

## **COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

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

DATE 09-20-2018

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

**DAV Parking-** Faith Weir and Robin Henderson, members of the Veterans Council, came before the Commissioners to request a dedicated parking space for the DAV Van. The DAV now has two vehicles to transport Veterans to and from the VA Hospital. Sheriff John Wallace stated that there is a space next to the jail transport van that the DAV could utilize.

**Adam Burns, 421 Pedestrian Connection-** Adam Burns, Project Manager from Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, presented a Joint Use and Maintenance Agreement between the Indiana Department of Transportation and the Jefferson County Commissioners for a connection from the future Harrison Street Trail to the Milton-Madison Bridge pedestrian path. The agreement states that an elevated structure would be constructed by INDOT, but then later maintained by Jefferson County as a bridge. Commissioner Schafer asked for an estimate of what the structure would cost to replace. Due to the bid process, Adam Burns was unable to disclose that information, but can advise the Commissioners on the cost at a later time. All three Commissioners agreed that they would take this agreement under advisement to look over the agreement and send it to the County Attorney for his opinion.

**Highway Department-** Highway Superintendent, Robert Phillips stated the Upper Dry Fork project is progressing well. Phillips also stated the Department will be closing Eagle Hollow to repair Bridge #108 on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Sheriff John Wallace-** Sheriff John Wallace stated that Deputy Zackery Nicholson will be graduating from the academy next Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. The department is looking forward to having an additional Deputy on the road. Sheriff Wallace also stated that the jail will be starting the GED program in October. Wallace stated that the GED program proved to be successful in the past.

**Troy Morgan, EMA-** Troy Morgan announced, on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, the annual LEPC training exercise will be held at Deputy Elementary. All are invited to attend. Morgan presented information to the Commissioners regarding FirstNet, which is a nationwide digital data network for first responders. Any first responder or emergency personnel can access this service, which is provided by AT&T. FirstNet network assigns a higher priority to users and will not be subject to preemption from any user on the network, even during times of extreme congestion. The cost of the plan is \$39.99 per month with unlimited talk, data and text. The \$39.99 per month is not subject to any taxes or additional fees. EMA will be controlling and managing the console, which manages the local accounts. Each agency will have their own accounts and will add whatever users they wish. More details will be available in the near future.

In other business, Commissioner Robert Little provided an update about the self-funded County health insurance with Custom Design Benefits. On a high deductible PPO plan, the County would have paid almost \$933,694. Currently, the County has spent \$505,683 toward employee claims. The difference of \$428,011 is a large savings to the taxpayers, the County and its employees.

Commissioner Bramer announced the upcoming jail committee meetings, which will be held on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Bramer also stated that a sign has been ordered for the Park & Ride in Hanover and will be scheduling a grand opening within the near future.

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

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Sherry Eblen, Auditor

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David Bramer, President

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Norbert Schafer, Member

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Robert Little, Member