

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

DATE 12-21-2021

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.

Attorney Retirement- Commissioners announced the retirement on County Attorney Joseph Colussi. The commissioners thanked Joe for his years of service to the County and wished him well. Later in the meeting, the Commissioners appointed Patrick Magrath as the new County attorney.

Appointments

Erica Cline- Southeastern Indiana Regional Plan Commission- 1 year term-Expiring December 31, 2022

Richard Hill- Jefferson County Park Board-4 year term- Expiring December 31, 2025

Becky Law-Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals-1 year term-Expiring December 31, 2022

Nancy Sobeck-Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals-1 year term-Expiring December 31, 2022

Bob Jacobson, Nick Schultz and Allen Manning- Jefferson County Cemetery Commission-4 year term-Expiring December 31, 2025

Dr. Robin Waltz- Jefferson County Board of Health-4 year term- Expiring December 31, 2025

Lisa Hammock-Jefferson County Plan Commission-4 year term-Expiring December 31, 2025

Jim Kleopfer-Jefferson County Board of Zoning Appeals-4 year term- Expiring December 31, 2025

Heather White, Josh Taylor, Robert Phillips, Judi Terpening, Kathy Sizemore, Susie Lawrence, Tammy Monroe- Jefferson County Employee Insurance Committee- 1 year term- Expiring December 31, 2022

Kevin Kellems- Jefferson County Representative for the Regional Development Authority- 4 year term-Expiring December 31, 2025

Patrick Magrath- Jefferson County Attorney-1 year term- Expiring December 31, 2022

Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to approve all county appointments as presented. Commissioner Robert Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Commissioner Appointments

Robert Little- County Employee Insurance Committee, Pauper Attorney Board- 1 year terms- Expiring December 31, 2022. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to appoint Commissioner Little to the boards. Commissioner David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed 2/0, with Commissioner Little abstaining from the vote.

David Bramer- Board of Tourism, Southeastern Indiana Solid Waste District Board, 911 Central Dispatch Advisory Board, 1 year term-Expiring December 31, 2022. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to appoint Commissioner Bramer to the boards. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 2/0, with Commissioner Bramer abstaining from the vote.

Ordinance 2021-05- Ordinance Concerning Redistricting on 2020 Census

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners are obligated by Indiana law to consider redistricting of Commissioner districts pursuant to I.C. 36-2-2-4(a) and County Council districts pursuant to I.C. 36-2-3-4(g) based on data received on the 2020 U.S. Census;

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Commissioners have reviewed the Commissioner and County Council district maps as presently established.

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Commissioners have received and reviewed the Commissioner and County Council district maps drawn from the 2020 U.S. Census data.

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Commissioners have determined by comparing the existing district maps and 2020 U.S. Census district maps that no residence of a Jefferson County voter is located within the areas of the 2020 U.S. Census district maps were they diverge from the existing district maps.

WHEREAS, the existing Commissioner and County Council district maps need not be redrawn where no Jefferson County voter is affected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The existing district map for Commissioner districts shall not be redrawn;
2. The existing district map for County Council districts shall not be redrawn;
3. The Commissioner and County Council district maps presently in effect shall be refiled with the Clerk of Jefferson County.

Commissioner Bramer read aloud the ordinance. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to forego the other two readings of the ordinance, due to no changes needed. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to pass Ordinance 2021-05. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded. Motion passed 3/0.

Indiana Landmarks Historic Preservation Request- At a previous meeting, Greg Sekula, Southern Indiana Regional Director of Indiana Landmarks Association presented a funding request for a property located at 263 E Main Street in Hanover. Sekula explained the historical significance of the property and requested \$7500 from the historic preservation fund to assist with dumpsters and possibly hiring someone to help clean up the property. Commissioner Ron Lee made a motion to approve the funding request. Commissioner Robert Little seconded motion. Motion passed 3/0

Letter of Engagement Relating to Reporting and Data Retention Obligations- Commissioner Bramer received a Letter of Engagement from Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated. The scope of work would assist the County in determining the loss of revenue during the COVID-19 pandemic, which could allow the ARP money to cover such losses. The commissioners will review the engagement letter and send to the County attorney for review.

Animal Shelter Concerns- Animal Shelter employee, Holly Toler came to the meeting to discuss her concerns with a volunteer taking money at the Animal Shelter. Toler provided several opinions and situations regarding the volunteer deciding how much money to charge for specific fees. Further discussion followed regarding positions at the shelter. The commissioners will discuss and review the documentation provided by Toler and will look into the situation.

Digital Inclusion- County Archivist Erica Cline attended a Digital Inclusion meeting, hosted by Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission a few weeks ago. Cline will be working alongside SIRPC to collect data from the schools, which can be used in helping the County obtain grants for broadband services in the County. Cline stated there will be another meeting in January. Further discussion followed regarding the lack of broadband services throughout the County.

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

ATTEST: _____
Heather Huff, Auditor

David Bramer, President

Robert Little, Member

Ron Lee, Member