

JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING
MARCH 23, 2017 6:30

Bob Willhite Absent

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

First on the agenda was Jason Semler with H. J. Umbaugh & Associates concerning their services they could provide the County for the upcoming jail project. Mr. Semler explained that he is a partner in this firm and is a CPA and has been with the company for 18 years. Umbaugh has over 65 years of experience providing financial advisory services to Indiana local governments and municipalities. Umbaugh is a certified public accounting firm and registered Municipal Advisors with the SEC. Umbaugh pairs the ethics, structure, quality control and business discipline of a CPA firm with the skills and knowledge of a financial advisor. Umbaugh offers the resources of more than 100 people in four offices in three states. In 2016 alone, Umbaugh completed 301 bond issues totaling over \$3.7 billion for projects ranging from approximately \$100,000 to \$214,000,000. In the past 11 years Umbaugh has served as Financial Advisor to Bartholomew, Marshall, Elkhart, Jasper, Miami, Perry, Washington, Starke, Scott, Adams and Posey Counties. Umbaugh is currently serving as Financial Advisor to Decatur, Fountain, Rush, Tipton and Wabash Counties. Umbaugh serves as an independent financial advisor for our clients; they exclusively represent and have a fiduciary duty to act in the best interest of the County. Mr. Semler asked the Commissioners to consider his firm to be the financial advisor for Jennings County for the jail project. Matt Sporleder asked Mr. Semler if he had a contract with him that he could leave for the County Attorney to look over but Mr. Semler said he did not but could get one and forward it to Mrs. Bright. Mr. Semler thanked the Commissioners for their time.

Next on the agenda was the Treasurer, Kitty Shepherd, coming to the Commissioners to ask permission to purchase a couple pieces of equipment. The first piece of equipment is a money counting machine; which counts mixed or sorted currency and has a processing speed of 1,600 notes per minute with an accuracy of 99.99 %. Another aspect is that it comes with a dual magnetic and ultraviolet/fluorescence counterfeit detection. The cost is \$2,695 and there is also a high speed thermal printer kit for \$445 that Mrs. Shepherd was interested in. The preventive maintenance inspection agreement is \$516.30 annually. Mrs. Shepherd stated that she had enough in the bond to pay for the machine but did not have enough in the budget for the maintenance agreement.

Dave Lane made a motion for the County to pay for the Thermal Kit of \$445 and the \$516.30 for the Maintenance agreement. Matt Sporleder seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The second piece of equipment Mrs. Shepherd was interested in is an EZ Scan Digital Remittance System Software which would electronically post and deposit payments received via mail in one fourth the time.

The total cost of this is \$14,380 which includes a \$2,525 annual software licensing, support and maintenance. Mrs. Shepherd stated that in checking with the banks, they provide this service for 25 cents a statement. In checking the records back in 2009 it costs \$3600 per collection for the service.

Matt Sporleder asked Mrs. Shepherd to do some more research on this and report back at their next scheduled meeting in April.

Next on the agenda was Jim Reeves, County Road Superintendent, with rebids on the County Park Road/Wall project. Matt Sporleder explained that they asked the original bidders to rebid because they had shortened the span of the project. The bids were as follows:

Louis Wilson Concrete Contractor, Inc. \$26,220

Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc. \$132,000

Lawyer Excavating \$23,965

Bradshaw Building specialties Inc. \$56,595

The Commissioners asked Mr. Reeves to take the bottom two bids and look them over and come back.

Next on the agenda was Marie Shepherd, Director of the Area Plan Commissioner with a rezone request from Otter Creek Baptist Church. Otter Creek Baptist Church represented by Marvin Wright would like to rezone the property from Residential Single Family to Institutional to bring the property into compliance with the Jennings County Unified Zoning Ordinance. The property is located at 8250 East County Road 540 North, Butlerville, in 47223. Both boards of the Area Plan approved the request unanimously with no exceptions noted.

Dave Lane made a motion to approve the request to rezone Otter Creek Baptist Church from Residential to Institutional. Matt Sporleder seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Next Chris Ertel, the County's liaison with the Military, came before the Commissioners with a Facility Lease for Privately Owned Property. The lease is between Jennings County Board of Commissioners and The United States of America. The Lease would give Full-Time Exclusive Use of 20 acres of land and improvements, which would include a 37,350 square foot enclosed building and an 18,375 square foot open pavilion. The property also includes an additional 14 acres of vacant land for a total of 34 acres. The dates for usage are April 18, 2017 through May 25, 2017. The rent has two components; the base rent which is \$30,000 and the operating expenses which are \$10,000. There could be another week that is needed and if so there would be a pro rata in place.

Dave Lane made a motion to sign the agreement with the Army contingent on the pro rata clause being added to the contract. Matt Sporleder seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jim Reeves came back with the two bids and recommended using Louis Wilson Concrete for the project.

Dave Lane made a motion to award the bid to Louis A. Wilson Concrete Contractor, Inc. for 26,220 for the County Park Road/Wall project. Matt Sporleder seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Andrew Lanam was in attendance and asked the Commissioners to sign the Underwriter Engagement Agreement with George K. Baum & Company as the Council had unanimously signed.

Dave Lane made a motion to sign the Underwriter Engagement Agreement with George K. Baum & Company. Matt Sporleder seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Next Dan Zuerner with the Garmong Construction Services spoke again to the Commissioners about the services he could provide through the jail project process. Matt Sporleder asked Mr. Zuerner if the concrete guy messes up are you going to deal with him or will I have to. Mr. Zuerner answered that he would be the one dealing with that person. Mr. Zuerner told the Commissioners that it is his responsibility to represent the County as the Consultant and as the Construction Manager during the construction phase. It is not only his job to lead the project but to sit beside the Commissioners and make sure they ask the questions they need to ask and get the answers needed so they will know what direction to take. One thing Mr. Zuerner would like to do right away, if they choose him to lead, would be to create a Building Committee with 1 Commissioner and 1 or 2 Council people, have the County Attorney appointed to the committee and the Sheriff. This would be the Core Group during the construction phase and then later on when the money comes into play you would add Andrew Lanam with the George K. Baum Co. and the Bond Counsel. Next he would draft a schedule of milestones that they would want to achieve ideally to keep the project on a path. Then once a month this group would report back to the Commissioners and Council to keep everyone up to date.

Dave Lane made a motion to hire Garmong Construction Services as the Consultant for the jail project. Matt Sporleder seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Andrew Lanam then addressed the Commissioners again stating that they had all the components but one which was a bond counsel. Rick Hall with Barnes & Thornburg, LLP who helped with the last bond for the county has sent a contract to Ellie Bright, County Attorney, for consideration.

Matt Sporleder stated that he had talked with Sue Beesley and she respectively had no interest in representing the county for this bond. Mr. Sporleder then stated that he has spoken with Bob Willhite about this matter and the hiring of the construction consultant and he was in agreement of hiring Mr. Zuerner and Rick Hall as Bond counsel.

Dave Lane made a motion to hire Barnes and Thornburg, LLP as Bond Counsel for the jail project. Matt Sporleder seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Next Sherri Williams, HR for the County, reported back about the Sick Bank that was under consideration. Ms. Williams stated she had sent out a survey asking if the employees were interested in a 1 day a year allocation or a specific person allocation of time or not interested. She had a total of 103 responses so far showing 18 would choose the 1 day allocation, 27 would donate time to a specific person and 58 were not interested.

Matt Sporleder felt that if a person wanted to donate time to another person, it should be between those two. Auditor Vance stated that she felt the head of department should be involved because of scheduling and knowing how long a person would be off. Mrs. Bright, County Attorney, felt there should be caps and Ms. Williams agreed with that.

After much discussion and still questions, Dave Lane made a motion to table again until the next meeting. Matt Sporleder seconded the motion. Motion passed

Auditor Vance had a letter from WTH with a request from Bartholomew County REMC to obtain certain listed GIS layers in exchange for some of their own GIS layers. There would be no fee or additional costs for this and WTH would take care of all data exchange.

Dave Lane made a motion to sign the WTH agreement with Bartholomew County REMC; Matt Sporleder seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Next Auditor Vance informed the board that Judy Ross had called and Joanna Vance had resigned from the Tourism board and that Susie Hall had expressed interest in joining the board.

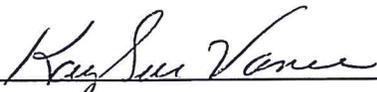
Dave Lane made a motion to appoint Susie Hall to the Tourism Board; Matt Sporleder seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

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

Dave Lane made a motion to adjourn; Matt Sporleder seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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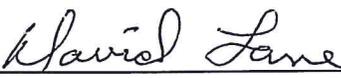
Kay Sue Vance, Auditor



Matt Sporleder, President



Robert Willhite



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