

Jennings County Commissioner Meeting
February 14, 2019 6:30 P.M.

Matt Sporleder, Bob Willhite, and Dave Lane were present.

The meeting was opened with Matt Sporleder leading the pledge.

Aaron Bell with SEIRD, presented the 2018 annual report. The SEIRD is a seven county cooperative effort with eight recycle centers throughout. Overall recycling exceeded 8 million pounds last year. He feels the county has made great strides and recycling numbers have increased overall in all categories. He stated that illegal dumping is still an issue in Jennings County, as well as nationwide. SEIRD is currently looking into a recycle right initiative, local shredding opportunities, and amnesty opportunities for 2019.

Next, Kerry McConnell with SIRPC (Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission) was present for the Jennings County OOR 2nd bid opening. (See attached)

Nicci Lucas with HR brought forth a request from Dave Gerth and Britt Burgmeier to change the handbook as it relates to the holidays. Currently, Dave and Britt are following the handbook and compensating them for every hour worked. Scheduling is becoming an issue due to employees getting compensated for each hour worked on a holiday. They would like to change the compensation time to 8 hours regardless of how many hours were worked. The only exception being if the employee worked a 7 hour holiday shift they would be compensated for 7 hours. Commissioner Matt Sporleder suggested making the maximum compensation time as 10 hours. If an employee worked a 12-24 hour shift they would be compensated 10 hours. Bob Willhite made a motion to amend the holiday compensation. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

The next order of business Nicci presented was the Extension Office's desire to fill a part time position. It is an already funded position. Bob Willhite made a motion to approve. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Jon Post with the Town of Vernon made a request to use the commissioner's meeting room for March 7 at 7 P.M. for the town meeting. He would also

~~like to use the meeting room as needed when large crowds are expected.~~

Bob Willhite made a motion to approve. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Next, Nolan Stanley with Veterans Services came before the commissioners with a request to sell two vehicles owned by Veterans Services and put that money towards the purchase of a newer van. He states the two older vehicles are using up too much money in repairs and maintenance. Matt Sporleder suggested selling the vehicles at the K of C auction coming up. The commissioners told Nolan to do some research on prices and get back with them at the March 14 meeting.

Jim Reeves with the Jennings County Highway Department requested signatures for the LPA INDOT-County Bridge Inspection Contract. Bob Willhite made a motion to sign. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Next, Jim presented the proposal from E&H Bridge and Grating, Inc. for materials for the steel bridge deck for project 75 West. The purchase price for materials was \$82,902.00. Bob Willhite made a motion to approve the purchase. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Jim then presented the commissioners a quote for a new skid steer. The quote was from Miller Equipment in Greensburg for a purchase price of \$49,127.08. Bob Willhite made a motion to approve the purchase. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Then, Jim updated the commissioners with the Federal Aid Applications that were awarded.

CR450 E-\$251,100
CR 800 N-\$147,940
CR 190 E-\$245,440
CR 900 W-\$210,580

He also expressed concern on wanting to put up gates at the bottoms when they flood. These would only be closed when the road is flooded. Lastly, Jim brought up a request from the Military. They want to rent the Jennings County Fairgrounds from April 15-June 5. There are currently events scheduled during those times. Jim is going to check and see if there is any leeway in their time frame.

Bob Willhite made a motion to approve prior minutes. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Bob Willhite made a motion to pay the \$500.00 dues for Historic Hoosier Hills. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Auditor Tessia Salsman requested that the commissioners appoint someone for the PTABOA Board (Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals). State statute requires a Level 2 Assessor/Appraiser. However, statute also allows you to waive this requirement, but recommends the person have knowledge in valuing real estate. This position will be paid by the meeting and payment will come out of the reassessment fund. The commissioners agreed they would research this more.

A request was made from the Jennings County Historic Society to use the courthouse lawn for their Annual Sassafras Tea Festival, April 27-28. Bob Willhite made a motion to approve. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Auditor Tessia Salsman requested signatures on the contract for LOW software. Bob Willhite made a motion to sign the contracts. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Ellie Bright, County Attorney, brought up the Community Foundation's fund for the courthouse clock. They agreed to distribute money through the year, no lump sum. The money can solely be used for the clock and clock tower.

Bob Willhite made a motion to sign payroll and claims. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Bob Willhite made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Tessia Salsman, Auditor



Matt Sporleder, Commissioner President

Robert Willhite

Robert Willhite, Commissioner Vice-President

Dave Lane

Dave Lane, Commissioner

