

Commissioner's Meeting August 4, 2025

Date & Time: 2025-08-04 6:00 P.M.

Location: Room 106

Attendees: Jeremy Pasel Gabriel Nobbe and Brian Wenning

Opening

- Welcome and Opening Remarks
 - The meeting commenced at 6 o'clock with a welcome to attendees.
 - Title VI forms are available for attendees to fill out and submit to the auditor's office.
- **Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer**
 - The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Jeremy Pasel followed by prayer from Brian Wenning

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes and Claims

- The minutes from the July 21st meeting were reviewed and motion made to approve by Gabe Nobbe, seconded by Brian Wenning, motion carried unanimously.
- July 31st executive session minutes were reviewed and motion made to approve by Brian Wenning, seconded by Gabe Nobbe, motion carried unanimously.
- Claims were reviewed, and no issues were found, leading to Brian Wenning making a motion to approve, seconded by Gabe Nobbe, motion carried unanimously.
- Payroll for August 1st, 2025 in the amount of \$413,140.17 was reviewed and motion made to approve by Brian Wenning, seconded by Gabe Nobbe, motion carried unanimously.

Highway Department Updates

- Routine maintenance and bridge inspections were reported.
- Demo on Bridge 63 has started, with plans to reuse beams.
- Positive feedback on chip and seal work; more projects pending contractor availability.

- Approval sought for a \$250,000 grant proposal for CCMG 2026-1. This grant has an 80/20 match. Brian Wenning made the motion to approve, seconded by Gabe Nobbe, motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff's Department Updates

- Commissary report for the first half of 2025 was submitted with no action required.
- The sun shining through the windows in the training room makes it difficult to see presentations. A quote of \$2,785.33 from Showtime was presented. Sheriff Meyerrose stated the cost will come from the County Misdemeanant Fund. Gabe Nobbe made motion to approve, seconded by Brian Wenning, motion carried unanimously.
- Chief Deputy Eric Blodget gave updates on the Enterprise vehicle leasing program. The company is meeting and exceeding their expectations and continues to come in right on target.

Decommissioning and Road Use Agreements

- Concerns about unresolved legal questions.
- Emails with outstanding issues need addressing.
- Suggestion to make project approval contingent on agreement ratification.
- Commissioners are not comfortable with accepting at this time.

Financial Analysis of the Solar Project

- Baker Tilly spoke on the financial impact Senate Enrolled Act-1 has regarding utility property tax abatement.
- Proposed 10-year, 100% utility property tax abatement.
- Economic development payment of \$8.0 million for phase 1 and \$8.5 million for phase 2 expected.
- Project could lead to lower tax rates.

Economic Development Agreement (EDA) Review

- All requested modifications reviewed by the Commissioners and said to be in order.
- Payments structured annually for five years per phase. Possibility of phases overlapping.
- Brian Wenning made the motion to approve, specifying that signing the agreement does not mean they are in favor of the project, only agreeing to the EDA to protect the county's fiscal responsibilities. Gabe Nobbe seconded, motion carried unanimously.

County's Financial Coverage

- Agreement specifies financial commitments contingent on BZA approval.
- Discussion on potential repowering of the project. County still protected if company is sold or bankrupt.

YMCA Grant

- County acted as a pass-through for a \$1 million YMCA roof repair project.
- Project is complete and closeout form signed.

Community Projects & Updates

- Efforts to restore Allen Memorial Pool without additional taxes.
- Ball diamonds project progressing with 24 tournaments scheduled.
- Decatur County 4-H Fair financials came in with a profit of \$60,174.17.
- Trailer purchase was discussed and time for review is needed.
- Community building fundraiser reported reaching \$100,000. Target donations are \$800,000.

Meeting Adjournment

- Motion to recess was made by Brian Wenning, seconded by Gabe Nobbe. Motion passed. Meeting recessed.

The Next Commissioner meeting will be held on August 18, beginning at 8:00 A.M. in room 106.

Attest: _____

Date: _____