

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Jefferson County Public Safety Center, 300 E Main Street, Madison, Indiana

DATE 09-15-2022

Commissioner Ron Lee called the meeting to order, and led The Pledge of Allegiance with Robert Little. Commissioner Bramer arrived later in the meeting due to traffic. Previous meetings minutes, all accounts payable, and payroll claim dockets were approved later in the meeting.

Sheriff Sale Ordinance- Sheriff Dave Thomas attended the meeting to present a new Sheriff Sale Ordinance that has been prepared by SRI, which is the company that handles all Sheriff sales regarding forfeitures and foreclosures. The Ordinance is the same verbiage that has been used in the past, with the only changes being the fee that SRI charges changed from \$140 per sale to \$180 per sale. Commissioners read aloud the ordinance. A second reading will take place at the next meeting. No further questions were asked.

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 \$500 per month but she anticipates an increase next year. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to approve the proposal from WTH GIS for the parcel mapping for \$500 per month. Commissioner Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Capital Asset Management Ordinance- Auditor Huff presented an ordinance that was prepared by the County attorney for State Board of Accounts compliance. The Ordinance sets a minimum dollar amount for county-owned assets and establishes a procedure for departments to follow to turn in to the Auditors Office each year. The Commissioners read aloud the ordinance. A second reading will take place at the next meeting. No further questions were asked.

Cable Advisory Board Ordinance Amendment- An amendment to the CAB was created to amend the number of members from 3 from each entity, down to 2 members. However, the County appointment to the CAB, Stephanie Hellman, advised the commissioners that they could table this amendment for now due to new development of franchise requirements. The commissioners will wait to hear more from the CAB and decide at a later date on the amendment.

Resolution 2022-14- A resolution was prepared and presented by the Plan Commission to request fees to be waived for the flood victims during the Labor Day flooding. Fees would be waived for residents wishing to repair or replace structures damaged by the flood. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to accept the resolution as submitted. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Ambulance Service Agreement- Carol Dozier, CEO of Norton King's Daughters' Health, requested an updated Ambulance Service Agreement to change the name from THE BETHANY CIRCLE OF KING'S DAUGHTERS' OF MADISON, INDIANA, INC. to NORTON-KING'S DAUGHTERS' HEALTH, INC. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to approve the name change on the ambulance service agreement. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Minutes & Claims- Robert Little 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.

EMA Update- EMA Director Troy Morgan provided an update on the recent flooding in the Brushy Fork community. According to Morgan, 22 addresses were affected by the flood, with 2 being totally destroyed and 1 fatality. The commissioners had signed a declaration of emergency the weekend of the flood. Morgan suggested that the commissioners let the declaration expire. The Highway Department will conduct additional assessments of the damage to roads and bridges and provide an estimate of damage to Morgan to present to the State Disaster Relief Fund. At this time, it is unknown how much damage occurred and if the State will provide disaster relief to the area. Morgan thanked the Highway Department for all the work they put in that weekend.

Highway Department- Superintendent Robert Phillips was in attendance to provide various department updates. Phillips held a bid opening for Polk Road structure replacement. The engineers estimate as \$30,079. Two bids were received from All Star Paving \$73,265 and KLB Excavating \$31,400. Commissioner David Bramer approved the bid from KLB Excavating for \$31,400. Commissioner Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Public Comments:

Sandy Palmer spoke on behalf of concerned citizens in the County and discussed her opposition of the proposed second amendment sanctuary. She has found that a lot of people do not support the commissioners passing a sanctuary ordinance. Palmer and other residents are working to obtain signatures on a petition for those that object to the sanctuary and will present the petitions at a later date.

Richard Carter spoke about his many requests for a second amendment preservation act. He referenced an ordinance that he provided that was established Missouri, that he would like to see the commissioners pass. Carter also presented his issues with the 2mile buffer zone. He would like the buffer zone removed. The Commissioners explained they attempted to remove the buffer zone in 2018, but were unsuccessful.

Further discussion followed from other residents regarding the buffer zone and the proposed second amendment sanctuary.

In other business, Commissioner Little provided a County Health Insurance update, stating that the health insurance was projected to be a 10% increase for 2023, but has since been projected as only a 3% increase. A renewal will be presented in October. Commissioner Little also provided a jail update, stating that the project is still ahead of schedule. Commissioner Bramer stated a kick off meeting regarding the Stormwater Management Plan will be held October 13th. Bramer also discussed the scope of work for the economic development at the Jefferson County Proving Ground. Bramer provided an explanation regarding the funding for the scope of work and stated that the scope may not cost \$500,000, which has been advertised. The \$500,000 was only used a placeholder for appropriation purposes. More updates will be given as the Commissioners review the direction they want to go for the project. Commissioner Lee stated the current jail population is 204, with 40 outsourced to other counties.

Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner David Bramer seconded. Motion passed 3/0

ATTEST: _____
Heather Huff, Auditor

Ron Lee, President

Robert Little, Member

David Bramer, Member