

**TIPTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**OF MAY 20, 2024**

**REGULAR MEETING:**

The Tipton County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, May 20, 2024, 9:20 a.m. Those in attendance were Tracey Powell and Nancy Cline, County Attorney, Mark Regnier, and Board Secretary and Auditor, Melissa Pickering.

**Not in attendance:** BOC President, Dennis Henderson

**Others Present:**

The meeting was opened with a word of prayer offered by Pastor Steve Brown from Normanda Christian Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Commissioner, Tracey Powell.

**IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:**

The Payroll and Operating Claims were presented as follows:

**Payroll Claims:** Payroll numbers were unavailable during the meeting.

**Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Early Docket #1 claims in the amount of \$1,419.00, paid on May 16, 2024, for Auditor's mandated State conference, were submitted and approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Cline. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell, and the motion carried.

The Commissioners' Early Docket #2 claims in the amount of \$2,971.24 paid on May 20, 2024, for EDC were submitted and approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Cline. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell, and the motion carried.

The Commissioners' operating claims for payment in the amount of \$210,435.34 on May 20, 2024, were submitted and approved as presented in a motion by Commissioner Cline. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell, and the motion carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Meeting Minutes of RDC- Joint Meeting February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, Executive meeting February 26, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes February 26, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes March 11, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes March 25, 2024, executive Meeting Minutes March 25, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes April 8, 2024, Executive Meeting Minutes April 8, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes April 22, 2024, Executive Meeting Minutes April 22, 2024, were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Powell. The motion carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT BUSINESS AND REPORTS:**

**COUNTY HIGHWAY – Superintendent, Bret Morris:**

**Liquid Asphalt Bid Opening:**

**AEPL Delivered Price – Asphalt Materials- N/A**

AE90- \$1.948/ gal plant pickup price, \$ 1.998/gal delivered to jobsite

AE90 S \$2.348/ gal plant pickup price, \$2.398/gal delivered to jobsite

Tach     \$2.45 plant pickup  
           \$2.50/ gal jobsite delivery

**Marathon Petroleum Company, AEPL N/A**

AE90 \$2.00/ gal Plant Pickup

AE90 \$2.12/ gal delivered to Jobsite

AE90S \$2.40/ gal Plant Pickup

AE90S \$2.64/gal Delivered to Jobsite

Bret asked to accept both bids and use the most efficient. Motion made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Powell. The motion carried.

**COUNTY ENGINEER – Engineer, Phil Beer:**

County Engineer, Phil Beer, updated the Board of Commissioners on the landfill. Landfill everything seems to be going well on bridge 26 out on 300. Would like to dump excess dirt out there. Would like to clear out some of the stumps of trees that got knocked down. Hoosier Pride Bridge Project planning on closing the road tomorrow, it was supposed to close last week but they had a utilities issue and had to make sure pothole was deep enough. Community Crossing Project old SR 38 and CR 300 W. Phil and Bret will drive it later today to make sure there are no issues. They will then get their final numbers and submit those to INDOT. The numbers are ranging in the 900,000.00 to 1.100,000.00 range. ENVOY will be bringing estimates for the GMP for the Courthouse roof, entrance door and one other item, Phil doesn't recall. The Historical Society will be removing the cabinets from the first floor and the relocation of some of the first-floor courthouse departments will begin. He discussed the Fairgrounds and once the Master Plan is completed, he will make a recommendation to the Commissioners. The new municipal building will house some of the departments currently located in the Courthouse; however, they have not decided which offices will be relocated and study is still in progress.

The speed limit is 45 miles per hour on 900 W. There was further discussion regarding a stop sign that had been moved from this approximate location. Phil Beer stated that putting a 4-way stop back at this location would not necessarily change the traffic flow.

#### **TIPTON COUNTY SHERIFF – Matthew Tebbe:**

Sheriff Matt Tebbe discussed an issue at 800 W and high speeds in this area. He would like to consider a red flashing light at this location.

#### **Animal Control and State Law:**

Commissioner Powell wants to know how much the State of Indiana already has covered. Attorney, Mark Regnier has not yet had the opportunity to review the Animal Control document as it is multiple pages long. He will do this in the next few days to have a discussion at the next commissioners meeting. Nancy Cline had a discussion with Sheriff Tebbe and further discussed the scope and care of an Animal Control Ordinance in the County. She has concerns regarding who determines neglect and abuse of an animal, where there might be a gray area of discernment. Matt stated that the fines or fees would be processed through the Circuit Court. Matt has concerns regarding pedestrians and bicycles being rushed by loose animals in the county. He would like an animal ordinance in place.

#### **PLAN COMMISSION – Judy Coker:**

Judy Coker addressed the Board of Commissioners regarding a drop shed on a property located at 119 N. Cobb Street, Curtisville, Indiana. She stated that Mr. Bachman was ordered to cease living in the facility.

The attorney for Mr. Bachman has asked the Board of Commissioners to move this discussion to their June meeting to allow him time to review this issue.

Kent Boyer addressed the Board of Commissioners at their request discussing the property located at 119 N. Cobb Street, Curtisville, Indiana. He stated that he and Mr. Bachman discussed the discharge of waste on his property where there is no finger system and waste is discharged. He noticed that there had been PVC pipe buried from the camper underground running to the field tile. He further addressed IC Rule 410 IAC 6-8.3 which addresses specifically how discharge of sewage disposal. Other Rules cited by Kent Boyer: 410-6-8.3; 410 IAC 6-8.3-33; 410 IAC 6-8.3-52; 410 6-8.3-53. He stated that when these systems were installed in Curtisville, they were most likely tank and tile systems. There are many similar discharge systems like this which eventually will require them to be brought up to code. A Septic System Report was submitted to the Board of Commissioners by Kent Boyer.

Judy Coker stated that she spoke with Mr. Bachman regarding the changes that needed to be made. Again, Mr. Bachman's attorney requested this discussion be postponed to the June meeting. A motion to table the situation at 119 N. Cobb Street, Curtisville, Indiana to the next

meeting in June was made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Powell. The motion carried.

### **BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB:**

The Boys and Girls Club requested \$30,000. Commissioner Cline and Commissioner Powell would like to put this on the agenda in June to further discuss funds.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE TIPTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS AND EVENT CENTER COMMISSION:**

Commissioner Nancy Cline presented the By-Laws for the Tipton County Fairgrounds and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell. The motion carried.

### **IT DIRECTOR BILL STEEN:**

Bill Steen addressed the desire for the county to have a contract with T-Mobile which would be a departmental choice. Some departments do not want to move to T-Mobile. Bill said this cost the county nothing. This would give the departments options on individual cell phone plans. The Commissioners agreed to allow Bill Steen to present a contract by T-Mobile for use by the County.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

### **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:**

There were no comments.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Purdue Extension Office has a new AG Extension Coordinator, Diana Davis. She introduced herself to the Board of Commissioners. She is the new AG and Natural Resources Educator.

Commissioner Cline Moved to Close Public Comment and Commissioner Powell seconded motion. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Powell. I believe the video was terminated short of the adjournment. The motion carried.

Approved this 20th, day of May 2024.

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Dennis Henderson, President

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Nancy Cline, Vice President

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Tracey Powell, Commissioner

Attest:

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Melissa Pickering, Tipton County Auditor and  
Secretary to the Board of Commissioners  
Meeting Minutes of January 29, 2024.