

Commissioners Meeting

January 2, 2024

Present: Mark Koors, Jeremy Pasel and Tony Blodgett

The January 2nd Commissioners was opened by President Koors; he then announced Title VI forms are available for anyone who would like to fill out and turn in at the Auditor's office.

Brad Speer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; then Jon Porter offered prayer.

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

Mr Pasel made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for December 18th, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Pasel moved to approve the minutes for the December 28th Executive Session, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Pasel moved to approve the claims, Mr Blodgett seconded, and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Pasel moved to approve the payroll for December 22nd, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Todd Houk, Highway Superintendent, reported the quarterly reports were submitted to **INDOT** today; the **2024-1 Community Crossing Matching Grant** call for projects began today and are due by January 31, 2024. INDOT increased the maximum award amount to \$1,500,000, so the County's match would be \$500,000 instead of the previous amount of \$333,325. Mr Houk will submit projects for approximately 83 miles of chip and seal for this CCG round. January 22nd is the date he hopes to have crews operating out of the new facilities. Mr Koors told Mr Houk the culvert by Troy Hill's property on County Road 1200 South needs some attention. Mr Blodgett asked about writing/adopting an ordinance to establish setbacks for planting crops at road intersections before planting season.

County Building Inspector Kenny Buening reported he has completed 30 building inspections, issued 8 new building permits with plan reviews and 2 permit renewals in the past two weeks. Commissioners will need to 'set the scope of clean-up work' for each case filed in the Courts before taking bids for the job(s).

Area Plan Director Krista Duvall presented the Commissioners the Storm Water Management Ordinance and the Storm Water Technical Standards Manual; they would like to study it before taking any actions.

Sheriff Bill Meyerrose asked Commissioners for authorization to sell a 2016 Charger and a 2017 Tahoe. Mr Pasel moved to approve the Sheriff's request, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred. Sheriff Meyerrose also asked Commissioners to approve raising the limit on the Detention Center's credit card to \$4,000 which will allow purchases from the local **Aldi's**, saving the department about \$19,000 a year. Mr Pasel move to allow the increase, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred. Sheriff Meyerrose told Commissioners the **Polaris Ranger** has been ordered after the **County Redevelopment Commission** approved his request for \$36,898 and a \$1,000 grant from **REMC**.

Parks and Recreation Director Teresa Kovacich presented the evaluations completed by the Pool Committee – Deanna Burkart, Jess Barker, Tami Wenning, Jenni Hanna, Erica Gunn, Tony Blodgett and herself. Three contractors were evaluated/scored: **Maxwell Construction – 186; R L Turner Construction – 196 and Meyer Najem Construction – 191**, so the Pool Committee is recommending R L Turner Construction to design/incorporate amenities to provide aquatic activities for a healthier population. There is no financial obligation for this step/phase. Mr Pasel made a motion to move ahead with R L Turner Construction, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors agreed.

Commissioners received 4 quotes for 3 x stair lifts for the Courthouse: **Lifeway Mobility** – option 1) \$25,219 and option 2) \$21,102; **Ameri glide** - \$17,032 plus permit fees; **Access Mobility** - \$21,997.50 and **101 Mobility Indy** – range of \$38,020 to \$64,670. The chair lifts need to be in place before the elevator can be refurbished by **Mid-American Elevator**. Mr Blodgett moved to accept **Access Mobility's** quote, Mr Pasel seconded and Mr Koors concurred. County Councilman Kenny Hooten told Commissioners the **ARPA Committee** has set funds aside for the elevator and HVAC which will need to be advertised for the Council's February meeting.

The bidder for the old Highway Garage has upped his bid from \$530,000 to \$623,000 which includes the fees for the auctioneer and advertising. Mr moved to accept the \$623,000to sell the old garage, Mr Blodgett seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred. The three Commissioners signed the purchase agreement. **LandProz Broker Jared Baird and Auctioneer Brian Owens** thanked the Commissioners for working with them.

Mr Pasel moved to appoint Mr Blodgett as a layperson, a 1-year term, to the Corrections Advisory Board and Mr Koors seconded the motion.

The next Commissioners meeting will be January 16th, 2024, beginning at 8:00 am in Room 106.

With nothing else to come before the Commissioners, Mr Pasel made the motion to recess, Mr Blodgett seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred. Metting recessed.

Attest: _____

Date: _____