

Jennings County Commissioners Meeting

Government Annex Building, Commissioners Meeting Room

January 9, 2020

The meeting was opened with Matt Sporleder leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

All members present.

Jim Reeves~ County Highway presented two LPA consulting contracts that needed to be signed. One for Jacobi Toombs and Lanz, Inc. for Bridge 44 for new decking, the second one is for Beam Longest and Neff, L.L.C for Bridge 66 for deck replacement.

Bob Willhite made a motion to appoint Matt Sporleder as President of County Commissioners, Dave Lane Second. Unanimous

Dave Lane made a motion to appoint Bob Willhite as Vice President of County Commissioners, Matt Sporleder Second. Unanimous

Dave Turner~ Sheriff's Office and Jason Bliton~ Jail went over some of the improvements that have been started at the jail in 2019, some of which have been completed and others near completion.

Installing roughly 70 new cameras, monitor and DVR paid for by the Sheriff's Office using commissary money with hopes of it being reimbursed with the Jail tax.

They have painted the entire inmate area of the jail, and plan to restart that process again in about two months.

They put in 8 new triple bunks which increased the jails capacity also using commissary money with the hopes of it being reimbursed by the jail tax.

Kitchen backsplash was replaced for mold remediation.

Future improvements: A new HVAC System, the cost won't be as big as initially thought it would be. It's estimated to cost around \$250,000.00-\$350,000.00.

The book in area of the jail is out dated and could be updated to make it safer for the jail staff.

A new body scanner, drugs have been found inside inmates, resulting in the death of one inmate. ~~The scanner is essentially an X-ray machine that will be able to locate drugs hidden~~ inside an inmate. Approximately 20 body scanners have been installed in the last year and a half in Indiana. The cost of the machine is \$144,000.00 with a one year warranty and \$149,000.00 with a two year warranty and they are looking into getting a grant to help cover the cost.

The lobby floor of the Sheriff's office is in bad shape and needs to be redone. They are getting quotes to strip out the lobby floor and put down a polymer coating. The coating should last between 5-7 year polymer that would just need to be recoated, so you won't have to resurface the floor.

They would like to put in an 80x40 pole barn in behind the jail with six bays down stairs with an area upstairs for training, and a room to house confidential stuff. It would be open for the whole county to use. They are hoping to be able to use some of the jail tax money to fund the project.

They would like to put a door in the backside of dispatch. Right now they only have one way in and out. In the event of an emergency that would block the front entrance of the Sheriff's office, the dispatchers would be blocked and have no way out. There is an area in the back part of dispatch that would lead to a secured part of the jail, which would mean that door would only require a regular lock. Dave Turner said he would get with Greg Wilds and have him take a look at putting in the door and then come back to them.

Jason Bliton is also looking into putting a barrier around the catwalk in the men's block. In past years two people have jumped from the top. He has gotten some quotes from Layman Fabrications, but will get new quotes and revisit this at a later time.

County Road 500 W speed limit sign allegedly only marked in one direction. It will be looked into and corrected if necessary.

Next on the Agenda was Randy Shepherd ~ County Assessor presented a contract for his X-Soft program that needed to be signed. Current system is Proval which a DOS based system and X-Soft is a Windows based system, its more accurate and more user friendly. The money is in the Reassessment budget to pay for it. X-Soft is currently in 70 of the 92 counties.

Next was Tessia Salsman ~ County Auditor with Sewer Board Appointments Pat Sullivan requested that Louis Wilson and Jack Wagster be replaced with Sally Woods and Wayne Sebastian. Bob Wilhite made a motion. Dave Lane Second. Unanimous

Auditor Salsman also presented requests for travel, Jerry Shepherd~ EMA is requesting to travel to Madison for an annual meeting January 15th, 16th and 17th, 2020. He is also requesting to travel to Greensburg on January 28th, and 29th, 2020 for a class. He also has training in Corydon on February 11, 2020. Bob Willhite made a motion to sign Jerry's travel request, Dave Lane Second. Unanimous

Next travel request was for Tessia Salsman Auditor, Amanda Clapp Chief Deputy Auditor, and Kitty Shepherd Treasurer, Tonja Castetter Deputy Treasurer and Randy Shepherd ~Assessor to travel to Indianapolis to the 2020 AIC Conference on February 11th and 12th, 2020. Bob Willhite made a motion to sign, Dave Lane Second. Unanimous

Next travel request was for Randy Shepherd Assessor, Cheryl Miller Chief Deputy Assessor, Holly Rose Deputy Assessor and Willie Hoover Deputy Assessor to travel to Indianapolis for the Winter ICAA Conference on January 21-24, 2020. Bob Willhite made a motion, Dave Lane Second. Unanimous

Next topic was discussing changing the Commissioners Meeting date from March 26, 2020 to March 19, 2020 because of Spring Break.

Tessia Salsman ~ Auditor talked about the Volunteer Fire Department Insurance, the line for the insurance had \$73,000.00 and \$64,124.00 is being paid out at this time leaving \$8,876.00. There are four more payments marked TBD so we are unsure how much those payments would be. Matt said to just hold off on this until December and if the line is short then, pay it out of Commissioner's other.

Tessia Salsman~ Auditor presented the Purdue Contract last year the amount was \$91,440.00 and this year the amount is \$93,775.00. Bob Willhite made a motion to sign, Dave Lane Second. Unanimous

Tessia Salsman~ Auditor discussed Koorsen at the jail, they have fire and security, Greg Wilds asked that the commissioners approve to have Koorsen repair a pipe that has been leaking. The estimate is for \$2,500.00. Bob Willhite made a motion to have Greg contact Koorsen to fix the pipe, David Lane Second. Unanimous. Matt asked to check with the County Council to possibly pay for it out of the jail tax.

Tessia Salsman~ Auditor she had spoken with Dave Gerth ~ EMS and he had asked to remove Ted Westerman from the Rescue 20 Board of Appeals and replace him with Keith Messer. Bob Willhite made a motion to make the change, Dave Lane Second. Unanimous

Matt Sporleder~ Commissioner made note about some of the changes that had been made to the County Commissioners Appointments. There may have to be some changes made to the

~~Board of Health Board. According to State Statue there has to be 4 Republicans and 3 Democrats. No action was needed at this time.~~

Going back to the X-Soft Software Contract for the Assessor's Office. Eagle Point has been in contact with X-Soft and is okay with everything that is needed. Ellie Bright asked how common is things to happen that are not covered by the annual fee? The response was that there haven't been very many counties charged more than the annual fee. The total fee for the entire software package is \$180,000.00 to be paid in \$45,000.00 payment for 4 years and then \$31,800.00 is for the annual support fee. Bob Willhite made a motion to sign the contract, Dave Lane Second. Unanimous.

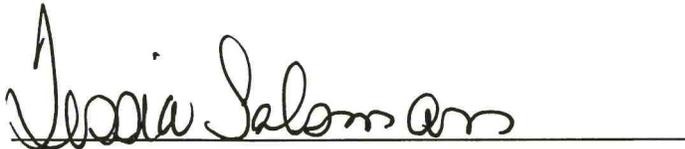
Dave Turner~ Sheriff's Office came and gave an update on the Spillman System.

Erin Anderson ~ MUTC wanted to let everyone know that the Museum is open to the public Monday~Friday 9am-4pm. They have an ongoing project called Muscatatuck Speaks. It's an oral history project. They are also working on establishing a board for the museum since it is not a military museum. They have several fundraisers coming up and they will be sending out reminders for those events.

Bob Willhite made a motion to sign payroll and claims. Dave Lane Second. Unanimous.

Bob Willhite made a motion to sign prior minutes. Dave Lane Second. Unanimous.

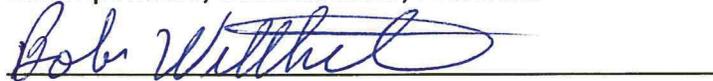
Bob Willhite made a motion to adjourn. Dave Lane Second. Unanimous.



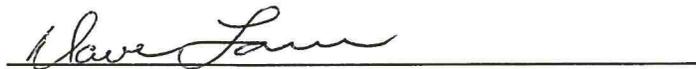
Tessia Salsman, Auditor



Matt Sporleder, Commissioner, President



Bob Willhite, Commissioner, Vice-President



Dave Lane, Commissioner