

Jennings County Commissioner Meeting
June 6, 2019 6:30PM

Bob Willhite was absent.

The meeting was opened with Matt Sporleder leading the pledge.

First on the agenda was Marie Shepherd with a rezone request for George Koger and Debra Pavey, being represented by Harold Altepeter. They have approximately 20 acres they would like to rezone from light industrial to agricultural. They want to build a new home and steel building on the property. The request has been approved by the Essential Service Committee as well as Area Plan Commission. Dave Lane made a motion to approve the request. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous.

Next, Marie Shepherd talked about the work load in her office continues to grow. She would like to hire for a clerk's position. She already has the money in her budget to get through this year so no extra money is being requested. Dave Lane made a motion to allow Marie to fill the position. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous.

Next on the agenda was Amy Thompson with Election Worker's pay. She stated that the way her two county employees were being paid puts them at a disadvantage. Amy informed the Auditor's office that she wants to switch the two county employees to comp time instead of running it through payroll. She stated the employees were paid \$15/hour and after taxes were taken out the amount was more around \$8/hour. The employees worked a 15 hour day. There was discussion on the comp time coming out of the Clerk's budget and not Election Workers budget even though the service falls under the Election. After much discussion, Dave Lane made a motion to approve the two employees to receive comp time. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous.

Next, Amy asked if a decision was made about a previous claim she had turned in. The claim was for fleece jackets purchased for her office staff from the Indiana Association of Clerks. Dave Lane made a motion to approve. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Amy had also turned in a claim for flowers purchased. Matt Sporleder denied this claim.

Jim Reeves with the Highway Department was next on the agenda. He requested signatures from the Commissioners on a letter to the State certifying that our County has two covered bridges.

Jim's next order of business concerned the ADA bid. The Council approved to pay for the ADA work. Signatures were required on the contract to award it to Woodall's Roofing & Home Improvement.

Jim then stated that a meeting was held with the Military, Air Force, and Army about using the parking lot at the Community Building. The dates requested were July 15-26. They would be flying in aircraft and dropping cargo to load semis. They will be using four semis and running 24 hours a day. A suggestion was made to add to the contract a deposit for any damages to the blacktop. Dave Lane made a motion to approve the request. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous.

Jim then brought up the purchase of a grader to the Commissioners. This decision was tabled until all three commissioners were present. Dave Lane made a motion to table the decision. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous.

Jim also brought up getting some complaints about the lighting at the fairgrounds. Some of the lighting inside the buildings is not bright enough. Matt Sporleder said he would call Kurt Schneider to have him check it out.

Next on the agenda was the increase in Volunteer Fire Department insurance renewal. The increase was a total of \$6,378. Dave Lane made a motion to pay the increase from the Commissioners Other line item. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous.

Next Auditor Salsman requested signatures on the TIF Management Report for the county to state it has been reviewed.

Auditor Salsman then requested Commissioner Sporleder's signature on the Jennings County Fair Event Action Plan.

Nicci Lucas with Human Resources presented the Commissioners with a request from Britt Burgmeier. He had an employee take a position at the jail. He would like permission to fill his already funded position.

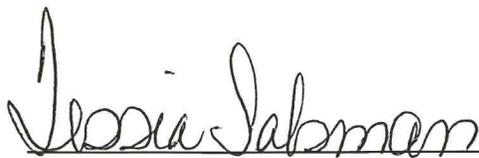
Dave Lane made a motion to allow Britt to hire. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous.

Dave Lane made a motion to sign payroll and claims. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous.

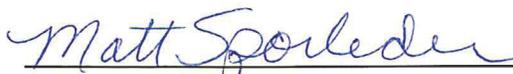
Dave Lane made a motion to sign and approve prior minutes. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous.

Gregg Wilds came before the commissioners stating that the jail needs a new garbage disposal. Gregg stated a question of who pays for it has arisen. Matt Sporleder stated it will come from Cum Courthouse. Gregg also mentioned he will be getting paint for some of the offices. Matt Sporleder stated that it will be paid out of Cum Courthouse if the money is available.

Dave Lane made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous.



Tessia Salsman, Auditor



Matt Sporleder, Commissioner President

Robert Willhite, Commissioner Vice-President



Dave Lane, Commissioner