

**TIPTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: August 12, 2024**

**REGULAR MEETING:**

The Tipton County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, August 12, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance were Commissioners Dennis Henderson, Tracey Powell, County Auditor Jon DeBaun, and County Attorney, Mark Regnier.

**Others Present:** Pastor Brown, Phil Beer, Bret Morris, Amanda Mendenhall, Sophia Phifer, Ashley Jasinski, Adrienne Jenkins, Jim Ankrum, Maureen Dougherty, Abbey Smith, Rich Vautaw, Jacque Clements, Lindsey Ogden

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

- I. Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer
- II. Amend the Agenda  
Commissioner Cline made a motion to amend the agenda adding Rich Vautaw & Abbey Smith to Departments and DocStock to New Business.  
Commissioner Powell seconded.  
Motion carried.
- III. Salary/Payroll Expense (pay on 08/16/2024) approved for \$224,416.89.  
Commissioner Powell made a motion to payroll in the amount of \$224,416.89.  
Commissioner Cline seconded.  
Motion carried.
- IV. Claims & Earl Docket(s)
  - Regular BOC Claims Docket for \$397,316.37  
Commissioner Cline made a motion to approve Claims Docket for \$397,316.37.  
Commissioner Powell seconded.  
Motion carried.
  - Drainage Board Early Claims Docket #1 (paid on 08/01/2024) for \$130,321.64.  
Commissioner Powell made a motion to approve Early Claims Docket #1 for \$130,321.64.  
Commissioner Cline seconded.  
Motion carried.
- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - Regular Meeting Minutes June 17, 2024
  - Regular Meeting Minutes July 15, 2024
  - Regular Meeting Minutes July 29, 2024Commissioner Cline made a motion to approve the 3 Meeting Minutes.  
Commissioner Powell seconded.  
Motion carried.
- VI. Department Business and Reports

- a. Bret Morris – County Highway Superintendent’s Progress Report truck broke down; parts are no longer available. Purchasing a new distributor may need to be an option.  
Still expecting a quote from Nick Stewart for HVAC in the church building on Market Road.
- b. Phil Beer – County Highway Engineer (Engineer’s Progress Report)  
Bridge 26: Looks good and will be wrapped up in 30 days.  
Original bid was \$563,847.23. The actual cost was \$526,253.60. We were awarded \$325,681.00 of CCMG funds.

Courthouse Roof Repair: We have 2 quotes for repair and maintenance of the Courthouse roof.

Cornette’s quote was \$173,753.

Midstate’s quote was \$194,374.

Bill Harris will provide a quote to inspect the work for quality assurance.

Commissioner Cline made a motion to ask the County Council for \$250,000 for repair of the Courthouse Roof.

Commissioner Powell seconded.

Motion carried.

Bridge 82: USI Consultants provided a quote of \$41,500 to complete final design and bid specs. accepted by Commissioners.

Commissioner Powell made a motion to accept the USI Supplemental Agreement for \$41,000.

Commissioner Cline seconded.

Motion carried.

- c. Matt Tebbe – Sheriff:  
Need repair for parking lot. Preferred Asphalt Company provided a quote for \$2,000 to fill the cracks.  
Commissioner Powell made a motion to allow spending \$2,000 to repair the Jail parking lot.  
Commissioner Cline seconded.  
Motion carried.

The officer that had K9 officer Moose left the Sheriff’s department and went to the City of Tipton department and took K9 Moose with him. The County was paid \$12,750.00. Looking for another officer to be a K9 officer that will go through one month training for \$15,000.

Commissioner Powell made a motion to approve the sale of K9 Moose to the City of Tipton for \$12,750.

Commissioner Cline seconded.

Motion carried.

Sheriff Tebbe asked the Commissioners for permission to decommission 3 or 4 used cars and wholesale them.

Commissioner Cline made a motion to grant permission.

Commissioner Powell seconded.

Motion carried.

- d. Rich Vautaw – Generator and ATS service contract for a year. Commissioner motion to table approval until the next meeting.

- e. Abbe Smith – Update on Broadband project, internet service provider meetings, and 09/04/2024 the service provider will provide quotes.

Replacing Welcome Signs: Abbie Smith asked the Commissioners to review quotes for the new signs to replace the damaged ones.

Abbie presented to resolutions to create 2 new Allocation Areas.

50 South Allocation Area:

Commissioner Cline made a motion to the Resolution creating the 50 South Allocation Area.

Commissioner Powell seconded.

Motion carried.

Ward Stone Allocation Area:

Commissioner Powell made a motion to the Resolution creating the Ward Stone Allocation Area.

Commissioner Cline seconded.

Motion carried.

## VII. New Business

- MadTap would like to use the east parking lot for Triple DocStock 08/17/2024  
Commissioner Powell made a motion to allow use of the east parking lot.  
Commissioner Cline seconded.  
Motion carried.
- Ken Irwin – Human Resources – Commissioner’s Discussion for hiring Wagner, Irwin, & Sheely Associates for HR services.  
Commissioner Powell made a motion approve the proposal.  
Commissioner Cline seconded.  
Motion carried.
- Scott McCorkle representing the Tipton County 4-H Fair Board ask the BOC to approve the hiring of Jana Stillwell as manager of the 4-H Fairgrounds.  
Commissioner Cline made a motion approve the hiring.  
Commissioner Powell seconded.  
Motion carried.  
Approval of annual \$7,500 for marketing.  
Commissioner Powell made a motion to grant \$7,500 from the EDIT Not-for-profit fund to the 4-H Board.  
Commissioner Cline seconded.  
Motion carried.
- Tracy Regnier – Opioid Settlement Funds – Presented a proposal for funding a Pilot for one year to pay a Peer Recovery Specialist as well as some training pertinent to dealing with Mental Health issues.  
Commissioner Cline made a motion to adopt the proposal contingent upon the County Council funding it.  
Commissioner Powell seconded.  
Motion carried.
- Tim White – Janus Development Services

- Cara Kellerman – Encore Center:  
Asked the BOC to continue contributing \$30,000 annually and asked for an additional \$10,000 for the Senior Center side of the business.  
Commissioner Powell indicated that the additional \$10,000 could be put in the budget request presented to the County Council.
- Kindra Tragesser – Urban Homestead requested use of the Courthouse lawn September 28, 2024 8:30 – 5:00 for Artists.  
Commissioner Powell made a motion to allow the use.  
Commissioner Cline seconded.  
Motion carried.
- Lindsey Ogden – Health Department submitted an Ordinance revising the County Health Department Fee Schedule pertinent to CPR instruction contingent to the Health Department submitting a written resolution. Mark Regnier read the Ordinance.  
Commissioner Cline made a motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Ordinance.  
Commissioner Powell seconded.  
Motion carried.  
Commissioner Powell made a motion to suspend the rules and have the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading today.  
Commissioner Powell made a motion to allow the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading today.  
Commissioner Cline seconded.  
Motion carried.  
Mark Regnier read the Ordinance by title only.  
Commissioner Cline made a motion to approve the 2nd reading of the Ordinance by title only.  
Commissioner Powell seconded.  
Motion carried.  
Commissioner Powell made a motion to adopt the Ordinance.  
Commissioner Cline seconded.  
Motion carried.

#### VIII. Attorney Comments

- Mark Regnier, County Attorney:  
Mark requested a motion to advertise for a public hearing for the Vacation of Wood Drive on September 9, 2024.  
Commissioner Cline made a motion to advertise for the Public Hearing on September 9, 2024.  
Commissioner Powell seconded.  
Motion carried.  
Mark read a Resolution granting Commissioner Henderson to sign documents to close on the purchase of real estate located at 601 Market Road, Tipton, IN 46072.  
Commissioner Powell made a motion to approve the Resolution.  
Commissioner Cline seconded.  
Motion carried.

#### IX. Old Business

Commissioner Powell discussed going to the County Council for approval of Resolution for PERF.

X. Commissioner Comments

Dennis Henderson mentioned the City of Tipton is requesting that the County transfer the old jail facility to the City of Tipton.

Commissioner Henderson announced that Jon DeBaun is now officially the Auditor of Tipton County.

Nancy Cline – Requested that the meeting agenda be posted by Friday.

Tracey Powell stated that Judy Coker is now the interim Director of the Tipton County Plan Commission and Steve Niblick is now Enforcement and Building Inspector.

Public Comments – Benefits for the Employees from Globe Liberty National Insurance were presented by a representative of the firm.

Mark Baird - Tipton County United Way would like to put a “thermometer” sign on the Courthouse Lawn 9/20/2024 – 12/20/2024 to track it’s raising of money.

Commissioner Cline made a motion to allow the sign on the Courthouse lawn.

Commissioner Powell seconded.

Motion carried.

Kevin Stiner suggested not shutting down Court Street and our east parking lot at 3:00 PM and the public did not have access to the Courthouse. He also proposed having an Active Shooter Training during the weekend for Officers.

Commissioner Cline made a motion to close Public Comments.

Commissioner Powell seconded.

Motion carried.

XI. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned.

Commissioner Powell made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Cline seconded.

Motion carried.

Approved this 26th, day of August 2024.

Dennis Henderson, President

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Tracey Powell, Vice President

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Nancy Cline, Commissioner

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Attest:

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Jon DeBaun, Tipton County Auditor and  
Secretary to the Board of Commissioners  
Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2024.