

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

DATE 09-18-2020

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 all accounts payable, and payroll claim dockets. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0. Minutes from the previous meeting was not printed and will be printed and approved at the next meeting.

Jail Facility- Scott Carnegie with DLZ presented a detail design of the future jail facility. Carnegie provided details and two options for the 81,440 sq. ft., 300 bed facility. Carnegie also explained the opportunity for future expansion. There was not any public comment or questions regarding the facility plans. DLZ is requesting approval of the plans next week. The Commissioners will take the plans under advisement at this time.

Golf Cart Ordinance Amendment- Commissioner Robert Little read a second reading of 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 third reading and passing of the ordinance will take place at the next meeting. No public comment.

Tourism Board Appointment- Commissioners appointed Nancy Crisp to serve on the tourism board and replace a vacancy on the board. Crisp's term will expire December 31, 2020.

Ordinance Concerning Parades, Public Solicitation and Public Assemblies in Jefferson County- Warren Auxier, a citizen from Saluda, attended the meeting to request additional information on reasons to why the ordinance was created. Commissioner Bramer explained that the commissioners would never deny permits but wanted to create a process to help the county better prepare and have resources available if the need ever arose. Auxier felt that the ordinance was a violation of exercising free speech. Auxier feels that a committee or a public session would better fit the preparation of this ordinance. Commissioners took his request and opinion under advisement.

Surveyor's Office Update- County Surveyor, Mike Pittman discussed two separate 2-mile buffer issues within the County. One property is located East on 56. A letter was sent to the homeowner on August 22 requesting the cleanup of the parcel. Pittman stated that 1 lane of Highway 56 would need to be closed to allow safe cleanup. According to Pittman, the owner could not find anyone to clean up and asked the County to take care of the issue. Commissioner Bramer stated he would like to invite the homeowner to the next meeting to discuss options. Another issue within the 2-mile buffer is an address located on Telegraph Hill Road. This residence has very tall grass and a freezer standing in the front yard. The homeowner recently received a letter on September 9th regarding the issues. According to Pittman, the homeowner has recently been released from the hospital and is unable to get the freezer off the property. The commissioners are going to look into options and discuss with the recycling center to see if the freezer could be disposed of properly. At this time, the commissioners are looking into the issue.

Safe Haven Baby Box- The location of the Baby Box is still being discussed. King's Daughters' Hospital is reviewing the options of installing the box at their facility. Commissioners and the County attorney are still reviewing contracts.

Resolution Approving the Application for OCRA Block Grant for COVID-19- Commissioner Bramer stated the loan program is underway. They have already had several applicants for the loan program and will be awarding funds to those recipients soon.

Jail Project- Commissioner Bramer said that the tentative schedule for the jail project would be: awarding bids in January 2021, construction to begin in March of 2021, with completion in July of 2022.

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