

JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING
MARCH 9, 2017 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was opened with Matt Sporleder leading the pledge to the flag.

First on the agenda was Shana Richmond coming before the Commissioners to ask them to consider creating a policy on sharing sick time with other employees. Mrs. Richmond brought two different policies with her. One policy is a donation policy where the employee would have the option to donate 1 day of sick time to a bank where then if an employee who needed more time could draw from the bank. The other policy is where an employee could actually give their time to another specific employee. Mrs. Richmond would like to see the Employee Handbook amended to include one of these policies. Matt Sporleder asked Sherri Williams, HR person for the County, to research these two policies.

Bob Willhite made a motion to table the matter until the next meeting. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next was Jodi Comer with SIRPC concerning the Burnt Pines Water Project. Mrs. Comer informed the Commissioners that the low bid was \$329,789 by Holman Excavating out of Versailles, Indiana. Mrs. Comer brought a Sub-Recipient Agreement for the Commissioners to sign for the Burnt Pines Water Project.

Bob Willhite made a motion to sign the Burnt Pines Sub-Recipient Agreement; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next Patty Jackson also with SIRPC addressed the Commissioners about an Owner Occupied Rehab Program. Ms. Jackson stated that the program works with the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) and it is a competitive grant program which is used to assist low-to-moderate income residents with minor rehab/repair work to their homes, such as: new roof, new windows, gutters and downspouts, furnace, etc. The maximum amount that can be applied for is \$350,000.00 with a 10% match requirement; which excludes some costs, that the amount required for match is \$30,500. Ms. Jackson stated that in the past they have applied to the USDA's Housing Preservation Program to assist with the match requirement; but now the cycles for the programs coincide more than they used to. Ms. Jackson wants to know if the Commissioners would be interested in this program so that when they receive notice about the program, she can file with the USDA for the match. If the application is not processed before the application is submitted to IHCDA, then the County would need to commit to the match. Currently there are 12 families on the waiting list for Jennings County. Participants have requirements that have to be met with the homes and on income. Matt

Sporleder asked if Ms. Jackson knew the location of the properties on the list as to whether they were in the County or the city of North Vernon. Ms. Jackson wasn't sure but that was a good question and she went on to say that when they did the program in Jefferson County they targeted Madison and the County put in \$8,000 and the City put in \$8,000 and the rest was received on a HPG grant. Ms. Jackson stated she would be glad to set up a time with the City Council of North Vernon and see if they would be interested and get back then with the Commissioners.

Next on the agenda was Jody Shelton who is coming to the Commissioners about a flooding issue on his property. Mr. Shelton resides at 3375 E CR 500 N, North Vernon, and In 47265. Mr. Shelton stated that the property across the road has two culverts that are plugged up and causing all the water to drain onto his property. Ed Lewis is the owner of the property and Matt Sporleder asked Jim Reeves, County Road Superintendent to contact Mr. Lewis and see what can be done to replace the culverts if needed and dig out the ditches.

Next on the agenda was Jim Reeves concerning the County Park work being done. Mr. Reeves reported that the County Park roads were close to being done. Mr. Reeves had 4 sealed bids for the Muscatatuck County Park Retaining Wall.

Lawyer Excavation, Inc. \$ 64,155.00 Rock Wall Removal/Veneer Stone Wall

Lawyer Excavation, Inc \$ 63,210.00 Rock Wall Removal/Place rock Wall Grout Top

Lawyer Excavation, Inc. \$ 45,850.00 Rock Wall Removal/ Exposed Concrete

Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc \$ 63,000.00 50' section no Rock removal or Replacement

Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc. \$ 118,000.00 100' section Removal & Replacement of Rock Wall

Louis A. Wilson Concrete Contractor, Inc. \$84,100.00 Installation of Concrete retaining walls & road pavement

Louis A. Wilson Concrete Contractor, Inc. \$107,710.00 Installation of Concrete/rock retaining walls and road pavement

Bradshaw Building Specialties Inc. \$119,851.00 Road Support Wall Replacement

The Commissioners asked Jim Reeves to take the bids and see which would be feasible to do.

Next was Jack Krouse, President of Construction Control, Inc. (CCI) out of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Mr. Krouse told the Commissioners that he had heard about their jail project and he wanted to come and let them know what he could do to help with the project. Mr. Krouse stated that he had been building jails since 1980 and jails were all he did. Mr. Krouse said he would be the Construction Manager and would take the place of a general contractor. Mr. Krouse stated that his company supervises the design,

bidding and the construction of more jails than all the other Indiana firms combined. CCI has 5 jails going now and will have 3 more by midsummer. Mr. Krouse stated that the most recent jail going right now is in Adams County in Decatur and is running around \$85,000 per bed and that's just the construction. In spite of all this jail work there are fewer and fewer suppliers of jail products. There are certain products specific to jails; doors, security locks, hardware and security glass, etc. The fewer suppliers you have for these products the more the cost goes up. There is only one door supplier in the whole United States right now; so you have to have some serious clout to even get on the list with the supplier to reserve the number of doors you need. CCI represents the County and only the County; they have no vested interest in the outcome and their only goal is to see that everything is done correctly. CCI works for a flat fee. Mr. Krouse thanked the Commissioners for allowing him time to talk with them.

Jim Reeves came back with the bids for the County Park and recommended using Lawyer Excavation for the \$64,155 bid.

Bob Willhite made a motion to award the bid to Lawyer Excavation contingent on engineer approval for the \$64,155. David Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next the Auditor presented an ordinance from the Recorder's office for establishing Recorder's office prepaid customer accounts.

Bob Willhite made a motion to waive the first reading of the ordinance; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Bob Willhite made a motion to approve and sign the Recorder's Ordinance; Dave Lane seconded the motion. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Auditor Vance showed the Commissioners an email from Laverne Carr with Shepherd/Moore Insurance concerning a list of items emailed to her from Greg Martin, County Park Superintendent, that he wanted added to the County's Insurance Policy. After looking over the list of items, the Commissioners asked the Auditor to speak with Mrs. Carr and find out if the County has a blanket policy in place and also see about a site inspection.

Bob Willhite made a motion to sign claims; Dave Lane seconded the motion. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Bob Willhite made a motion to approve prior minutes; Dave Lane seconded the motion. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Bob Willhite made a motion to adjourn; Dave Lane seconded the motion. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Attest:



Kay Sue Vance, Auditor



Matt Sporleder, President

Robert Willhite



David Lane