

**JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**APRIL 12, 2018 6:30 P.M.**

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

Matt Sporleder began by apologizing for the meeting starting a little later due to the previous joint session meeting with the Council running over.

First on the agenda was David Moore with Moore/Shepherd Insurance concerning the liability coverage of the Climbing Wall located in the County Park. Mr. Moore was unable to attend the meeting so Lori Brown, an agent with Moore/Shepherd Insurance came to address the Commissioners. Mrs. Brown stated that she had good news for the Commissioners; the insurance carrier agreed to insure the wall without cost to the county because of the long standing good relationship with the county. In fact the company stated knowing this insurance will be bid in the fall that this issue will be re-addressed in the future if it becomes a problem. Mr. Moore sent comments to the Commissioners stating that One Beacon will not charge for this exposure but they are very clear that they will subrogate any claims back to the responsible party; which will be Mr. Martin. Mr. Moore went on to say that it is his sincere hope that Mr. Martin could find a policy that was affordable so that he and the county would have that extra layer of protection should something unforeseen occur. They are not mandating a policy be put in place but are simply suggesting that his interests be protected like the county's are. Matt Sporleder again asked Mr. Martin if he was clear on the insurance company's position.

Mr. Martin commented that there had been no accident in 20 years and he didn't foresee one in the future. There were several people in attendance in support of Mr. Martin at the meeting and Mr. Martin stated they had all climbed the wall and they were all experienced climbers.

Next on the agenda was Marie Shepherd, APC Director, with a rezone request for Campbell Township Volunteer Fire Department, being represented by Brad Bender with FPBH. They would like 8.215 acres of 2980 N County Rd 425 E, North Vernon in preparation for the construction of their new fire station. They are requesting the property be rezoned from Agricultural to Institutional.

Bob Willhite made a motion to approve the rezone for Campbell Township Volunteer Fire Department; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous.

Next Pat Ross on behalf of Jody and Linda Ross came before the Commissioners about a vacated road 900 W. Mr. Ross is trying to find out where the property lines are on an old abandoned road. In the process right now of trying to sell and the neighbor is stating that the road belongs to him alone. According to the County Highway, the County maintains only 400 ft. of the road. Matt Sporleder asked Mr. Ross to come and show on the map where the property he is talking about is located.

Mr. Ross showed the Commissioners the property in question and stated that he could access the property from 750 N but you had to be in a 4 wheel drive vehicle to do so. After looking at the survey and discussing the roadway with Jim Reeves, Highway Superintendent, it was determined that Mr. Ross should have access to his property from 900 W and Mr. Sporleder asked the county attorney to send a letter to the other property owner, Earl Robertson, of the county's decision.

Brian Boyd asked to address the Commissioners concerning the County Park's climbing wall. Mr. Boyd presented a packet to the Commissioners and it contained among other things a copy of a waiver the Hoosier Heights in Bloomington, Indiana uses and the owner has given permission for Mr. Martin to implement it for the climbing wall. Ellie Bright, County Attorney, stated that she would be contacting Hoosier Heights and their attorney to make sure this waiver can be used by Mr. Martin. Mrs. Bright told Mr. Martin that he would need to continue with the Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement.

Bob Willhite made a motion to table the waiver for the climbing wall until next meeting; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next was Kerry McConnell with SIRPC addressed the Commissioners with a report on the Owner Occupied Rehab Project. Ms. McConnell stated that \$350,000 was requested in grant funds and the County received \$178,004 in grant monies. Ms. McConnell stated that she had 14 people sign up for assistance but would only be able to give 7 of those assistance. Ms. McConnell had brought the program agreement for the Commissioners signatures.

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

Next was Chad Pittman with the Butlerville Sewer Board with concerns of the appointments to the board having run out. Mr. Pittman requested the Commissioners appoint the board and assign the term to each board member. The following are the board members names and term.

Chad Pittman 3 year term expires 12/31/2020

Chris Shook 2 year term expires 12/31/2019

Charlanna McHaley 2 year term expires 12/31/2019

Carrie McHaley 1 year term expires 12/31/2018

Kim Lafollette 1 year term expires 12/31/2018

Proxy member John Ross

Bob Willhite made a motion to accept the listed board members and their term; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Moving to things to discuss, Satolli Glassmeyer with History in Your Own Backyard, came back to get the decision from the Commissioners concerning doing a video of the Courthouse and 2 Covered Bridges in the county.

Bob Willhite made a motion to have the video done with a drone of the courthouse but without the drone on the Covered Bridges. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Mr. Glassmeyer asked if the Commissioners had any idea who they would like to narrate the videos and these names were presented.

For the Courthouse they suggested Dan Wright, Mayor of Vernon; the Scipio Covered Bridge, Bill Foist and for the James Covered Bridge, Bob Keller or Betty Manning. Auditor Vance told Mr. Glassmeyer that she could get contact numbers for him, just call her office.

Next was the question of insurance for a Soil and Water Conservation board member. After some discussion the Commissioners felt this would cause more problems going forward.

Bob Willhite made a motion to deny the request from the Soil and Water board; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Marie Shepherd, APC Director, informed that she had a vacancy on her APC board as Mark Holwager is moving out of county. Mrs. Shepherd indicated that Toby Taylor had expressed an interest to sit on the board.

Bob Willhite made a motion to appoint Toby Taylor to the APC board; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

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

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

Auditor Vance had received a letter from the Jennings County Council on Domestic Violence seeking permission to use the courthouse lawn for their annual Strawberry Festival Fundraiser on May 24, 2018 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. but will be on site all day for set up and clean up.

Bob Willhite made a motion to allow the Domestic Violence Fundraiser the courthouse lawn for May 24, 2018. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Jim Reeves asked the Commissioners to review the rent of the Community Building with all the current rehab done.

Bob Willhite made a motion to raise the rental of the Community Building to \$600 which includes cleanup. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

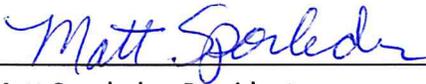
Bob Willhite made a motion to waive the rental fee of the Community Building for the Pageant Ball on May 19, 2018. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

With no further business, Bob Willhite made a motion to adjourn; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

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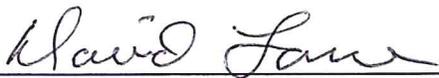
Kay Sue Vance, Auditor



Matt Sporleder, President



Robert Willhite



David Lane