

## **COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

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

DATE 10-06-2022

Commissioner Ron Lee called the meeting to order, and led The Pledge of Allegiance along with Robert Little and David Bramer. Commissioner 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.

**Jail Update & Change Orders-** Mark Shireman presented an update on the construction of the jail, which is ahead of schedule and progressing well. Shireman also presented the following change orders: 1) Link Electric Change Order #4 \$55,565 2) Hussung Mechanical Change Order #4 \$57,067 3) EH Mechanical Change Order #5 \$113,300. Commissioner Bramer made a motion to approve all change orders as presented. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

**Operation Green Light Resolution-** Veteran Service Officer, Faith Weir presented a resolution to the commissioners, which stated that the County has the utmost gratitude for all men and women who have selflessly served our country and community. To show the gratitude, Operation Green Light suggests residents to recognize veterans by displaying a green light in a window of their small business or home, from October to November 11<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

In other VSO business, the Veterans Council will host a Veterans Day event on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at the Brown Gym.

**VSO 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report-** Weir presented the third quarter report from the Veteran Service Office. The office has assisted with 664 claims; total monthly awards \$13,411.99; annual awards \$160,943.88; and back pay awards \$47,582.10.

**Ordinance Terminating the Cable Advisory Board-** Commissioners read aloud an Ordinance which states that the Town of Hanover, City of Madison and Jefferson County wish to terminate the Cable Advisory Board. This is the first reading of the ordinance.

**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. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to forego all future readings of the ordinance prepared. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0. Commissioner David Bramer then made a motion to approve the ordinance as submitted. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

**Sheriff Sale Ordinance-** Sheriff Dave Thomas attended a previous 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. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to forego all future readings. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0. Commissioner Bramer then made a motion to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Little seconded. Motion passed 3/0.

**Conflict of Interest Forms-** The Commissioners reviewed several conflict of interest forms submitted by County employees Vicki Wehner, David Sparkman and Larry Sedam. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to approve the conflict of interest forms. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0. Robert Little also submitted a conflict of interest form for his employment with Electrictek. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to accept Robert Little's conflict of interest. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 2/0, with Robert Little abstaining from the vote.

**2023 Holidays and Commissioner Meeting Dates-** Commissioners discussed the dates submitted and agreed on the dates. The dates for the commissioner's meetings are subject to

change. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to approve the 2023 holidays and commissioner meeting dates. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

**Highway Department-** Superintendent Robert Phillips was in attendance to provide various department updates. Phillips requested that the commissioners declare an emergency on a small structure near 6000+ East Prong Road. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion. Commissioner David Bramer seconded. Motion passed 3/0. Because of the declaration, Phillips may now reach out to various companies and advertise for a bid opening, which will be held on October 20. Phillips will also have a bid opening to present at the next meeting or 750 N.

**EMA Update-** EMA Director Troy Morgan provided an update on the recent flooding in the Brushy Fork community. Morgan stated the Governor has signed a state declaration. But, explained that the state disaster relief fund threshold will not be met for the area because the loss was not considered a large enough impact for the relief funds. Morgan also provided an update on the new Hanover building.

**Broadband-** Erica Cline updated the commissioners and the public on the Broadband Taskforce. Cline has found a discrepancy with a map that is used for grant purposes, which shows that the County has broadband access. Cline is working to get the map corrected, which will help with the County receiving grants for broadband access. Residents are encouraged to contact her and give her addresses where broadband is needed. Reneisha Rudder was also in attendance to discuss the broadband needs and the USDA Reconnect grant. The taskforce is working on ways to get the word out about the need for broadband in our County.

**Revolving Loan Fund-** Erica Cline also provided an update regarding the County's revolving loan fund, which currently has \$121,201.05. The original loan is soon coming to an end for those small businesses that have been making payments. The County will then have the opportunity to start another revolving loan to small businesses.

**Public Comments:**

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 requested that if any County officers are deputized by the federal government, then the deputies would be fired. Further discussion followed.

In other business, Commissioner Little 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 13<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Lee stated the next residential treatment committee will meet on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

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Heather Huff, Auditor

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Ron Lee, President

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Robert Little, Member

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David Bramer, Member