

JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MAY 24, 2018 6:30 P.M.

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

First on the agenda was Thrive Alliance concerning funding for the upcoming year. Sue Lamborn with Thrive Alliance came requesting \$12,000 in funding from the Commissioner for 2019. Mr. Sporleder asked what had been given last year and Ms. Lamborn responded \$2,000. Ms. Lamborn gave the Commissioners a letter stating what services had been provided in Jennings County and the requested amount for 2019. Ms. Lamborn stated that the meal program as of 7-2-18 would be located at the Senior Center.

Bob Willhite made a motion to approve \$2,000 for Thrive Alliance for 2019; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Marie Shepherd, Director of APC came with a request to rezone for Aaron and Edna Bontrager. They would like to rezone 3.5 acres at 8030 N CR 600 E, North Vernon, In 47265 from Agricultural to Institutional. They would like to rezone 0.5 acre for a cemetery and 3 acres for a school. The APC gave approval contingent upon the State of Indiana approving everything.

Bob Willhite made a motion to approve the rezone request for Aaron and Edna Bontrager; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next Marie Shepherd requested a new member appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The Board of Zoning Appeals cannot have any elected official and Ray Hughes is on an advisory board of Lovett Twp. so is unable to serve. Megan Grunden has agreed to fill the position through Mr. Hughes' term which ends 2018.

Bob Willhite made a motion to approve appointment of Megan Grunden to Board of Zoning Appeals; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Mrs. Shepherd stated that the APC has a lawsuit against them by Historic Landmarks regarding the Schuck property. The hearing is June 8th with Judge Webster at 9:30 a.m.

Mrs. Shepherd then turned to the Butlerville School property and gave an update on it. She has contacted a contractor who deals with Asbestos which the school has and he said just to come down and tell the county yes, there is asbestos could be a cost of up to \$5,000. The contractor stated the more information Mrs. Shepherd could give him would help lower the cost. Then an inspector has to come and another vendor to come take the asbestos out and do the demolition. Mrs. Shepherd stated

that she will need to go to the Council and request funds for this project and she is thinking possibly \$20,000 to \$25,000 just for the school.

Next Matt Sporleder read an email from George Triggs, Realty Specialist US Army Corps of Engineers regarding the damage done at the fairgrounds during the recent military maneuvers and the costs of repairs. Mr. Triggs stated that the pictures he had didn't show the need for the speedy repairs the county wanted to have done prior to the upcoming county fair. In his opinion the damage posed no imminent danger to anyone and thus was asking the county to hold off on the repairs until someone from the Corp could come and evaluate the damage. Mr. Sporleder stated that the Commissioners agreed that it did pose a potential liability for an injury and O'Mara Paving could do the work and the work had been completed. If the military decides not to reimburse the county that is their decision but the Commissioners stood by their decision. The cost of the work was \$40,000 which was the quote from O'Mara.

Next were the HR/ADA resumes received by the county. Bob Willhite made a motion to table until the next meeting to give time to look over the resumes; David Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

On the Duffitt gate matter there is nothing new and nothing done.

Next was discussion about raising the insurance coverage on the Community building after all the renovation.

Bob Willhite made a motion to instruct the Auditor to increase the coverage up to \$500,000 on the building and to raise coverage on the contents \$20,000 above the current coverage. David Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next was discussion on a new county map; the proof the Auditor had been too small for the Commissioners to make a decision. A large proof was requested.

Bob Willhite made a motion to table the decision on the map until next meeting and requested a larger proof to look at. David Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

A quote from Ken Neely was presented to remove the existing deteriorated vents on all 4 elevations and repair the existing opening and install new custom made aluminum vents similar to the wooden pattern, with stainless steel wire backing for bird protection. The quote was \$9,141.00.

Bob Willhite made a motion to table this decision until next meeting to get more information; David Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

The Commissioners were informed that the AC unit on in Block 500 at the jail was not working. No estimate yet but should have by next meeting.

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

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

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

Attest:



Ron Bloemer, Deputy Auditor



Kay Sue Vance, Auditor



Matt Sporleder, President



Robert Willhite



David Lane