

**Commissioners Meeting
August 15, 2022 8:00 a m**

Present: Mark Koors, Jerome Buening and Chuck Emsweller

President Koors opened the Commissioners' August 15th meeting by welcoming everyone; he then announced Title VI forms are available for anyone who would like to fill out and turn in at the Auditor's office.

Commissioner Emsweller led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Pastor Luke Koors then offered a prayer.

(Meeting minutes, payroll and claims are emailed to each Commissioners, each Thursday before their Monday meeting)

Mr Buening moved to approve the August 1st meeting minutes, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Emsweller moved to approve the accounts payable claims, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Emsweller moved to approve the payroll claims for August 5th, Mr Buening seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mark Mohr, Highway Superintendent, told Commissioners crews continue working on the double barrel culvert on County Road 800 East; beams should be set by the end of August on Bridge 73 on County Road 150 North; 3 of the 5 projects for the Community Crossing Grants 2021-1 are now complete; Mr Mohr asked Mr Koors to assist in interviews when replacing a foreman for the south district. **United Consultants'** proposal for engineering work on Bridge 131 (west of Burney) needs Commissioners' approval by September 1st, 2022. Mr Mohr asked Commissioners to pre-approve the 'not to exceed \$480,000 proposal', so once he has the paper work he can contact each Commissioner for a signature. Mr Buening moved to approve **United Consultant's** proposal, not to exceed \$480,000. Mr Emsweller seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall reminded all there is a **special Area Plan Commission** meeting this evening at 7:00 pm; 2 petitions are on the agenda. Mr Koors has received reports of a shooting range in St Omer; Ms Duvall will investigate those reports.

Building Inspector Kenny Buening has completed 39 building inspections, issued 10 new building permits and plan reviews, 3 permit renewals and issued 2 red tags- one for a meter base inspection, wires connected to the wrong lugs; the other red tag was issued for not having a GFI receptacle in a garage and needs carbon monoxide detectors in rooms with gas appliances/stoves. He has sent letters to residences in Vernon and one on County Road 850 West; he still needs to visit a residence on County Road 1050 West since Sheriff Durant asked him to check for unlicensed vehicles. He received a complaint on plumbing issues at one of the schools; he hopes to meet with the State Fire Marshall on this issue.

Animal Control Director Minde Myers told the Commissioners approximately 320 sheep were impounded after a search warrant was approved by **Superior Court Judge Matthew Bailey**. Ms Myers presented a letter Dr Craig Martin, Veterinary and Animal Control Board Member, received from the **State Veterinary's Office** stating the sheep needed to be tagged for tracking purposes; would not need tagged if sending to one of the slaughterhouses listed in the letter. **Deputy Prosecutor Doug Brown** was in with the Grand Jury Friday, August 12th and he gave some updates on this case: a motion to stay concerning the disposition of the animals as are not in the County's possession; a motion to transcribe the probable cause of the taking of the sheep; a motion to compel, discovery; Judge Bailey has stepped down from the case so a new Judge will be appointed from Shelby County. Deputy Prosecutor Brown stated this case is very fluid and he went on to say the Council may need to financially reimburse the **Triple R Equine Rescue Ranch** since the sheep were transported to that location. **County Attorney Chad Smith** feels like the attorney for sheep owner James Hamilton may not be correctly interpreting state statute for this case. There is an August 16th Hearing set at 10:30 am for this case in a Shelby County Court.

Sheriff Dave Durant, Jail Commander Dana Parker and Administrative Supervisor Ashley Wilson answered questions Mr Emsweller had regarding the **Commissary** receipts and disbursements for 2018 to present. Sheriff Durant said anybody can have access to this information. He said his department is following/copying **Ripley County Sheriff Jeff Cumberworth's Commissary Plan**, which is to reprice items that inmates want/ purchase most. Inmates' commissary accounts are charged for intentional destruction of county property such as clogging or breaking a toilet. Ms Wilson did state most inmates are indigent so not collecting too many 'repair' dollars. Inmates are also charged for storage of personal items such as books. Mr Emsweller asked Commander Parker to email Commissary data for a given month so he can go through it. Commissary reports are uploaded to the **State's Gateway** for the **State Board of Accounts** to review.

Dr James Howell, Board of Health President and Sean Durbin, Health Department Director, thanked Commissioners for the remodeling permissions for their area of the Court Services Building- it's looking more like a professional office. Both appreciate the dollars spent. Darian Crafton, intern part-time, is also designing a webpage to help share information with the public.

Commissioners decided not to approve a Request for Use of Facilities contingent on the Certificate of Liability Insurance being later submitted before the event, would set a bad precedent.

Deputy Prosecutor Doug Brown thanked the **IT Department** for their work moving **Child Support** documents from the old **ISETS** to the new **INVEST** State site. He really appreciated IT Technician Dave Henderson's expertise.

Economic Development Commission Director Bryan Robbins reported the **READI Group** has 6 projects that are 'permitted for funding'. The success of the **"Make My Move"** project received recognition from the Governor who's allowing other communities to follow the County's lead.

The Commissioners next meeting will be September 6th, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

With nothing else to come before the Commissioners, Mr Buening moved to recess, Mr Emsweller seconded and Mr. Koors concurred. Meeting recessed.

Attest: _____

Date: _____