

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

DATE 11-20-2018

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.

Faith Weir, VSO- Faith Weir, County VSO, came before the Commissioners with the 2018 third quarter report. During the third quarter, the office has assisted with 501 claims and awarded \$236,168.40 in Veteran benefits to County Veterans and their families. The VSO office also documents each phone call. The office received 928 incoming calls and 822 outgoing calls during the quarter. Commissioner Schafer made mention of the amount of time spent with each Veteran and commended the Office on their services. The Veteran Service Office will continue to update the Commissioners each quarter.

2 Mile Buffer- The Commissioners discussed repealing the 2-mile buffer ordinance to dissolve the buffer zone. Commissioner Bramer stated that the County will need to update the ordinances when the Comprehensive Plan is updated. Commissioner Little stated that the 2-mile buffer is such a gray area for City and County residents. County Building Inspector & Zoning Enforcement Officer, Jim Dierdorf, mentioned that he receives calls almost daily from residents within the 2-mile buffer regarding zoning issues. Dierdorf also mentioned that if the County takes over more territory from the buffer zone, additional manpower for his office will need to be considered. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to rescind the 2-mile buffer ordinance with the effective date to be determined until all pertinent data is received. 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. After further discussion with Rumpke, Rumpke has agreed to allow an opt-out option each year of the contract, pending a 30-day notice from the County to discontinue services. Commissioners agreed that the trash service is beneficial to County residents. Commissioner Norbert Schafer made a motion to accept the Rumpke trash service contract. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

County Council has suggested that the Commissioners raise the price of the trash cards from \$40 to \$50. In years past, whenever there was an increase, the Commissioners would raise the cost in \$5 increments. Commissioner Little stated that he was apprehensive to increase the trash card price. The Commissioners would like to hear more information from the Council before they raise the price. A decision will be made at the December 6th meeting.

Conflict of Interests- The Commissioners reviewed several conflict of interest forms submitted by County employees Gay Jackson, Jeff Dagher, Vicki Wehner, David Sparkman and Larry Sedam. The Commissioners did not have issues with the conflicts of interest. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to approve the conflict of interest forms. Commissioner Norbert Schafer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0. Robert Little also submitted a conflict of interest form for his employment with Electrictek. Commissioner Norbert Schafer made a motion to accept Robert Little's conflict of interest. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 2/0, with Robert Little abstaining from the vote.

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 at the last meeting. All bids were taken under advisement at that time. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to accept all bids as submitted. Commissioner Norbert Schafer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Robert Phillips also stated that the repairs on Bloody Run will be completed on Tuesday. The repairs will then begin on Turkey Branch. Bear Branch repairs should be completed by the end of the month, weather permitting. The highway department has also continued to work on tree clean up and FEMA projects.

Comprehensive Plan Update- Commissioner David Bramer stated that he has received three proposals for the Comprehensive Plan update. The committee has reviewed all proposals and has selected Taylor, Siefker, & Williams to update the comprehensive plan for \$46,000. Commissioner Bramer made a motion to accept TSW proposal to update the plan. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

In other business, Commissioner Robert Little stated that the jail roof had been replaced this week. Commissioner Bramer stated that the project delivery method for the jail project should be decided at the end of the month. The next meeting will be on November 29th.

Commissioner Norbert Schafer made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

ATTEST: _____
Sherry Eblen, Auditor

David Bramer, President

Norbert Schafer, Member

Robert Little, Member