

## **COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

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

DATE 10-21-2021

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 previous meetings minutes, all accounts payable, and payroll claim dockets. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

**WTH Agreements-** 1) An agreement between the Jefferson County Surveyor's Office and new software program for building and zoning called iWorq. 2) An agreement between WTH and Schmidt Associates for Hanover College trail study between the Town of Hanover and City of Madison. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to approve both agreements from WTH. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

**Jail Facility Change Orders-** 1) Pauly Jail Building Co. Change Order #1 credit of \$451,979.00 Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to approve the change order. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion 3/0.

**Highway Update-** Robert Phillips updated the various projects the highway department has been working on. Phillips stated that his office has prepared advertisements for annual bids, which will be opened at the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Phillips invited the commissioners to assist with the scoring of the request for proposals for the bridge inspection contract.

**EMA Update-** EMA Director, Troy Morgan, read aloud a letter of commendation for Matt True. True, EMA's Chief of Operations and Lead Pilot of the EMA drone, applied for and received a grant in the amount of \$20,701. The funds received will be used to update the drone with new infrared technology. Matt True explained how beneficial the technology will be for many departments within County government and other emergency agencies. Morgan also presented a contract for the 5-year hazard mitigation plan. Morgan requested to change companies to Christopher B. Burke Engineering. Morgan explained that FEMA provides a 75/25% grant, which will cover all but \$6,486. The commissioners discussed the contract and would like the County attorney to review.

**ARP Fund Distribution Consulting-**The Commissioners reviewed a contract presented by Barnes & Thornburg to provide legal assistance in reviewing plans for the American Rescue Plan funds. The County previously consulted with Barnes & Thornburg for the CARES Act funds. Barnes & Thornburg's fee for the ARP funds will be a fixed amount of \$2500 per month. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to accept the contract as submitted. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0. The Commissioners will hold a joint meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup>, following the Council meeting to discuss a plan of what to send to Barnes & Thornburg for their review.

During public comment, County resident Richard Carter provided documents to the commissioners regarding some topics that he is passionate about. Carter summarized each of the documents in the meeting and requested the commissioners pass a Second Amendment Preservation Act.

In other business, Steve Meier provided an RDA update and invited the Commissioners to attend their next meeting at city hall on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded. Motion passed 3/0.

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