

Commissioners Meeting
January 21, 2025

Present: Jeremy Pasel, Gabe Nobbe and Brian Wenning

The Commissioners January 21st meeting was opened by President Pasel who welcomed everyone; he then announced Title VI forms are available for anyone who would like to fill them out and turn them in at the Auditor's office.

Bill Metz led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Pastor Steve Frensemeier then offered a prayer.

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

Gabe Nobbe made a motion to approve the January 9th meeting minutes, Brian Wenning seconded and Jeremy Pasel concurred.

Brian Wenning moved to approve the claims, Gabe Nobbe seconded and Jeremy Pasel concurred.

Gabe Nobbe made a motion to approve the January 17th payroll of \$378,931.97, Brian Wenning seconded and Jeremy Pasel concurred.

Highway Superintendent Todd Houk gave his 2-week report: highway crews continue to do general maintenance, survey work/lay out, and truck maintenance. Employees had IPEP training on accident reporting. The Highway Department will be accepting bids for stone, pipe, fuel and asphalt with a bid date of February 17th.

Tim Kramer, County Building Inspector gave his report for January 6 – January 17: he conducted 18 building inspections which 15 of those 18 passed. New director Doug Westerfeld started on January 13th; they have already had a meeting regarding the outstanding permits. There are around 200 permits that go back 10 – 15 years. Tim feels there should be a penalty/fine for not closing out a permit and getting the final inspection. He will come with recommendations to the next meeting. The Area Plan has recently acquired a vehicle that needed some repair work. They do not have vehicle maintenance in their 2025 budget so the Commissioners said they will pay for it out of their budget for now. Tim has an ongoing problem with the way a building was constructed and doesn't want to sign off on the inspection without the homeowner getting verification from an Engineer. The homeowner does not want to pay for it. County Attorney Chad Smith was asked if Area Plan has the right to deny the inspection due to the homeowner's refusal to move forward with the engineer. Commissioners believe it is well within his right to not move forward until he is satisfied.

Animal Control Director Minde Myers gave the 2024 Shelter year to date report. Cats: intake – 520; adoptions- 259; sent to rescue – 123; euthanized – 44; returned to owner – 3; requested by owner euthanasia - 3. Dogs: intake – 329; adoptions – 171; sent to rescue – 100; euthanized – 29; returned to owner – 74; requested by owner euthanasia - 18. Incidents: 86 County; 166 City. Pick-ups: 152 County; 31 City. Runs: 94 County; 166 City. Owner Surrender: 21 cats from City; 4 cats from County and 3 dogs from County. Picked up strays from City: 63 cats and 18 dogs. Picked up strays from County: 37 cats and 41 dogs. There was a total of 12 citations written. The in-house shelter vet has resigned. That salary will be put towards the spay/neuters at the Brownsburg location. Best Friends out of Dayton OH let Minde know there may be an option for a mobile vet to come in. The shelter received a great year end report on their save rates. They went from a 56.6% rate in 2022 to an 80.8% rate in 2024. The Shelter received the Best Friends Animal Society Local Impact Award.

Recreation Coordinator Rob DeHoff presented a change order for the ball diamonds turf. The wording now states if the project is not finished by 4/5/25 there will be a \$2,500 fee for loss of tournament revenue. Jeremy Pasel knew there was the potential of a weather delay and asked if we should allow them to remove the penalty. Rob stated that they have stayed ahead of the weather and even if they are delayed, both tourney heads for the tourney in April have agreed to play on the back 4 diamonds so there will not be any loss of revenue. County Attorney Chad Smith stated the liquidated damages only applies if it is the contractor's fault, not if weather related.

Jared Moore with Comcast spoke on the Broadband Equity Access Deployment Grant (BEAD). He asked the Commissioners to write a letter of support. Jeremy Pasel stated they will get that signed and returned to Jared.

Board of Health President Dr. Howell nominated **Anthony Noles**, a local dentist to the Board of Health. Mr. Noles will replace Dr. Mary Fogler. There were 6 candidates that showed an interest. Brian Wenning thinks this is a great nominee and made a motion to approve; Gabe Nobbe seconded; and Jeremy Pasel concurred.

A job description for the new **County Maintenance Position** will post soon. The position will cover the Courthouse, Annex, Animal Shelter and Highway. Brian Wenning made the motion to move forward with posting, Gabe Nobbe seconded, Jeremy Pasel concurred.

Health Director Sean Durbin praised all that helped with the warming center set up. They had a total of 7 people show up. They were able to get 1 person with severe mental issues the help they needed. 5 were placed in recovery and 1 person was moved from a tent into an apartment.

Economic Development Director Bryan Robbins reminded the Commissioners there is an Opportunity Expo at the Greensburg Fieldhouse on February 26th.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Dawn Lowe invited Commissioners to upcoming events including the Lunch & Learn on February 11th regarding contractors training provided by Burke Engineers. There will be an Ag Day breakfast on February 22nd. Tickets are \$20.00 each. HR Power Hour will be held on February 27th from 11:30 – 1:00 pm.

With nothing else to come before the Commissioners, Brian Wenning made a motion to recess, Gabe Nobbe seconded and Jeremy Pasel concurred. Meeting recessed.

The next Commissioner’s meeting will be February 3rd, beginning at 6:00 P.M. in Room 106.

Attest: _____

Date: _____