

**JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING**  
**APRIL 26, 2018 6:30 P.M.**

The meeting opened with Bob Willhite leading the pledge to the flag.

The Commissioners opened three letters of interest from HWC Engineering, Janssen & Spaans Engineering, Inc. and USI Consultants concerning Jennings county NBIS Inspection and Inventory Program 2019-2022 (Des #1500219) in the Seymour District.

Peggy Roe with the Health Department came before the Commissioners stated that the 2 new vehicles that were purchased by the department and requested grant monies came in at more monies. Ms. Roe had requested previously to use \$42,345 grant money from the Commissioners and was approved but the actual money received was \$52,375. Ms. Roe requested that she be able to use the excess monies to have the cars detailed with their logo and add a hitch for towing to one of the vehicles.

Bob Willhite made a motion to allow the extra funds from the grant; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Nathan Smith with Eagle Point Technology came before the Commissioners about the renewal of the IT contract with the county. Mr. Smith suggested that the Commissioners allow an increased of hours from 40 hours a week to 60 hours a week so that Jeremiah Jonathan, the technician can be on site 5 days a week and that allows Rob Brehm 16 to 20 hours a week to take care of the servers and website and other back office details. Mr. Smith stated the new contract cost would be \$156,000. Matt Sporleder asked if he would do it for \$150,000 and Mr. Smith agreed. Matt Sporleder thanked Mr. Smith for all their hard work and for keeping Mr. Sporleder from receiving any complaints.

Bob Willhite made a motion to accept the contract at \$150,000; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next on the agenda was Marie Shepherd, APC Director, with a request for rezone from Tom Clarkson with life estate to Chesley and Dorothy Clarkson, being represented by Elizabeth Bentz Williams and Russell Brown. Mr. Clarkson would like to rezone 5.625 sq ft at 6601 N County Rd 150 e, North Vernon from Agricultural to Institutional Utility. The rezone request is being made in preparation for the construction of a wireless communication facility.

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

Matt Sporleder informed the board and audience that the City's live stage that the Fair Board wants to use for the fair cannot sit on the ground, per the request from the City. Mr. Sporleder received a quote

from Bradshaw Building Specialties, Inc. who has been working at the Community Building, of \$8,945. This quote includes removal of top soil and place onsite, install 4" PVC drain pipe to existing swell, provide and install GEO Fabric, provide and place 6" of #53 stone and 2" of #12 gravel. Provide and install underground electrical service from existing pedestal in the same area to the building to power stage; excavation, conduit, wire and breaker receptacle.

Bob Willhite made a motion to approve Bradshaw's quote of \$8,945; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Matt Sporleder had an option to purchase real estate agreement that he requested the Commissioners sign. It is for property for the location of the new jail and the location will be given a public meeting.

Bob Willhite made a motion to sign option to purchase real estate for the new jail; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

William Brown a resident in CSL next addressed the Commissioners concerning the management of the CSL properties. Mr. Brown feels that the poor people in CSL are being treated unfairly and that Mr. Miller is taking liberties that Mr. Brown feels is unauthorized and illegal. Mr. Brown stated that people are being evicted from their homes and wants to know where they are suppose to go. Sheriff Driver stated that the only people being evicted are the people who are not paying their taxes. Sheriff Driver went on to say that on the whole most of the CSL residents appreciate the presence of the law enforcement officers and the clean up that has been going on. Matt Sporleder added that Mr. Miller is using all monies collected to try and make improvements to the park area and the roads. Mr. Sporleder thanked Mr. Brown for coming and expressing his concerns and Mr. Sporleder will pass on those concerns.

Next a letter from Jerry Shepherd, EMA Director, to the Commissioners requesting permission as a retired officer and as Director to be included along with EMS & 911 in Section 3 (0) of the Jennings County Handbook. As Director of the EMA I am part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Groups. Mr. Shepherd requests that he be allowed to carry a weapon on his person.

Bob Willhite made a motion to amend the handbook to include the EMA Director to carry a weapon on his person; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion carried.

Bob Willhite made a motion to sign payroll and claims; 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. Matt Sporleder abstained due to not reading the minutes. Motion passed.

Marie Shepherd asked about being able to carry pepper spray? Mrs. Shepherd stated as of now the handbook does not allow that.

Matt Sporleder said they would have to table that and let the county attorney do some research on that.

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