

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

DATE 11-08-2018

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

Robert Phillips, County Highway Superintendent- The County Highway Garage received many bids for 2019 supplies. Phillips opened all sealed bids and announced the cost of all supplies. All bids were taken under advisement.

2 Mile Buffer- At a previous meeting, the Commissioners announced that they wanted to proceed with research to eliminate the 2-mile buffer and offer public comment at the next meeting. Several citizens living within the 2-mile buffer attended the today's meeting to hear and discuss concerns regarding the buffer.

-Josh Hershberger, Attorney representing The White Barn Venue, questioned the existing permits and if those who have active permits with the City of Madison would be grandfathered in. Hershberger also questioned the current zoning and if zoning would be changed. Commissioner Norbert Schafer stated that the current permits would be considered and possibly grandfathered in. Commissioner David Bramer stated that that Commissioners will be updating the Comprehensive Plan soon. With the update, zoning will be taken into consideration.

-Eric Kimmel, a resident owning property on Ohio Ave, explained what disadvantages he has, living in the 2-mile buffer. Within the last year, Mr. Kimmel had difficulties with obtaining a permit for his property. He explained his scenario between the City of Madison and the County and stated that it was very difficult to work with the entities. Unfortunately for him, he was out attorney fees and his own time and was unable to get his issue resolved.

-Chris Hamm, a resident on Black Road, explained his issues with the current zoning ordinances, which do not include the 2-mile buffer. He is currently having issues with his neighbor's property. Once the 2-mile buffer zoning ordinance is updated, Hamm understands that the County Zoning Officer will be able to assist him in his issues, but until then, he cannot get the issues resolved.

-Mark Goley, a resident on Thomas Hill Road, discussed his concerns regarding law enforcement. In his experience, the local law enforcement does not know how to handle situations within the 2-mile buffer because the City of Madison Police Department, nor the County Sheriff's Department, know how to respond to certain calls. Goley also discussed how residents in the 2-mile buffer are not able to vote for city officials, yet he abides by city rules.

-Sherry Smith, a resident living on Goins Road, also explained her concerns with the zoning ordinances, specifically involving noise. She agreed with Goley in saying that the Sheriff's Department cannot do anything to remedy her issues and neither can the City of Madison Police Department. She stated that something needed to change.

-Kathy Ayers, a resident on Thomas Hill Road, stated that the 2-mile buffer is considered a "no man's land", meaning there isn't support from either government entity. She also explained her concerns about the need for a noise ordinance.

-Marie Davis, an employee in the Auditor's Office, stated that in her day-to-day duties with surveys, she finds it difficult to decipher what government entity should be involved in a parcel split. She stated there have been times that she may need a

signature on a survey but is unable to receive one from either the County or City, which may cause the deed transfer process to be halted. The Commissioners were unaware of issues like these and were thankful that Marie brought it to their attention.

Commissioner David Bramer thanked the public for attending the meeting and discussing their concerns about the 2-mile buffer and will take those things under advisement during the Comprehensive Plan updates.

421 Pedestrian Connection- Whitney Carlin, project manager for the pedestrian walkway, came to follow up with the Commissioners on a previous meeting. INDOT had requested the County take over the maintenance on the walkway once INDOT completes construction. After further discussion, the County will not be liable for the maintenance, as INDOT has agreed to maintain the walkway.

Bob Cooke, Redevelopment Commission- Bob Cooke presented a call for 2024 projects to include Wilson Avenue, which will add a third lane from the railroad tracks to the intersection of Hutchinson Lane. This redevelopment will be at no cost to the County and will be completely paid for if the City of Madison receives a particular grant. Commissioner Norbert Schafer made a motion to allow the City to proceed with the grant application for the Wilson Ave redevelopment, with no cost to the County. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Employee Health Insurance- On behalf of the Employee Health Insurance Committee, Tammy Monroe, Danny Vance and Sarah Morgan attended the Commissioners meeting to bring the health insurance options to the Commissioners. Sarah Morgan stated that the committee had reviewed several options including self-insured plans and traditional PPO plans. The committee came to a majority vote that the Custom Design Plan was the best option for employees and tax payers. Because King's Daughters Hospital is unwilling to come to an agreement with the County, the committee researched adding Dr. Britt's Clinic to provide another local option for employees. Dr. Britt will contract with the County for \$50 per member/per month and not bill anything additional to the County or the employee, taking insurance completely out of the equation. The committee believes this will significantly decrease medical and prescription claims. The Commissioners were in agreement that the plan has saved the employees and the County over the past year. The committee will be attending the County Council meeting on Tuesday to discuss using the savings for Dr. Britt's clinic and will also be discussing the cost to the employee. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to keep Custom Design Benefits as the health plan for County employees for 2019. Commissioner Norbert Schafer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Trash Services Bid- The Commissioners have reviewed a proposal submitted by Rumpke for a 3-year trash service contract throughout the County. The cost would be \$23,000 a month for year one; \$23,920 for year two; and \$24,877 for year three. Commissioner Schafer questioned an opt out clause allowing the County to opt out of the contract at any time. The proposal did not have such clause included. The Commissioners will take the bid under advisement until the November 20th meeting.

Jefferson County-Canaan Utilities Data Exchange- WTH Technologies, submitted a letter to Auditor Sherry Eblen requesting approval from the Commissioners for the mapping company WTH to release GIS layer files to Canaan Utilities. Commissioner Norbert Schafer made a motion to accept and sign the agreement for Canaan Utilities to utilize the GIS layer files. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

2019 Meeting Dates & Holidays- A list of the 2019 Commissioner meeting dates and holidays was presented to the Commissioners to review. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to approve the 2019 meeting dates and holidays. Commissioner Norbert Schafer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Highway Department- Robert Phillips announced that Jefferson County received the Community Crossings grant for \$894,708 for County road improvements. Phillips also announced that the Upper Dry Fork project was completed this week. Phillips mentioned that work on Bloody Run will begin soon and the County should be receiving FEMA reimbursement anytime.

In other business, Steve Meyer announced that the Regional Development Authority received a \$150,000 planning grant. The RDA committee is looking forward to putting the funds to good use and are in the process of selecting a consulting group. The next RDA meeting is scheduled for December 7th in Scott County.

Commissioner David Bramer stated that he has received three proposals for the Comprehensive Plan update. A committee has been selected and will review the proposals this week. Commissioner Bramer also stated that the project delivery method for the jail project should be decided at the end of the month.

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

David Bramer, President

Norbert Schafer, Member

Robert Little, Member