

## **TIPTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

### **REGULAR SESSION**

The Tipton County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room, 101 E. Jefferson Street, Tipton, IN.

Present: Dennis Henderson and Nancy Cline. Tracey Powell was present by video.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Henderson and a word of prayer was offered.

**Payroll Claims:** The Commissioners' Payroll claims in the amount of \$218,419.31, for payment on February 17, 2023, were submitted and approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Cline. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henderson, and the motion carried.

**Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating claims for payment on February 13, 2023, Early Docket in the sum of \$1,330.86, was approved on motion made by Commissioner Cline. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell, and the motion carried. The Regular Docket in the sum of \$159,915.07, was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Powell, and the motion carried.

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

#### **Traffic Accident:**

Commissioner Cline stated that there was an accident at 300 N. and 900 W. Commissioner Cline extended her sympathy to the family. She stated that citizens have concerns about traffic in this area and she and Bret Morris have discussed some immediate changes with removal of some of the trees to make sure the view of traffic is clear. Because Commissioner Cline travels this road and has had citizen concerns, she would like to have a traffic study at this location. Since Phil Beer is not in attendance today, this will need to be relayed to him. Commissioner Cline asked Matt Tebbe if he would address this issue with the traffic and accident at this location. Sheriff Tebbe said the traffic going east and west disregarded a stop sign. Commissioner Cline wanted to know if there needed to be additional signage in order to slow traffic in this area. Sheriff Tebbe believes a four way stop sign may help; however, won't resolve the issue with cross traffic disregarding the stop. The traffic in this area is traveling at higher speeds than posted.

#### **Purdue County Extension Office:**

Adam Shanks stated that he would like to get contractual services signed. Nancy made a motion to accept and have Denny sign the contract with Purdue University. Tracey seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Adam will send a copy of the contract to the Auditor's Office.

#### **Planning Commission:**

Steve Niblick presented a plat for Morgan's Country Living which was approved by the Planning Commission with a seven to zero vote on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Cline moves to approve the plat on the Morgan's Country Living. Tracey Powell seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**Maintenance Superintendent:**

Rich discussed Service Quote 237 from Perfection Group for a BMS Thermostat Replacement in the sum of \$1,651.95. The second quote from OMNI was \$1897.60 for the lighting package to change out to LED Flood Light Fixture. Another project for Rich is the Kiosk for the Court. This needs to be changed out to have a permanent line to be run for this kiosk. The bid from OMNI is in the sum of \$1,075.00 to run this line. Rich stated that the concrete work for the east and west steps and the

The extra \$200. For the Conduit will come from IT's Budget; however, the remainder will need to come from the Commissioner's Building Repair and Maintenance. This budget will need an additional appropriation.

In order for the Commissioners to address the deficit in the Commissioner Courthouse and other building repair and maintenance budget. It was requested that a special session be held to discuss project that Rich Vautaw has coming up as well as to look at the overall budget of the Commissioners.

The Special Session will be held at 1:00 pm. On February 21<sup>st</sup>, in the first-floor meeting room.

Cline moves to approve \$1,651.90 to Perfection Group and OMNI Electric to do lighting in the sum of \$1,897.60. Tracey Powell seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**Tipton County Sheriff:**

Sheriff Tebbe is asking for new vehicles. One would be a replacement vehicle for his Major. He has asked to get quotes and permission from the Commissioners to advertise for this vehicle to see what the cost quotes would be for an Administrative Vehicle. Nancy Cline asked about their vehicle rotation and how they determine the rotation of vehicles. Sheriff Tebbe discussed that their vehicles are switched out based on mileage and repair and maintenance required and if the mileage is 80,000 or above in miles. Cline stated that an Administrative Vehicle should last longer and should be replaced less often. The Sheriff is moving a vehicle to the back of the lot. He needs a mid-sized with lights and sirens and minimally equipped. Nancy Cline made a motion to allow Sheriff to advertise for an administrative vehicle and Tracey Powell seconded. The motion carried.

**Tipton County Jail:**

The Jail report was submitted. Sheriff Tebbe stated that he submitted the Jail Report and if there were any questions, he would be happy to address them.

Sheriff Tebbe stated that the public was asking for there to be more clarity in his vehicle trades and where the funds go from one sell to the purchase of another.

Sheriff Tebbe addressed an issue of vehicles being paid off at the bank and the public conversation of how the funds are transferred. Sheriff Tebbe will continue to do business as he has in the past addressing the bank and payoff, etc. himself. This was agreed by the Commissioners that he would continue business as usual and pay off the bank when a vehicle is sold directly without going through the Auditor's Office.

**County Attorney:**

County Attorney, Mark Regnier addressed the Ordinance previously discussed by the Sheriff for inmate housing. The Ordinance will be rescinded on a motion made by Commissioner Cline. Commissioner Powell seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mark Regnier addressed the \$900. claim for the Coroner. It was recommended to approve the \$900. Claim for the Coroner's Office. Mark is working on a contract for the Coroner. Commissioner Cline

made a motion to approve the Coroner's Claim. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell, and the motion carried.

Sheriff Tebbe would like to obtain a credit card from Encompass bank to use in the Sheriff's Department. It was agreed by the Commissioners that Sheriff, Matt Tebbe was approved to obtain a credit card in the name of the Tipton County Sheriff, Matt Tebbe through Encompass for use by the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Cline made a motion to approve Sheriff Tebbe obtaining a credit card from Encompass. Commissioner Powell seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**Clerk's Monthly Report:**

The Clerk's Monthly report was submitted in writing.

**County Handbook:**

Tabled.

**Mowing Bids:**

The mowing bids have been advertised. They will be publicly opened on March 8, 2023. The bid includes the location, frequency, trim and fall clean up as well.

**County Attorney:**

Mark addressed the need for the offices on the third and fourth floors requiring the shred company to shred to a specific size per statute for security of information. Mark would like to have KCS sign a contract stating the end size of the shred material.

Mark addressed a burn ordinance. Part of the issue with the burn ordinance was perhaps surrounded by someone burning construction material. Junk car ordinance. Mark will look back and send documentation to the board prior to the next meeting.

**IT Director:**

Bill Steen discussed the potential for onsite shredders to meet the county needs; however, the machines that shred small enough to meet the specifications, cannot accept staples or it will damage the teeth on the shredder.

**Claim for Guardian Advocates:**

There was a claim for Guardian Advocates-West for the sum of \$5,000, that the Commissioners agreed to pay from the Commissioners budget back in October of 2022. Commissioner Cline made a motion to pay the claim for Guardian Advocates. Commissioner Powell seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mark Regnier discussed the need for \$30,000 to go before the Council for an additional appropriation. Commissioner Cline made a motion to approve the request to go before the Council for an additional appropriation. Commissioner Powell seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENT:**

Commissioner Powell stated that legislative session has started and Barnes and Thornberg will be getting him information this week.

Nancy Cline discussed the Fairgrounds and the Fair Board thought maybe it was time that we consider an events and grounds manager. The Fairground currently maintains the grounds. She would like the conversation to be had to talk about an event coordinator and a grounds manager since this has grown in use. Nancy would like public input and to contact her in regard to this process going forward. This has in

the past been taken on as a volunteer group; however, since the county owns this ground, it may be time to consider a coordinator for utilization of the Fairgrounds.

Planning Commissioner, Steve Niblick is looking for an appointment of the fringe area and must be a registered Democrat. If you have any suggestions, please let him know.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Steve Raber addressed the County Commissioners in regard to the bicycle/walk path. He discussed the map that would be a proposal of the new walk path.

Wiring for the kiosk on third floor – Rich Vautaw is to wait on this project.

Larry Alderfer discussed the Tipton County Community on facebook. He stated that this had been on his mind while a man lost his life at 900 W and 300 N. – He read his post that was put on facebook. Homeowners on 900 have asked for more patrol to slow traffic. He feels this area should be looked at for safety reasons.

Commissioner Cline made a motion to close the public comments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell and the motion carried.

Commissioner Cline made a motion to close the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell, and the motion carried.

Approved this 13th day of February, 2023.

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