

**JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 6:30 P.M.**

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

Chris Ertel asked to address the Commissioners and started by thanking them for allowing him to be the military liaison for the County. Mr. Ertel said he enjoyed the opportunity to serve the county in this capacity but he would like to step down and offer his resignation as it was. Mr. Ertel stated that with the Auditor's help he was able to get part of the money back for the paving at the fairgrounds. The damage had been estimated at \$40,000 and the county received \$30,600 in reimbursement; mainly because in the agreement it states that the military had first chance at repairing any damage but the county could not wait for that and had the paving done. Matt Sporleder on behalf of the Commissioners and the county thanked Mr. Ertel for his service and all his help in getting the military to come to the county and use the fairgrounds.

Next Katrina Coryell and Susie Hall came on behalf of the Domestic Violence to request county support. They are currently housed in the former Jennings Villa and have a staff of 7 prn for the shelter.

Matt Sporleder expressed that the budget had already been turned in for the year 2019 and asked that the ladies come back next spring and they would see if there could be any money to help them.

Nicci Lucas, HR Director, addressed the Commissioners bringing them up to date on the Drug and Alcohol policy and procedure to amend to the handbook of the county.

Bob Willhite made a motion to accept and approve both amendments to the County handbook; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next Mrs. Lucas stated she had a request from Atina Rozhon to fill a vacancy in the Extension Office. Michele Perry resigned as office manager and her last day was on September 7th.

Bob Willhite made a motion to approve the request to fill the vacancy in the Extension Office; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next Jerry Shepherd, EMA Director, came to the Commissioners requesting money to do some maintenance work needed at the EMA building in the Industrial Park. Mr. Shepherd stated it would only take around \$1500.

Matt Sporleder asked Auditor Vance to check and see if there was any money available that could take care of this expense.

Next Kitty Shepherd, Jennings County Treasurer, came before the Commissioners requesting they implement the TRECS program which means Tax Refund and Exchange Compliance System. Since the Treasurer is already a member of the Indiana Trust program; they are partnered with TRECS and can through the process collect delinquent taxes from the Indiana Tax Refund and send it to the Treasurer. The tax payer will receive a letter from the State.

Bob Willhite made a motion to implement the TRECS program; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Alex Murphy with the Campbell Township Fire Department came to ask the Commissioners about the \$10,000 that was pledged earlier in the year. Matt Sporleder reminded Mr. Murphy that the pledge was made contingent on the Commissioners being able to use the bond money. Ellie Bright, County Attorney, stated that she asked several different ways and the answer was always No. Mr. Murphy said they still need that money to have enough to complete the fire station project. Mr. Sporleder asked if they had sent out due notices yet as he had not received one and Don Biehle responded they hadn't sent any notices out for 2 years. Mr. Sporleder suggested maybe they needed to go door to door and ask people to donate or pay the dues. Mr. Murphy didn't like that idea as it might upset some folks that were on the fence about the new fire station. Mr. Sporleder stated that he didn't know of any money they had available to use at this time.

Randy Shepherd, President of the Fair Board was next to address the Commissioner and he assured them that he was not there for any money. Mr. Shepherd has been approached by Clayton Perry, a Go Cart racer about possible bring Go Cart Racing to the fairgrounds. Mr. Perry has been talking with a circuit out of Cincinnati as well as Indianapolis who might be interested in coming to the fairgrounds. They would take care of maintenance on the track including new lights and score board. Mr. Perry also said they would carry an insurance policy. Mr. Shepherd stated they talked about \$200 a week to start and then see how it goes and renegotiate later.

Bob Willhite made a motion contingent on the contract approved by the county attorney, Ellie Bright and the insurance coverage to be approved by Moore/Shepherd Insurance Company. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Sheriff Driver came to request a speed limit increase for county road 300 between 600 West and County line road for 40 mph not 30 mph.

After some discussion, Bob Willhite made a motion to change the speed limit to 40 mph; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous.

Sheriff Driver wanted to let the Commissioners know that the jail employees had been exposed to Hepatitis A and shots for the employees and staff has already been done. The inmate has been released from jail clean.

Ellie Bright, County Attorney, said she had been notified by the Community Foundation that there was a fund for a clock for \$8,000 and it generated about \$400 each year. The Foundation wondered if the Commissioners wanted to receive the \$400 each year for the clock on the Courthouse.

Bob Willhite made a motion to accept the yearly income of \$400 from the Community Foundation; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Greg Wilds, County Maintenance Supervisor, brought an agreement proposal from Koorsen Fire & Security that would cover the Courthouse, Government Center and the 925 S State St property which includes the jail, Sheriff Department, 911 and EMS. The proposal is for a 5 year agreement for \$4,712 for the fire alarm systems and alarms.

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

Auditor Vance said he had come to her attention that there was some water damage to ceiling tiles at the Community building. The fair board met there on 9/12 and they were the ones that made the Auditor aware and Wes Bradshaw and Bernie Huersperger had been notified. Greg Wilds had been out to the building also and said he didn't think it was anything major but that it should be checked out.

Bob Willhite made a motion to withhold final payment on the Community Building project until the roof and ceiling were fixed; 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.

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

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

Attest:

Kay Sue Vance

Kay Sue Vance, Auditor

Matt Sporleder

Matt Sporleder, President

Robert Willhite

Robert Willhite

David Lane

David Lane