

Board of Commissioners Meeting

9-12-2022

Present: Dennis Henderson, Nancy Cline, Tracey Powell

Others Present: Dick Klein, Jason Fields, Kendra Hummel, Steve Brown, Linda Johnson, Jim Leffler, Ram Shuck, Jim Ankrum, Jeff Crouch, Gerald Shuck, Kegan Schmicker, Tom Dolezal

The meeting was opened with prayer by Reverend Steve Brown of Normanda Christian Church and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda was changed to add Jason Henderson after the Sheriff.

Payroll – Crystal Worthy

Motion by Commissioner Cline to approve payroll, check date September 16, 2022, in the amount of \$195,142.88. Second by Commissioner Powell. Motion carried.

Claims – Marjie Cornelius

Motion by Commissioner Powell to approve an early docket, dated September 1, 2022 in the amount of \$45.00, to the BMV for a Sheriff's vehicle license plate. Second by Commissioner Cline. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Powell to approve an early docket, dated August 30, 2022 in the amount of \$730,803.72, to Getrag Transmission Manufacturing, LLC for a bond payment. Second by Commissioner Cline. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Cline to approve Miscellaneous claims, for Docket date September 12, 2022, in the amount of \$485,764.16. Second by Commissioner Powell. Motion carried.

Highway- Superintendent Bret Morris

Salt Barn

Highway Superintendent Morris reported that the salt barn is completed except the asphalt floor. He also stated that truck #10 and that it should be available. He stated that they had chip sealed Sixty-two miles of road and would like to do twenty-five more, if money holds out. They will also be cutting side ditches.

Engineer – Phil Beer III

Landfill

Mr. Beer reported that Brent Miller had resigned from Atlas after 25 years of monitoring.

INDOT Pel Study – Mr. Beer encouraged the public to comment online. He will link the study to the county website.

County Attorney Mark Regnier stated that the Commissioners need to change the name of the current SR28 that is being relinquished. He stated that it needs to be done by ordinance. He suggested "old SR28".

Motion by Commissioner Cline to change the name of SR28 to "Old SR28". Second by Commissioner Powell. Motion carried.

A portion of Wood Drive is county-owned, and some is owned by INDOT. They will create a turn-around near Functional Devises.

Sheriff – Tony Frawley

Sheriff Frawley asked for financial assistance to build a storage building on the north side of the jail property to house snowblowers and supplies. He estimated the cost of a building kit, concrete pad and electricity for a 26 foot by 26 to 30 foot building to be about \$17,000. He stated that Bruce Thompson would construct the building, and asked if the Commissioners would pay half the cost.

Motion by Commissioner Cline to approve \$8,500 for a storage building at the Sheriff's Office, contingent upon County Council approval. Second by Commissioner Powell. Motion carried.

County Attorney Mark Regnier stated that he had sent an ad to the Tipton Tribune for a County maintenance man. He stated that he will have Bill Steen post the ad to the County website under "Breaking News". Applications and resumes are to be sent to the Auditor's office.

Request for Extension of Solar Project Moratorium – Surveyor Jason Henderson

Motion by Commissioner Cline to draft a resolution to extend the solar moratorium to December 11, 2022. Second by Commissioner Powell. Motion carried.

Request for Six Month Quarry Mineral Extraction Moratorium – Jason Henderson

Motion by Commissioner Powell to draft a resolution for a six month moratorium on mining. Second by Commissioner Cline. Motion carried.

VASIA – Adult Guardianship – Linda Johnson

Linda Johnson reported that they had merged with the Anderson program to share resources. The new name will be Guardian Advocates, Inc.

Motion by Commissioner Cline to approve \$5,000 for Guardian Advocates, Inc. for 2023. Second by Commissioner Powell. Motion carried.

Library Board Appointment

Motion by Commissioner Cline to appoint Bill Salsbery as the Library Board Appointment. Second by Commissioner Powell. Motion carried.

Minutes for August 29, 2022

Motion by Commissioner Powell to approve minutes for August 29, 2022, as presented. Second by Commissioner Cline. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Powell to approve the Memorandum of Executive Session for August 29, 2022, as presented. Second by Commissioner Henderson. Motion carries, Commissioner Cline abstaining.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Henderson recognized Dick Klein for having been awarded the American Public Power Association's Honor Roll designation.

Commissioner Cline stated that the old jail committee is still working

Commissioner Henderson stated that he would be meeting with Mayor Dolezal to discuss the salt barn.

Commissioner Cline reported that the Pork Festival went well and that the Courthouse restrooms had been cleaned.

Commissioner Powell stated that the Plan Commission meeting had gone well.

Attorney Mark Regnier stated that he would give a report on the Opioid Settlement at the next meeting.

Public Comment

Information Technology Director Bill Steen stated that the new security cameras would be mounted to the building. He stated that it would be acceptable to do so, in spite of the historic designation.

Motion by Commissioner Cline to close public comment. Second by Commissioner Powell. Motion carried.

Mayor Tom Dolezal re-entered the meeting room and asked the Commissioners if he had missed his spot on the agenda. Mayor Dolezal confirmed that he had ownership interest in land to the west. Commissioner Cline stated that she had spoken with Mrs. Sloan and had doubts about the motivation and costs. She asked if the City Council had been informed, and stated that she wanted more time to study the issues. She stated that she is in support of the need to grow.

Mayor Dolezal acknowledged that he knows that drainage is an issue that needs to be addressed.

Commissioner Powell asked if the Sloans and Deans are interested.

Mayor Dolezal stated that they could withdraw their approval.

Commissioner Henderson stated that with disc golf in the old scout woods, it makes sense.

Mayor Dolezal stated that an upside is that it is contiguous with Sloans and Deans.

Motion by Commissioner Powell to approve voluntary annexation of the old scout woods. Second by Commissioner Cline. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Powell to adjourn the meeting. Second by Commissioner Cline. Motion carries.

Approved this 26th day of September, 2022

Dennis Henderson, President

Nancy Cline, Vice President

Tracey Powell, Commissioner

Attest:

Gregg A. Townsend, Tipton County Auditor
Respectfully Gregg A. Townsend