

JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2018 6:30 P.M.

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

First on the agenda was Steve Martin a resident of County Road 500 W, coming before the Commissioners to ask about having his road chip and seal as the dust is so bad. Mr. Martin stated he had been a resident for 12 years and there were 7 houses on his 2 mile stretch with more coming and stated that the dirt and dust created on the road keeps them from having windows open and enjoying their yards.

Matt Sporleder asked Jim Reeves, County Highway Superintendent, to check out his stretch of road and report back to the Commissioners.

Next was J. L. Brewer with Jackson-Jennings Corrections Officer coming to request the signatures of the Commissioners on a letter of support for the FY2019 Indiana Department of Corrections Grant. The funds requested in this grant are needed to aid in public safety, rehabilitate offenders, and reduce the burden to the Jennings County citizens.

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

On things to discuss was the strip of land in Brewersville that the county owns. Mr. Sporleder stated he didn't feel like it was fair to give the land away to the first person who asked when there were other property owners adjacent that could be interested. He went on to say that maybe they should have someone look it over and give a price and then advertise for bids.

Bob Willhite made a motion to have Danny Richards to look at the property and give the Commissioners a price. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Mark Holwager came back to let the Commissioners know that the County Fair would be June 11 – 16 2018 and that the grandstand events were all set but because of Tampico events on the 16th, they had pushed the tractor pulls to Monday night. The fencing needed for the grandstands is proceeding with outside donations being sought.

Jim Reeves, County Highway Superintendent, presented two proposals for the County Park Bridge project. One was a steel structure at \$35,674 which is a 2012 price and a wooden bridge at \$34,500 cost delivered.

Bob Willhite made a motion to let Jim Reeves proceed with the wooden bridge for the County Park contingent on enough funds to complete. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Matt Sporleder informed the Auditor that they needed a special meeting prior to the next Commissioner meeting on February 8th at 5:30 p.m. Please advertise accordingly.

Auditor Vance presented a letter from Southeastern Indiana Recycling District requesting approval of the individual named from Jennings County for the 2018 Citizen's Advisory Committee. The name submitted is Mandy Creech.

Bob Willhite made a motion to approve Mandy Creech on the Advisory Board of SEIRD for Jennings County. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next Auditor Vance read a letter from Britt Burgmeier, 911 Director, and requesting permission to hire 2 dispatchers. These are positions that are already budgeted for 2018 and will have no negative impact on the budget.

Bob Willhite made a motion to allow 911 to hire 2 dispatchers; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next Janice Ramey, Jennings County Recorder, submitted a request to purchase furniture from the Office Shop. Mrs. Ramey stated that there would be no cost from the county; she would be using her Recorders Perpetuation fund for the cost. Total cost would be \$8,441.

After some discussion, Bob Willhite made a motion to table this request until next meeting; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

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

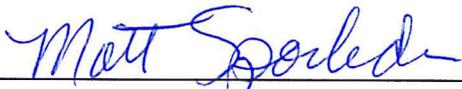
Bob Willhite made a motion to approve prior minutes; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

With no further business, Bob Willhite made a motion to adjourn; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Attest:



Kay Sue Vance, Auditor



Matt Sporleder, President



Robert Willhite



David Lane