

Jennings County Commission Meeting

Government Annex Building, Commissioners Meeting Room

February 27, 2020 6:30 pm

The meeting opened with Matt Sporleder leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

All members were present.

First on the agenda is Keisha Keen with Litter Box Kitty Rescue. This is a non-profit organization. They specialize in kitten care, adoptions and spay/neuter. They have been in operation for 7 years. They rely on donations and fund raising events. They are wanting to host 4 fund raisers in 2020 (3-8; 5-16; 11-14 and 12-12) at the fairgrounds in the Community Building. They are asking for the rental fee to be waived. Matt said that they normally only approve 1 waived time per group. She was asking about possibly a decreased fee for the other days. Bob Willhite made the motion to waive the fee for 3-8 and discuss the others later. Dave Lane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Randy Shepherd reported on the PTABOA appointments. The Commissioners appoint 2 of these members and the County Council appoints 1. The previous board was Rick Martin (realtor), Larry Wasson (abstract) and Jennifer Johnson (level 3 assessor from Bartholomew County). Bob made a motion to appoint Rick Martin and Larry Wasson. Dave Lane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Nicci Lucas, HR, presented 2 travel requests from the Health Department for Kevin Dougherty to attend an IEHA meeting in Jeffersonville on March 6 and a certified pool and spa operators course in Jackson County on April 7 and 8. Bob made the motion to approve these 2 travel requests. Dave seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Tessia Salsman presented 3 travel requests, one for Mary Kilgore and her 1st deputy for the annual conference April 14-16 and they will be staying at the Hilton in Indianapolis. She also has a request for Randy Shepherd to go AIC District meeting along with Kitty Shepherd on April 2. The cost for travel is \$38 and they will be spending the night there and the rooms are \$99/night. Bob made the motion to approve all 5 (previous 2 and these 3) travel requests. Dave seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Nicci then reported on the WeCare Clinic. Since one of the WalkIn clinics in town closed the We Care Clinic is going to offer DOT urine drug screen, non DOT urine drug screen and DOT physical exams. Jim Reeves approached Nicci about having just 1 place to do the DOT exams. We Care is willing to do that. If they are covered with our health plan there will be no additional charge, if not it would be \$109.00 to the employer. Bob made the motion to approve this. Dave seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

John Post from the Recycle Center reported that the trash containers are over-filled with trash. They would like another 30 yard roll-off. This would be \$290 and charged when they pick up. Bob made the motion to approve another 30 yard roll-off. Dave seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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Next is the second reading of the Ordinance for the Sheriff's Office. The part that was added was the 2nd paragraph under #10 regarding odor and agricultural. The change excludes agricultural odor. Bob made the motion to accept/adopt the ordinance. Dave seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Tessia brought up a few grants that have been presented to her. One the Health Dept is asking for permission to apply for a grant to receive Narcan. If the grant is improved they would split it between the School System, City Police and the Sheriff's Office. Bob made the motion to support the grant. Dave seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Another grant the Health Dept would like to apply for is to buy a portable generator for the refrigerator/freezer/cooler. If they apply for the grant it gives them only the amount of the generator. Bob made the motion to approve this. Dave seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Purdue is asking to apply for a grant for Public Health Services Corp Officer Fund for \$2800.00. It would go to buy a blender bike, shirts and signs. They also want to know if that grant is denied, could they apply for the Southeastern IN REMC Community Fund Grant for the same amount. Bob made the motion to approve. Dave seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Betty Manning from Stream Cliff would like to have a letter of support signed. This would help the Indiana Wine Trail secured grant from the USDA. Bob made the motion to sign this. Dave seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ellie Bright brought up the Mary Kilgore case from when she was Clerk and Dan Pohle sued her. Chris Monroe represented her as Ellie could not represent her due to a conflict. Chris called her yesterday and they filed a motion for Attorney's Fees and they had a hearing in front of the judge but the judge said that the county needed to be asking for the repayment of the attorney's fees not Mary. What is needed is a motion from the commissioners to appoint him in a limited capacity to act as county attorney to try and collect on those fees. Bob made the motion. Dave seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob made the motion to sign payroll and claims. Dave seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob made the motion to sign prior minutes. Dave seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob made the motion to adjourn. Dave seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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Tessia Salsman, Auditor



Matt Sporleder, President



Robert Willhite, Vice-President



Dave Lane