

**TIPTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**OF JUNE 3, 2024**

**REGULAR MEETING:**

The Tipton County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, June 3, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance were Dennis Henderson, Tracey Powell, Nancy Cline, County Attorney, Mark Regnier, Board Secretary and Auditor, Melissa Pickering, and several members from the public.

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

**Amendment to Agenda**

Added Bachman Claim to Agenda-Septic System

Added Janelle Bradford to Agenda- County Highway

Added Sheri Crawford to Agenda-ADA

Added three items to the agenda motion made by Commissioner Powell. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cline, and the motion carried.

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

The Payroll and Operating Claims were presented as follows:

**Payroll Claims:** The Commissioners' Payroll claims in the amount of \$231,908.60 for payment on June 3, 2024, were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Cline. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell, and the motion carried.

**Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' operating claims for payment in the amount of \$883,249.27 on June 3, 2024, were submitted and approved as presented in a motion by Commissioner Powell. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cline, and the motion carried.

The Commissioners' Early Docket #1 Election Board Members and Outside Professional Services for Two Appraisals-claims in the amount of \$8,435.80 paid on May 21, 2024, were submitted and approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Powell. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cline, and the motion carried.

The Commissioners' Early Docket #2 Drainage Board-claims in the amount of \$50,023.05, paid on May 22, 2024, were submitted and approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Cline. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell, and the motion carried.

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

The Regular Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2024 pending the correction of Kent Boyer's name were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Powell. The motion carried.

### **The meeting minutes of:**

Regular Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2024 were tabled.

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

**HIGHWAY – Janelle Bradford** - Payroll clarification on Comp Time – Auditor Melissa Pickering clarified comp time may be taken in .25/ .50/ .75 or 1.0 hours.

**SHERRI CRAWFORD – ADA Compliance and \$46,000 Budget:** The link to the final draft has been posted on the County App and the County Highway Facebook Page. All agendas and advertisements of the meetings need to have a statement at the bottom, of which Sherri Crawford will provide at a later date, stating that the county will provide ADA special accommodations if requested 3 business days prior to the advertised meeting.

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

Highway Superintendent, Bret Morris, updated the Board of Commissioners on the department's Required a signature on the amended road inventory.

Motion by Commissioner Powell. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cline, and the motion carried.

Electronic copy is also available and shows all the additions to their inventory.

Millings from the surface road that were removed were run through the crusher. Saved \$75,000-\$80,000 by using the millings versus buying stone.

Bret asked Sherri Crawford if the Fernung Road was completed and renamed. Sherri will take care of this and work with Bret to get this in the next report.

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

Phil is meeting with an electrician to get some issues worked out at the Landfill. Bret's guys are mowing for the first time of the year at the Landfill.

Bridge #26 Project is underway and is on schedule. CCMG Projects – SR 28 and 31 are completed. Waiting for final invoices from contractor. Looking at submitting for the second round of the CCMG for the next Grant. He has discussed this with Bret and we are looking at 1.39 million dollars of work. Commissioner Powell wanted to know if there is a reason Phil chose Prairie Acres and Doverview. There is an error in his report. Doverview is the worst and should be corrected in Phil's Report.

Commissioner Cline asked when 525N to Sharpsville town limits is going to be completed – Phil is looking at a concrete overlay; however, that section is approximately 2 million to repair. Commissioner Cline is concerned about the roadway and the school bus traveling on that road. Phil needs to have a survey done to determine how wide the road needs to be. It is not a road that will be done this year or possibly next year unless he can add on this roadway with other projects within the budget. This is a huge project. Commissioner Cline wants to know if this can be done in phases.

Motion to approve projects for CCMG 2024, as presented by County Engineer, Phil Beer, by Nancy Cline, Second Tracey Powell. Motion carried.

#### **BOT PROJECTS:**

Waiting for Historical Society to relocate artifacts so that the cabinets on the east end of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor courthouse may be removed to make room for the security equipment to be installed.

Roof Project – three to four contractors looking at the roof and the eastern door and overhead to close off the upper levels in the evening. He will advise at the next commissioners meeting.

Bret and Phil met with Wyatt Johnson, Alan Baird and his daughter who own the church and they have a verbal agreement for which Mark Regnier is drafting a purchase agreement.

#### **MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – Maintenance Supervisor, Rich Vautaw:**

The following contract was presented by Rich Vautaw and has been reviewed by County

The generator is scheduled to be in service by the end of June. He is waiting for quotes for carpet in the second-floor meeting room.

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Judy Coker, Mark Regnier and the Attorney for the resident at 119 N. Cob Street have asked for the discussion to be tabled until the July 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Powell asked if County Attorney, Mark Regnier, has had the opportunity to speak with Christy from IFA, and James McGoff regarding the sewer project in Elwood. The health department is working through this with Mark Regnier. These are residents that suffer from the West Elwood Project and are Tipton County residents. They are working through a resolve for a better outcome.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No new business.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY BUSINESS – Mark Regnier:**

Executive Meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. to discuss litigation and employee policies regarding payroll and time processes per the SBOA Requirement.

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:**

The region is going through their negotiations on Read 2.0. An amount will be established soon for the distribution of these funds.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

N/A

Motion to close public comment by Nancy Cline, Seconded by Commissioner Powell, and the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Nancy Cline, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and the motion carried. Approved this 3rd, day of June, 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 June 3, 2024.