

**SPECIAL CALLED**  
**COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

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

DATE 09-08-2021

Commissioner Ron Lee called the meeting to order, and led The Pledge of Allegiance along with Robert Little. Commissioner David Bramer was unable to attend the meeting. Also in attendance was Highway Superintendent Robert Phillips and county residents, Barbara and Randy Romans.

The purpose of today's meeting is discussing the gravel road conversion program scores for Bishop Hill Road and to discuss a \$50,000 pledge towards paving a 1-mile section of the road.

Barbara Romans questioned scores and the data collected for the traffic count, right of way, road classification, being parallel to a state road and the multiplier for the road already in the plan. Robert Phillips explained the departments method for calculating the scores and understands that there may be parts of the score that need to be refigured, but in the end Bishop Hill would not have scored highest. Phillips stands by the scoring that Poplar Ridge Road is the highest scoring road out of the 2021 applications. Phillips also stated the applications were due by June 1. The Romans' provided their opinions on the scoring procedure and they do not feel that that Bishop Hill was scored correctly. According to Romans' calculations, her correct score should have been 768 compared to the departments score of 333.45.

Randy Romans stated he is still willing to provide a \$50,000 donation to the County to pave a 1-mile portion of Bishop Hill, from Bear Bridge to the entrance of Joyce Cemetery. Romans stated he would donate the money, as long as something is done with the guardrail at the curve; whether that be cutting into the hill for extra room for his trailer to swing out or moving the guardrail back to allow more space for the trailer. Barbara Romans asked what her score would be with the \$50,000 contribution added to Bishop Hill and Phillips stated it would change her financial participation multiplier from a 1.01 to 1.02. Annual budgeting issues were discussed regarding not having enough funds to pave the mile. Randy Romans then offered \$100,000 to complete the project with the stipulation that the County would reimburse him \$50,000 at a later date. Phillips and the commissioners agreed to discuss the project and if the donation and budgeting allow for the project, an August 30, 2022 date was agreed upon by all parties that the paving would be completed by then.

Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Robert Little seconded. Motion passed 2/0.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Heather Huff, Auditor

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David Bramer, President

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Robert Little, Member

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Ron Lee, Member