

## **TIPTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: NOVEMBER 6, 2023**

### **REGULAR MEETING:**

The Tipton County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, November 6, 2023, 9:00 a.m.. Those in attendance were Dennis Henderson, Tracey Powell, Nancy Cline, County Attorney, Mark Regnier and Auditor Pickering.

**Others Present:** Brian Howell, Purdue Extension Office

The meeting was opened with a word of prayer by Pastor Steve Brown from Normanda Christian Church and the pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Henderson.

### **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 \$203,942.39 for payment on November 10, 2023, were submitted and approved as presented on a motion by Cline. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell, and the motion carried.

**Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating claims for payment on November 6, 2023, in the amount of \$236,659.42, were submitted and approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Powell. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cline, and the motion carried.

**Early Claims Exception:** A claim filed late for docket but necessary to be paid for the election for payment on November 6, 2023, in the amount of \$5,838.00, was approved before being paid as early docket, as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Powell. The motion carried.

**Big Cicero Claims:** The Commissioners' Big Cicero for payment on 11-6-23, in the amount of \$252,203.82 was approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Cline and seconded by Commissioner Powell. The motion carried.

**Drainage Board Claims:** The Commissioners' Drainage Board Claims were paid early per a Resolution of Tipton County, on October 23, 2023, in the sum of \$37,404.15, on a motion made by Commissioner Powell. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cline and the motion carried.

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

All previous meeting minutes were tabled.

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

### **Maintenance / Rich Vautaw:**

Rich Vautaw presented a contract for the Courthouse from Chem Search who does inspections at both the Courthouse and the Jail. Rich will bring this to the next commissioners meeting on November 20, 2023. Rich will ask the Chem Search Rep to come to the next Commissioners Meeting to explain exactly what the contracts cover.

Rich requested that the commissioners allow him to install an electrical outlet at one of the parking spaces in the parking lot for the diesel truck before winter.

Rich also informed the Commissioners that the total body scanner from Johnson County was now in the Courthouse awaiting installation.

### **County Attorney / Mark Regnier:**

Mark addressed the Fair board manager position in that it would be someone who reports to both the fair board and the commissioners. Commissioner, Nancy Cline will meet with the Fair Board to discuss this matter at the next Fair Board meeting.

Nancy Cline inquired about when the Purdue Extension Board meets. Brian explained that the board meets quarterly and that the next meeting would be January of 2024, to discuss 4-H and the Extension Office.

### **Sheriff / Matt Tebbe:**

Matt Tebbe addressed the Board with the two sheriff's vehicle accidents; one involving a deer which is most likely a total loss of vehicle and the second where the office hit a light pole. Sheriff Tebbe has asked Murray's Body Shop to do the estimate for repairs for the vehicle involving the deer, which he estimates will be approximately \$2150, and is awaiting the insurance company inspection on the other vehicle to see if it is declared a total loss.

Sheriff Tebbe explained that he has bids on two vehicles and will most likely need to request a bid on a third vehicle considering the recent accident.

Sheriff Tebbe also addressed the inmate population at the jail and has talked with Sheriff Jerry Asher in Howard County regarding his inmate population as well is working with Wabash.

### **County Highway Superintendent / Bret Morris:**

County Superintendent Morris addressed the 2023-02 CCMG Grant and that it will be used on bridge #26. Bret discussed the amount to be received by the State, approximately \$325,975.00 and the amount to be matched from the county with a total overall of \$750,000. He asked that Denny Henderson sign the contract with INDOT on behalf of the Commissioners.

Bret addressed the landfill stating that the highway department is hydra seeding and the area around the salt barn is seeded.

He also addressed the Pell Study and that they will meet again this Wednesday at Tractor Supply from 4-6 p.m., and in Howard County on December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Howard County Library, located at 220 N. Union Street, Kokomo.

**County Engineer / Phil Beer:**

Phil Beer presented his report and stated that the total low bid for the 2023-01 CCMG project was \$898,700 and that an appropriating in the sum of the award from the state of \$674,025.00 had been appropriated on October 17, 2023.

A B.O.T. Meeting has been scheduled on November 20, 2023, directly after the Commissioners meeting.

*County Engineers Report follows:*

**Economic Development Coordinator / Abbie Smith:**

Abbie Smith addressed the board regarding the "Welcome to Tipton County" sign located at the bowling alley and that she was awaiting quotes.

Abbie also addressed the Read II Grant and projects and that a meeting was attended a few weeks ago.

Abbie will also be emailing a list of potential projects to individuals of the board.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

**ATTORNEY COMMENTS:**

Mark Regnier discussed the upcoming special meeting on Monday, November 13, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., where he would address the ALS and BLS Contracts.

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Nancy Cline discussed the need for a new ADA Compliance Office as Sherri Crawford from the highway desires to retire from this position. It was discussed possibly combining this with the city.

Commissioner Cline also discussed the need to hire a Human Resource individual for the county.

Mark Regnier suggested a hybrid position and would like to start this discussion in January of 2024.

**IT DIRECTOR / BILL STEEN:**

Bill Steen, IT Director, approached the counsel with a request to declare stainless steel sinks and commodes as surplus so they could be sold on the marketplace for income to the county prior to possibly utilizing the old jail cells for record storage. Bill believes there to be approximately 22 stainless steel items at the old jail.

Bill Steen also addressed the livestream for county meetings considering that Vimeo is buying them out expected in August of 2024. He wanted to know if closed captioning is a priority for the Commissioners and explained that the cost to do closed caption is approximately \$12,500. He further explained that the cost to livestream may increase from \$2200 to \$6000.

He does have concerns going with YouTube as the content is controlled by YouTube and may not allow for him to control the livestreaming on YouTube resulting in potential issues. This is not his preference to go with YouTube.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.


**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

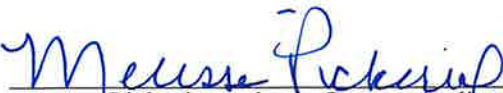
Approved this 21st, day of November 2023.

  
Dennis Henderson, President

  
Tracey Powell, Vice President

  
Nancy Cline, Commissioner

Attest:

  
Melissa Pickering, Tipton County Auditor and  
Secretary to the Board of Commissioners  
Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2023.  
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