

TIPTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: JUNE 5, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

The Tipton County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Sessions on Monday, June 5, 2023, 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance were Dennis Henderson, Tracey Powell, and Commissioner Nancy Cline. County Attorney, Mark Regnier was not in attendance.

The meeting was opened with a word of prayer by Commissioner Nancy Cline and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Henderson.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Executive Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2023, were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Cline, and seconded by Commissioner Powell. The motion carried.

Prior Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2023, May 8, and May 22, 2023, were tabled on a motion made by Commissioner Powell, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson. 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 \$204,474.60 (Pay 6-9-23) were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Henderson and the motion carried.

Operating Claims: Operation Claims pay (6-5-23) in the amount of \$95,929.18, made a motion to approve \$5500.00 eligible to be taken from the Getrag TIF Fund and transferred to the Baker Tilly were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Cline, and the motion was carried.

Resolution Drainage Docket: The Commissioners' Drainage Docket for early pay (5-25-23) in the amount of \$90,235.89, 93 were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Cline, and the motion was carried.

Big Cicero Docket: pay (6-5-23) in the amount of \$4500.00 was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Powell, and the motion was carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT BUSINESS AND REPORTS:

Tipton County Highway:

Highway Superintendent, Bret Morris discussed the recognition of Sherri Crawford who had been attending seminars through L-TAP and received her Road Builder Title through the Road Scholar Program and will be honored in person at the IH Summer Conference.

Trial run on the chip and seal on Thursday June 1, 2023, had a few bugs to work out, and starting regular season today and three tanker loads will be heading west to Division and going all the way to North County Line.

Previous meeting on April 10, 2023, Brett discussed one truck with hail damage and now the truck will be going to Murray's Body Shop for repair the first week of August.

County Highway Engineer:

Highway Engineer, Bret Morris presenting for (Phil Beer not present) discussed Atlas agreement, and asked for a motion to approve the agreement and the President of the BOC can authorize to sign the agreement. Cline motions to accept the agreement with Atlas and to allow the President Dennis Henderson to sign the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and motion carried. The agreement was signed.

Bret Morris addressed the Community Crossing Grant Match Project 2022-02, Co Rd 560 West, reconstruction, E&B Paving will begin construction June 12, 2023. E&B Paving will coordinate with the Highway Department so they can notify emergency services of that roads closure. Work is scheduled to be completed in four to five weeks.

Bret Morris also addressed the Community Crossing Grant Match 2023-1, Old State Road 28 from 560 W to 300 W, documents uploaded, and the contractors are going through the plans and specifications. Project bid date is June 19, 2023, during the regularly scheduled Commissioners Meeting. Project has been advertised in the Tipton Tribune, Tipton County Website and it has been posted throughout the courthouse.

Cicero Creek Ridge 20: Redman or County will be cleaning out the silt under the bridge and along the banks, possible need for building a ramp. The slope walls are not in very good shape.

Maintenance Department:

Maintenance Supervisor Rich Vautaw asked for a contract to be signed with Cintas. Rich met with Jesse Wooley at Cintas to go through facilities and inventory. Courthouse only at this time. Motion to approve contract with Cintas by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Powell, and the motion was carried. President Henderson signed contract.

Rich Vautaw stated the courthouse floors need a power scrubber and the cost to purchase one is approximately \$3000.00.

Sheriff's Office:

Sheriff Matthew Tebbe is having issues with the doors at the Jail; the outside door goes from east side into the building are cracked. The hinges are cracked and they have been repressing them, but the more you repress them, the more they lose their longevity. The hinges on the doors throughout the jail are aluminum, not steel. The awning placed over the door has not helped. The hinges will need to be replaced.

SRO Interview at Tri-Central: they have chosen Nate Sayers as their SRO. Tri-Central wants to move ahead with hiring (paying their share) Nate Sayers, even though the county has not made a commitment. The hiring depends on Sheriff Tebbe hiring a new deputy for the department. Commissioner Powell motions to approve the MOU with Tri Central, for the SRO Officer contingent upon financing by the council, Commissioner Cline seconded the motion. Motion to have President Henderson sign the contract and the motion carried.

Economic Development Corporation:

Abbie Smith is working on the RFP for Broadband and is in process with publishing dates. Publishing dates as follows: Tipton Tribune 6/7-6/21; Hamilton Reporter 6/5-6/19. Commissioner Powell stated the state of Indiana has one billion dollars to put forward to broadband. There is a new board that is meeting in Cass County (Logansport) might be good to check it out. CIP updates and financial handouts on budget verses actual, edit funds, and notes on Project 77, along with those expenses.

Auditor’s Office:

Auditor Pickering addressed Transfer Books, moving towards electronic transfers, and stopping the manual transfers due to redundancy. Howard County moved away from manual ten to twelve years ago. Researchers can use the computers in the research room hopefully by July 1, 2023. Need to ask Bill in IT about backing up the computers in the research room.

The Auditor discussed the contract for the Economic Development Coordinator stating that reappropriating the funds back into the EDIT account line is not proper and the contract should have been accounted for at budget time for the amount actually being spent from 1112.41085, economic development coordinator. The county pays 100% of the \$150,000 for the economic development coordinator and then bills the city for ½ each month. The funds are receipted into the 1112 Edit Fund; however, in order to reappropriate the account line and not run over budget, either the entire 100% should have been budgeted for rather \$75,000, or it forces the 12 times per month for the Auditor to seek additional appropriations for this particular account. It would make more sense to either budget the entire amount spent and then receipt the reimbursement from the city or rewrite the contract so that the economic development coordinator bills the city ½ of her contract and the county ½ of her contract.

Treasurer Townsend:

Treasurer Townsend stated that at the end of May the county had brought in \$473,778.49 in interest. Last year’s interest was \$262,000.00.

Planning Commission: Planning Commission Judy Coker addressed the board concerning a structure fire early March 2023 property located at 728 E. SR 28 home is inhabitable. Judy stated there has been no returned correspondence with the property owner, there has been a lot of complaints from the surrounding neighbors and farmer. Judy is asking for an Order to Demolish from the Unsafe Building Fund, which she said there is nearly \$50,000.00 in the fund. Letters have been sent to the property owner dated May 4, 2023; March 22, 2023; April 5, 2023. The owner did not respond to letters asking to bring the property into compliance, Judy found the owner’s phone number and the owner did board up some of the windows. All legal owners need to be notified per Indiana Statute to contact the auditor’s office within ten (10) business days to be put on the Commissioners Meeting agenda for an appeal. Motion to approve the order of Abatement for thirty (30) days was made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Cline, and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lawn Tech Mowing Contract:

Commissioner Cline motions to approve the contract for mowing for the courthouse and old jail \$75 per mow. Commissioner Powell seconds the motion and the motion carried.

Tipton Utilities:

Jim Ankrum presenting for Patti Eliserus, Main Street Association has a request to use the Courthouse lawn, restrooms, and plug-ins, on Friday’s 6/16, 7/21, 8/18. Also requesting to close Court Street for a car show. Friday night food trucks and band events. Commissioner Powell moves to approve use the

Courthouse lawn, for food trucks, restrooms, and plugins, on Friday's 6/16, 7/21, 8/18, seconded by Commissioner Cline, and the motion carried.

Commissioner Powell: requested for Andrea Richter is opening a restaurant that would like a long-term lease for the concrete pad (owned by the county) for outdoor seating. The building is located southeast of the courthouse. Tracey Powell will invite Andrea Richter to the next Commissioners meeting.

Courthouse Walls:

Rich Vautaw stated that he has an individual bidding to clean the courthouse with a pressure washer for \$1500.00. Rich is to invite Eli Haecker to the next Commissioner's Meeting. Highway Superintendent, Bret Morris stated that there could be concerns with power washing the limestone building and could potentially damage the limestone.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

Tabled due to Attorney, Mark Regnier not being present.

ORDINANCE BOC 2023-05; ORDINANCE BOC 2023-03; ORDINANCE BOC 2023-07.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Commissioner Cline. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell, and the motion carried.

Approved this _____, day of _____, 2023.

Dennis Henderson, President

Nancy Cline, Vice President

Tracey Powell, Commissioner

Attest:

Melissa Pickering, Tipton County Auditor and
Secretary to the Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2023.