

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Troy D. Morgan Public Safety Center, 620 Green Road, Madison, Indiana

DATE 11-02-2023

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

County Employee Health Insurance Renewal- County HR, Heather White and new broker, Chad Burdo and Ryan Secord with the Henriott Group, presented the annual insurance renewal for county employees. The County is keeping the same service providers for medical (Custom Design Benefits), vision (VSP) and dental (Metlife). The carrier for the vision insurance will be switching to Metlife (but coverage is remaining with VSP), which will be a cost savings to the county to bundle vision, dental and Aflac coverage. For additional cost savings, the county will be switching stop loss carriers to Consortium.

Employee only: \$25.35 per pay

Employee + child(ren): \$363.19 per pay

Employee + spouse: \$225.65 per pay

Employee + family: \$450.00 per pay (\$353.11 per pay reduction for family premium)

Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to switch to the Consortium plan for the stop loss, move VSP and Aflac coverage to Metlife and approve the insurance renewal and the rates for county employees. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

County Investment Policy- Treasurer, Meghan Hoskins presented a county investment policy to earn the highest investment return. This policy gives authority to the Treasurer to invest the county's portfolio in accordance with Indiana State Codes. Commissioner Bramer made a suggestion to review investment opportunities with someone who specializes in investments. Hoskins made mention that she will be researching options with the local banks and would be open to hearing and speaking to someone that could assist the County. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to approve the County's investment policy, as prepared by the county attorney. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Unsafe Building Hearing- County Building Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer, Josh Cline, opened the hearing to discuss two properties:

1) 3495 N Paper Mill Road- Property owner MLP Services, LLC-The attorney representing the property owners has requested an extension to March 31, 2024, to allow the property owners to clear and clean up the property. Commissioner Bramer made a motion approve the extension. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0. A second public hearing for this property will be held on April 4, 2024. Cline will inspect the property and report his findings at that time.

2) 8225 W SR 256, Kent- Property Owner Arlie Colvin- A certified letter was sent to the property owner on Sept 26, 2023. Property owner refused acceptance of certified mailing. Cline delivered a notice to the property today. Mr. Colvin did appear for the hearing. Today's hearing notice served as a notice for a future meeting. Mr. Colvin was given the opportunity to speak during the hearing. Mr. Colvin discussed his reasoning for not cleaning up the property and discussed shortfalls in funding. Mr. Colvin hopes to receive a settlement at the end of November 2023. Mr. Colvin also requested that the County grant him an extension to May 31, 2024 to allow him ample time to clean his property. However, because Mr. Colvin did not receive notice of today's hearing, a decision on the extension cannot be made today. Commissioners agreed to reschedule Mr. Colvin's public hearing for December 7th, 2023. At that time, Mr. Colvin will be able to provide a statement on if he received his settlement or not. Also at that time, the commissioners can make a decision on the timing of the clean up and can decide

whether to grant the requested extension or not. A public hearing will be set for December 7th, 2023 to discuss this property.

County Credit Card Ordinance- Auditor, Heather Huff presented the credit card policy ordinance, prepared by the county attorney. The commissioners read aloud the proposed credit card policy. Today served as the first reading of this ordinance. Commissioner Bramer made a recommendation to make an amendment to the policy to add a timeline for repayment if a county employee misuses the county credit card. Auditor Huff will reach out to the attorney for the addition. No public comment followed.

2024 Commissioner Meeting Dates and Holidays-Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve the 2024 commissioner meeting dates. Commissioner Bramer seconded. Motion passed 3/0. Commissioner Bramer made a motion to approve the 2024 holidays. Commissioner Lee seconded. Motion passed 3/0.

Highway Department Update- Highway Superintendent, Robert Phillips thanked Sheriff Flint for investigating illegal dumping on a county road. Flint was able to locate the owner of the material and the owner cleaned up the area. The highway department is preparing for the winter season. Discussion followed on other department updates.

Animal Shelter Update- Director, Tricia Parker updated the commissioners on a few shelter items. The Mix family held a fundraiser in honor of their daughter, Shawna May that passed away a few years ago. They raised over \$3,000 and donated approximately \$800 in pet food. Parker hopes to use the funds to improve storage at the shelter. Parker provided other department updates. Parker may look into lowering cat adoption fees in the future to help increase the number of adoptions. The spay and neuter clinic was a success with over 80 cats sterilized. Parker requested to be involved in the preparation of a new interlocal agreement for the shelter. Commissioners will stay in communication as they progress with the interlocal.

EMA Update- EMA Director, Matt True updated the commissioners on the recent internet outage. True plans to expand the T-Mobile program for fire departments, allowing departments to have access to FirstNet devices. True is also working on a secondary, fixed satellite system with StarLink. True stated that EEMG grant has been submitted. Director True and Administrative Assistant, Jessica Hazelwood will be attending the Indiana Emergency Management Conference in a few weeks. True discussed possible training on cyber security with the County employees. He will be in communication with our IT servicer, Ovation. The next EMA Advisory meeting is scheduled for December 4th. Discussion followed on housekeeping improvements and goals for 2024.

Surveyors Office Update- County Surveyor, Mike Pittman announced the upcoming public hearing, scheduled for November 8th at 6:00pm. This hearing will be to discuss proposed amendments to the Jefferson County Unified Development Ordinance. Pittman also discussed the zoning concern form on the Jefferson County website for residents to fill out if they have any zoning issues.

Employee Christmas Party- Commissioners Administrative Assistant, Sarah Morgan asked the commissioners to close the courthouse for the employee Christmas party, which will be held on December 8th from 11-2. The commissioners agreed that the closure was fine and to advertise the closure. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to approve the closure. Commissioner David Bramer seconded. Motion passed 3/0.

Trash Cards- The Auditor's Office will be selling trash cards at the trash sites the week of November 6th. The commissioners thanked the office for making it convenient for residents to purchase their cards.

Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded. Motion passed 3/0.

ATTEST: _____
Heather Huff, Auditor

Robert Little, President

Ron Lee, Member

David Bramer, Member