

County Commissioners Meeting

March 14, 2019

The meeting started at 6:30 pm with Matt Sporleder leading the Pledge to the Flag.

A moment of silence was held for Linda Pettigrew. Linda was on the board of zoning for Area Plan for 25 years.

Nolan Stanley, Veteran's Officer, was first on the agenda but did not attend the meeting.

Marie Shepherd, Area Plan Director came before the Commissioners with a rezone for Perry and Julia Sizemore. They would like to rezone 10,000 sq.ft of property at 3890 W County Road 250 N, North Vernon from Agricultural to Institutional Utility to put a cell tower up. It will be several carriers using this tower. Marie stated there wasn't any opposition from any neighbors.

Matt asked Ellie if Dave Turner had talked to her. He stated this came at the worst time because he has heard that if we want to put a repeater on their cell tower they want to charge us \$1,200.00. He asked Ellie if the Commissioners needed to do a resolution or ordinance not allowing anymore cell towers unless they allow them to put their equipment on it if they would so desire without being charged. He stated Dave Turner had stated other counties have done this. Marie said this is private property and a private company and they have paid the county for the rezone and they shouldn't be able to keep them from putting it on their property. Ellie stated she needed more information on this. Ellie stated they should go ahead and proceed with this rezone as normal and get more information for the future. Robert Willhite made the motion to approve the rezone for the cell tower and David Lane Seconded the motion. Unanimous

Marie Shepherd also brought before the Commissioners about renaming the Old Highway 50 now known as Buckeye Street. The County maintains the road from Greensburg Street to the East Roundabout. The properties that are located along the Old US Hwy 50 between Greensburg Street and the river are using Buckeye Street as

~~their addresses. Do the Commissioners want to leave the addresses~~
as Buckeye Street, even though it is actually a County maintained Road or do they want to rename the Road from Greensburg Street to the East Roundabout as Old US 50? Robert Willhite made a motion to leave Buckeye Street between Greensburg Street and the East Roundabout that the county maintains as Buckeye Street. David Lane Seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Marie gave an update on the old Butlerville School. IDEM will not budge, we have to get a study done to see if the building has asbestos. If it does then we have to have someone on site at all times and all the building debris has to be taken to a special land fill. She even asked if it could be torn down for safety reasons and the answer was no. It would probably cost \$100,000.00 to tear it down, and the county doesn't have that kind of money. Marie stated that she was scared because school will be out soon and it is a hazard. The county may have to look into filing a lawsuit. Ellie will meet with Marie to get all the information on this. Robert Willhite made a motion for Marie to get estimates on tearing down the old Butlerville School. David Lane seconded the motion. Unanimous

Katrina Coryell Director of the Jennings County Council on Domestic Violence, Inc came before the Commissioners asking permission to use the Courthouse Lawn on Thursday June 6, 2019 from 10:30 am -2:30 pm for their annual Strawberry Festival Fundraiser. Robert Willhite made a motion to approve the Strawberry Festival on the Court House lawn on June 6, 2019. David Lane seconded the motion. Unanimous

Brian Belding, County Prosecutor, came to the Commissioners with an estimate on carpet for his office. He stated that OSHA had received a report about the carpet. It does need replaced because it has a raised area in it and several people have tripped on it and even fallen. No one was seriously hurt. He brought in a quote from Unique Floors for \$9,358.00. He came for the Commissioners approval. The money will come out of the Cum Courthouse Fund. Robert Willhite made a motion to approve carpet for the Prosecutors Office. David Lane seconded the motion. Unanimous

~~Nicci Lucas HR came to let the Commissioners know that she will be on vacation the week of March 25th -29th.~~

Nicci has been approached by Paul Lamm who works for Edward Jones who would like to talk to County Employees about retirement. Robert Willhite made a motion to table a decision on letting Mr. Lamb talk to the county employees until December. David Lane seconded the motion. Unanimous

Nicci was also there on behalf of the Sheriff wanting to hire nine new Jailers. Matt said he would be okay with two new jailers and Bob said he thought maybe three he then made a motion. Robert Willhite made a motion to approve two new jailers if there is money for those positions from the County Council. David Lane seconded the motion. Unanimous

Nicci also brought before the Commissioners a Contract Change from the We Care Clinic to add more hours. This would increase hours on Monday from 7:00 am to 4:00pm to 7:00 am to 5:00 pm with a Dr. being there from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Wednesday from 5:30am to 1:00pm to 5:30am to 2:00pm with a NP from 6:00am to 2:00pm. Matt said he has heard people want Tuesday as another day. With an additional cost of \$15,000.00 for the year, the Commissioners thought that was high. Robert Willhite made a motion to let Nicci check out more information on the Clinic before signing the contract change. David Lane seconded the motion. Unanimous

Lori Brown with Shepherd Insurance came with an increase of coverage for vehicles and buildings for the township fire departments. So that if they had a loss with their vehicles they would be able to replace them with new vehicles. She gave the Commissioners a handout on what each township fire departments increased cost would be. She stated they went to all the Carriers to get the lowest cost. Lori asked for the Commissioners approval on this stating it was a really good policy. Robert Willhite made a motion to approve the increased coverage if the County Council has money in the LIT Fund to pay for it. David Lane Seconded the motion. Unanimous

Tessia Salsman, Auditor, brought information from Ceraland Park for a yearly pass. There were three options, the commissioners would like more information on this, the commissioners don't have the money to fund this right now. Robert Willhite made a motion to table until we get more information. David Lane seconded the motion. Unanimous

The Commissioners had an Invoice from Garmong. Matt recommended pay this bill, and stated this should be the final bill from them. Robert Willhite made a motion to pay the Garmong Invoice for \$4659.37. David Lane seconded the motion. Unanimous

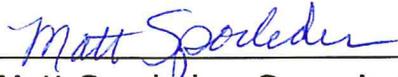
Robert Willhite made a motion to approve prior minutes. David Lane seconded the motion. Unanimous

Robert Willhite made a motion to sign payroll & claims except for Check # 27888 for more clarification. David Lane seconded the motion. Unanimous

Robert Willhite made a motion to adjourn. David Lane seconded the motion. Unanimous



Tessia Salsman, Auditor



Matt Sporleder, Commissioner President



Robert Willhite, Commissioner Vice-President



Dave Lane, Commissioner