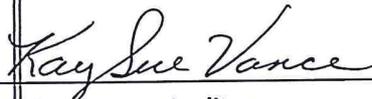


JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**SPECIAL MEETING****FEBRUARY 8, 2018 5:30 P.M.**

The Jennings County Commissioners held a special meeting prior to their regular meeting on February 8th to meet with County Highway Superintendent Jim Reeves. All three Commissioners were present along with Jim Reeves, Micheal Maschino and two foremen, Brian Ponsler and Tony Gudgel. Discussion was on the 50% match road funding and which projects was priority. There was also discussion on personnel matters.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Attest:



Kay Sue Vance, Auditor

**JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2018 6:30 P.M.**

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

First on the agenda was Centerstone the county's mental health provider to explain what services are provided to the county for the contribution made by the county. David Heilman, Child and Family Program Manager, was first to speak to the Commissioners informing them that Centerstone has increased its services in the schools; they are contracted to work in elementary, middle schools and high school children. They have 2 staffers in each school at this time helping with mental health issues and working with the guidance counselors to help cut down on issues in the community. They have therapists at the Middle School, Sandcreek Elementary, Scipio Elementary and North Vernon Elementary. The schools do not pay for these services; they just provide the space for the counselors and therapists.

Next was Kathy Christoff, Director of Adult and Family Services, speaking on behalf of Cassie LePage Coordinator of Adult and Family Services. Ms. Christoff stated that no one is turned away from Centerstone services and in 2017 there was \$114,490 dollars used for Charity care. The tax revenue from Jennings County is \$136,079 for 2017 and those monies are used for home health care; people who bring a family member in that needs help but do not have the resources to help. There 1,077 consumers served in Jennings County for 2017; 74% were adults and 26% were children 17 and younger.

Matt Sporleder asked if a person was suicidal and it was not during regular hours Monday through Friday and someone called the crisis line for them, would they be able to get help then or make an appointment the next business day. Ms. Christoff replied that the crisis line would talk with them and try to defuse the situation but if that did not work then they would recommend calling the police or taking the person to the ER in that situation. If a call is taken during the daytime hours the person would be told to come into the center for help.

Matt Sporleder asked Sheriff Driver if they were receiving services from Centerstone. Sheriff Driver stated No, they aren't receiving any services nor have they ever received services and now they have their own mental health provider and are pleased with them. Centerstone will not come to the jail because there is no space to meet one on one with the inmate. With the overcrowding situation at the jail there is no way to provide a space as he has his nurse working out of a closet and has taken a front office bathroom and made it a storage room. Until something is done at the jail to improve the space situation, they cannot accommodate Centerstone with their necessary requirement to provide services at the jail.

Matt Sporleder then asked if the county still has to pay Centerstone, if the County does not agree with the services provided to the County and the answer was yes.

Next on the agenda was Kurt Schneider with Johnson-Melloh Solutions concerning the Solar project for the County. With Mr. Johnson was Jeff Hardin and they presented options to the Commissioners in moving forward with the Solar Project. Mr. Schneider is looking at installing a new standing seam roof for the Government Center. There would also be a Government Center temperature control; a complete air balance of the system. New building Automation system that acts like a commercial system where it senses all the electronic thermostats in the zone and will reset the discharge temperature accurately; new electronic damper operations for outside air dampers and bypass dampers to work properly. Led Lighting locations are: Government Center, Probation, Courthouse, Circuit Probation Office, Muscatatuck Park, Recycling, Community Building, EMS, animal Control, Fairgrounds (including sports lighters), Old Jail (payback in less than 2 years) and the highway has already been completed.

Mr. Johnson stated that everything is flexible and is contingent on financing.

Bob Willhite made a motion to proceed with the Solar Project; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next was Zarah Heileman speaking to the Commissioners on behalf of her father, George Duffitt. Mrs. Heileman's grandmother, Rosanna Duffitt owns property N CR 675 E in Butlerville and the adjoining property owner has put a gate up and they would like the Commissioners to take it down because he hinders them with farm equipment to get to their fields.

Jim Reeves, County Highway Superintendent, was in attendance and stated that the gate is on county property by 20 feet; the county road that is maintained goes 20 feet beyond the gate. Mr. Sporleder asked the County Attorney, Ellie Bright, to send a letter to the property owner and the contract owner requesting they remove the gate. Mr. Sporleder instructed Mr. Reeves that if the gate was not down in 30 days to have the county workers take it down. Mr. Sporleder also told Mrs. Heileman that the gate may be moved 21 feet down the road and if this is done, it would be a civil matter and the Commissioners would not be involved at that point. Mrs. Heileman stated they appreciated the action from the Commissioners and she understood.

Next Merrill Salyers requested to speak to the Commissioners concerning the 265 hill out where he lives received no salt or anything after the last snow and ice storm. There was a young man that when he got to the bottom he went straight on into a creek and missed a telephone pole by 4 inches and could have been seriously hurt.

On things to discuss was the Brewersville property which turns out is .3 acre and assessed less than 6,000 and so the county would not be required to do a survey. The adjoining land owners would have to be notified and it would need to be advertised in the paper.

Bob Willhite made a motion to table this action for a while and review it at a later date; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Matt Sporleder informed the audience that Howard Malcomb is adamant on adding on to the existing jail so the jail committee has decided to spend up to \$5,000 of the original agreement with the DLZ firm be used to study to see if there is any possibility of adding on to the old jail.

Next Sheriff Driver requested permission to take 2 Crown Vic cars and a Bronco to the KC Auction at Hayden.

Bob Willhite made a motion to allow the Sheriff to sell these vehicles at the KC Auction. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next Jim Reeves had Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant contracts needing the Commissioners signatures.

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.

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

Matt Sporleder, President

Robert Willhite

Robert Willhite

David Lane

David Lane