

Commissioners Meeting

January 16, 2024

Present: Mark Koors, Jeremy Pasel and Tony Blodgett

President Koors welcomed everyone to the Commissioners' January 16th meeting; he then announced Title VI forms are available for anyone who would like to fill out and turn in at the Auditor's office.

Chris Ramey led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; then Pastor Chris Stephens offered a prayer.

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

Mr Blodgett moved to approve the January 2nd meeting minutes, Mr Pasel 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 made a motion to approve the claims, Mr Blodgett seconded, and Mr Koors concurred.

Mr Pasel moved to approve the January 5th payroll, Mr Blodgett seconded and Mr Koors concurred.

Highway Superintendent Todd Houk told Commissioners the RFPs for the County Bridge Inspections were scored with **United Consulting** being the highest. He plans to submit projects by January 19th to **INDOT** for funding through the **Community Crossings Grants 2024-1**. Highway crews continue to move items to the new Highway Department garage. Mr Houk is drafting an ordinance for 'line of sight' which he will forward to County Attorney Chad Smith to review and finalize for next month's meeting.

Deputy Auditor Christy Smiley is working with the Highway personnel in implementing a new timekeeping system which syncs with the Auditor's payroll software, thus saving time not having to enter each timecard into the system; other county departments will be switching to the new system in 2024.

Mr Pasel moved to approve payment for a **Strand** invoice for \$3,000 for construction services for December 1 – December 31, 2023 on the new highway garage. Mr Blodgett seconded the motion and Mr Koors concurred.

Commissioners and Mr Smith will review a contract with **Hickory Mental Health** which will be added to next meeting's agenda.

Sheriff Bill Meyerrose gave the Commissioners an Inmate Trust Fund report.

The next Commissioners meeting will be February 5th, 2024, beginning at 6:00 pm 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. Meeting recessed.

Attest: _____

Date: _____

