

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

DATE 11-3-2022

Commissioner Ron Lee called the meeting to order, and led The Pledge of Allegiance with Robert Little. Commissioner Bramer arrived later in the meeting due to traffic. Previous meetings minutes, all accounts payable, and payroll claim dockets were approved later in the meeting.

Employee Mortgage Cost Savings Program- Geneva Financial lender, Cindy Baker, attended the meeting to discuss a cost savings program for all Jefferson County employees with a full or part time status. This savings program will allow employees that refinance or mortgage a new home with Geneva Financial, to be entitled to \$1000 in savings at closing. Commissioners were in agreement that this would program will benefit county employees. Baker will be in contact with Human Resources to discuss employee education.

Veterans Tree Proclamation-Commissioner Robert Little read aloud the following proclamation. Commissioners agreed upon and signed:

To all to whom these presents may come, greetings:

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining our freedoms and way of life; and

WHEREAS, tens of millions of Americans have served in the Armed Forces of the United States during the past century; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of Americans have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces during the past century; and

WHEREAS, our County is home to veterans, Active Duty military, National Guard and Reserves, and their families; and

WHEREAS, our veterans are brave and selfless individuals who, when duty called, willingly put themselves in harm's way to defend the lives and liberty of others; and

WHEREAS, their abiding patriotism and enduring devotion to the ideals on which the United States is founded can never fail to inspire us; and

WHEREAS, our veterans understand the important task before the American service men and women now keeping watch; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hanover and Jefferson County are dedicating a tree in remembrance of the Veterans which will be dedicated during a program at the Town of Hanover Park Building on the evening of November 11, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the County Commissioners for Jefferson County, Indiana, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2022 as Veterans Day & Dedicates the Official Veterans' Tree of Jefferson County in the Town of Hanover, and I encourage all people in our state to acknowledge and honor the contributions of our veterans to the principles of democracy, individual freedom, and human rights.

Animal Shelter Update- Dr. Joy Barron attended the meeting to provide an update regarding her discussions with local veterinarians. Four clinics within the County have agreed to develop a schedule of weekly walkthroughs of the animal shelter to observe cleaning, sanitation and medical oversight. Dr. Barron also stated the clinics are working together to develop a pricing schedule for spay/neuter services. Later in the meeting, resident and previous volunteer Adam King questioned the status of the Veterinarian Oversight Board. The interlocal agreement of the board is still being discussed and will need to be established. King also expressed his opinions on the recent facebook request for dog food donations and stressed the importance of increasing the animal shelter budget. King also stated that Thank You letters have not been sent out to donors. Interim Director, Tricia Parker said she has not been given a list yet of those donors, but will gladly send letters out as soon as possible. Commissioner Little stated he would provide her that list.

Ordinance Dissolving the Animal Shelter Advisory Board- Commissioner Ron Lee read aloud the ordinance prepared. No comments from the public. This was the first reading. A second reading will occur at the November 15th meeting.

Ordinance Terminating the Cable Advisory Board- Commissioner Bramer read aloud the 2nd reading of the following ordinance 2022- _____. Following the reading, no further discussion or public comment from the audience. The Town of Hanover approved their portion of the ordinance at their November 1st meeting. Commissioner Little made a motion to forego the 3rd reading of the ordinance. Commissioner 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. The City of Madison will read the ordinance at their November 10th City Council meeting. The City has not used the CAB since the beginning of the year. It is assumed that the City Council will also pass the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AFFIRMING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING A CABLE ADVISORY BOARD AND AMENDING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2001, Jefferson County previously adopted an Interlocal Agreement Establishing a Cable Advisory Board as memorialized in the City of Madison Ordinance No. 2001-7; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County desires to affirm and amend the Interlocal Agreement Establishing a Cable Advisory Board in order to have a better and fully functioning Cable Advisory Board; and
WHEREAS, Jefferson County seeks to correct any errors previously made to such Interlocal Agreement Establishing a Cable Advisory Board and hereby adopts the following.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF INDIANA that the adoption of the Interlocal Agreement Establishing a Cable Advisory Board as memorialized in the City of Madison Ordinance No. 2001-7 on September 5, 2001 is hereby affirmed and amended to reflect in paragraph one the number of board members from each unit shall be reduced from three (3) to two (2) and to remove from paragraph 6 the phrase "currently approved by the local government units."

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF INDIANA that the Cable Advisory Board Ordinance read as follows:

1. There is hereby established a Cable Advisory Board with two (2) members appointed to that board from each local governmental unit. Members appointed to the board shall be residents of the geographic area of the local government unit making that appointment and shall serve at the pleasure of the local government unit.
 - The standard term of each appointment shall run from January 1 through December 31 for a period of three years.
 - The terms of each appointee shall be staggered so that no more than one appointee from each government unit shall have his or her term expire at the end of any one year.
 - No individual shall be appointed for more than two consecutive full terms.
 - An appointee who is named to replace a board member shall be expected to complete the remaining portion of the departing board member's term.
2. The board shall be funded by contributions from the cable franchisee, any appropriations from the local governmental units, and is authorized to receive gifts and other contributions from any other source. Any funds of the board, from any source, shall be deposited with the City Clerk-Treasurer, who shall receive, disburse, and account for all monies of the board pursuant to I.C. 36-1-7-4(a)(3). A committee of three board members who are not officers and represent each of the governmental units shall conduct an annual audit and submit the results of that audit to the City Clerk-Treasurer by March 1.
3. Claims for expenses of the board shall be approved by a plurality of the board at a public meeting and shall be paid by the Treasurer of the board. The Cable Advisory Board shall be authorized to use the tax-exempt number of the city.
4. The Cable Advisory Board shall execute its duties according to terms described in the Cable Television Franchise Agreement. The board shall advise the local governmental units on issues involving cable television and the Cable Franchise Agreement. The Cable Advisory Board shall coordinate use of local access programming channels with the cable operator.
5. Members of the board shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement of expenses from the Cable Advisory Board Fund at the same rate as applies to city employees.
6. The duration of the interlocal agreement shall be for the same period as the Cable Television Franchise Agreement.
7. Upon termination of the interlocal agreement, any property of the Cable Advisory Board shall become the property of the local governmental units. If a governmental unit chooses to terminate its participation in this agreement prior to the termination of this agreement by all other participating governmental units, that governmental unit forfeits any and all claim to any property of the Cable Advisory Board.

This Ordinance shall become immediately effective upon its adoption by the Board of Commissioners, enrollment in the book of Ordinances, and publication of notice as required by law.

Any Ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance is hereby repealed.

The foregoing Ordinance was passed and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Jefferson, State of Indiana this 9th day of November, 2022.

Minutes & Claims- 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.

Highway Department- Superintendent Robert Phillips presented an engineering services contract with BLN for an on call contract to create bid documents for a millings recycling plan. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to approve the contract with BLN. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Phillips also presented bid documents from his bid opening for 750N. The engineers estimate was \$260,490.00. The following bids were opened: (1) KLB Excavating \$234,690.00 **Not INDOT Certified (2) RL Vuckson \$267,703.00 (3) McAlister Excavating \$335,797.75 (4) E&B Paving \$375,000.00 (5) Louisville Paving \$384,000 (6) Force Construction \$795,250.70. Per the bid advertisement, all contractors must be on the INDOT pre-qualified list to bid. KLB has not yet received certification. Phillips recommended the commissioners accept the bid from RL Vuckson. Commissioner Robert Little had reservations about accepting the bid because of the \$33,000 difference between KLB & RL Vuckson. After further discussion, Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to accept the bid from RL Vuckson. Commissioner Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

EMA Update- EMA Director Troy Morgan provided an update on the burn ban, which is still currently in place. Morgan will continue to monitor the weather conditions and update the commissioners on when then ban can be lifted.

Health Department Update- Administrator Lindsey Wyne discussed the department struggles with the lack of billing software for vaccinations. Wyne will send a proposal to the commissioners on the use of the American Rescue Plan funding for a new software program.

Revolving Loan Program- Erica Cline was in attendance to update the commissioners on the RLF program that has been opened for small businesses in the County. The deadline to apply is November 18th.

Broadband Task Force- Cline also updated the commissioners on the broadband campaign. The Auditor's Office will be distributing flyers at the trash sites, encouraging residents to fill out an online form about broadband access in their area.

Public Comment- Resident, Richard Carter expressed his opinion opposing a substance abuse needs assessment that has been discussed in the residential treatment committee meetings. Court Services Director, Jason Cranney, was in attendance to provide statistics and discuss the need for the assessment regarding substance and mental health needs in our County. Carter believes that mental and substance abuse treatment should not be at the responsibility of the Jefferson County taxpayers, but should fall to the families of those needing treatment. Resident, Cathy Hale spoke in favor of the needs assessment. Later, Carter explained how he is still waiting for a second amendment preservation act. Commissioners have discussed establishing the preservation act, but have been advised not to act due to an ongoing lawsuit within Jefferson County. Carter also stated he does not want Jefferson County farmland to be sold to Chinese companies.

Resident, Cathy Hale presented her findings on how children programs can be considered as economic development. Hale would like for the Children's Advocacy Center to be considered for a portion of the American Rescue Plan funding that has been set aside for economic development.

In other business, Commissioner Bramer announced the stormwater management kickoff meeting, which will be held on November 18th. Commissioner Bramer also stated he has received the scope of services for the JPG economic development.

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

ATTEST: _____
Heather Huff, Auditor

Ron Lee, President

Robert Little, Member

David Bramer, Member