

Jennings County Commissioner Meeting
May 9, 2019 6:30PM

All members were present.

The meeting was opened with Matt Sporleder leading the pledge.

First on the agenda was Judge Webster with a request to bring PERF (Public Employees Retirement Fund) to Jennings Government employees. Many department heads were in attendance to show their support of this. Jennings County is one of six counties that do not offer PERF. Judge Webster requested that some research be done to figure out what PERF would cost the county. He also made it known that once the Jackson Jennings Work Release Program is started, those employees will be offered PERF. Bob Willhite made a motion for the county to proceed with the next step to implementing PERF. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Judge Webster's next order of business concerned a letter supporting a magistrate for Jennings County. Senator Perfect has agreed to sponsor a bill in the next session to get a magistrate for Jennings County to help with the case load for Circuit and Superior Court. The Senator wants assurance from the Council and Commissioners that they are in support. The Magistrate's salary would be paid for by the State. One clerical person would need to be hired to assist the Magistrate and that salary would need to be paid for by the county. Requirements for a magistrate are to be a licensed attorney and to be in good standing with the State. Judge Webster requested a written letter of support to send to Senator Perfect. Bob Willhite made a motion to sign the letter of support. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Nicci Lucas was next on the agenda requesting Matt Sporleder's signature on a letter of intent to form a complete count committee for the 2020 census. If in agreement, the next step would be to appoint a committee. The committee would be responsible for getting the word out about the census and to help collect data for the census. Ruth Marsh volunteered to be on the committee. Bob Willhite made a

motion to sign the letter of intent. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Nicci's next request came from Jerry Shepherd. Jerry is scheduled to have hip surgery in June and has requested to work from home during that time. June is a big month for grants. Jerry will be able to work from home on the grants. Bob Willhite made a motion to sign the request to allow Jerry to work from home. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Next on the agenda was the contract for Eagle Point Technology. This was tabled from the last meeting until the price could be confirmed. After comparing to last year's contract, the price has not changed. Bob Willhite made a motion to sign the contract. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Auditor Salsman brought up another topic that had been tabled from a previous meeting. This involved a piece of county owned property on North Base Road that could potentially be sold. After doing some research, the county has decided not to sell the property. Bob Willhite made a motion to keep the property. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Auditor Salsman then presented the Commissioners with the Farm On Trades Program. Farm On Trades is a trades program developed by Josh Yeager. Josh is wanting approval from the Commissioners to go to the Council for funding. Bob Willhite made a motion of support not including financial support so Josh can move on to the next step. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Bob Willhite made a motion to approve and sign prior minutes. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Bob Willhite made a motion to sign payroll and claims. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Bob Willhite made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Jessia Salsman

Tessia Salsman, Auditor

Matt Sporleder

Matt Sporleder, Commissioner President

Robert Willhite

Robert Willhite, Commissioner Vice-President

Dave Lane

Dave Lane, Commissioner