temple & Temple will only provide engineering on the box beams and not for the deck replacement. Phillips made a recommendation that RL Vuckson be awarded due to being able to start immediately and mentioned that the quote included the engineering for the deck replacements. Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve and award the quote to RL Vuckson. Commissioner Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0

Bridge 8- The highway department has repaired bridge 108 from a motor vehicle accident recently. Phillips stated that the cost of the repairs was \$12,450, but the insurance company representing the driver submitted a \$9,788 payment for damages. Commissioners will send this information to the county attorney.

Broadband Right of Ways - Phillips stated he has no issues reviewing and approving the permits but wants the commissioners to be the responsible party signing the permits. The commissioners will review the ordinance to find ways to improve the permitting process. Reneisha Rudder stated she can get in touch with Purdue/ LTAP and see if they have any suggestions on how to make the permitting better.

In other business, Phillips discussed the need for an oversize truck ordinance. Phillips stated that the City of Madison had contacted him regarding the construction on the bridge downtown. The City is concerned with the detour along with the other detours in town, making it inconvenient for drivers. Phillips said he will request the start date be moved to March. Phillips has also been in communication with Scott Williams regarding the Hanover Beach Road and the sewer line. A concerned citizen contacted Phillips asking about Chinese Yam - invasive species. Reached out to herbicide vendor, property owner has been taking care of it. Phillips will research funding to assist with weed control. He is also continuing to research funding for River Bottom Road.

WTH GIS Split/Combine Proposal- Auditor Heather Huff presented an annual proposal from WTH GIS for the management of mapping all parcel splits and combines according to new surveys. Huff states that the cost has always been \$750 per month. Commissioner Ron Lee made

a motion to approve the proposal from WTH GIS for the parcel mapping for \$750 per month. Commissioner Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

RLF Fund Update- Brian Amick updated the commissioners on the RLF fund, stating the current fund balance is \$9,825.60. All accounts are up to date and OCRA has approved the quarterly reports.

In other business, Commissioner Ron Lee rode with Bobby Phillips today to review the conditions of the County roads. Lee thanked Highway Department for all their hard work on the Brushy Fork area from last years flood. Commissioner Bramer is continuing to work on the stormwater master plan. Commissioner Little provided a jail update, listing all the recently completed projects and future training that will take place.

During public comment, citizen Richard Carter announced that the State did not pass the second amendment preservation act. Carter discussed his opinion on ATF raid requirements.

On September 30th at 10am, the Commissioners will dedicate the Public Safety Center as the Troy D. Morgan Public Safety Center. All are welcome to attend.

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

ATTEST: _____
Heather Huff, Auditor

Robert Little, President

Ron Lee, Member

David Bramer, Member