

Board of Commissioners Meeting

7-6-2020

Present: James Mullins, Mark Manier, Dennis Henderson

Others present: Tracey Powell, Steve Brown, Logan Westrick, Andy Wesner, Stan Jones, Tracey Regnier, Cole Kline, Brad Whitman, Mark Regnier, Lou Ann Millett

The meeting was opened by President Jim Mullins with prayer by Reverend Logan Westrick of the Ash Street Wesleyan Church and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Payroll – Crystal Worthy

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve payroll, check date July 10, 2020, in the amount of \$178,624.38. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries unanimously by roll call vote.

Claims – Crystal Worthy

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve miscellaneous claims for docket date July 6, 2020, in the amount of \$430,035.81. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries unanimously by roll call vote.

New Jail Requisitions #23, 24, and 25 are on hold pending a final walk-through scheduled for July 7, 2020.

Highway Department – Bret Morris

Superintendent Morris reported that they are working on maintenance chip seal, with about 40 miles of road to complete. He will be conducting a speed study along Jane Drive on the west side of Sharpsville, and will make a recommendation for a speed limit. He reported that the INDOT Community Crossings grant program was on hold due to declining revenues. He reported that revenues to the Tipton County Highway Department, so far this year, were down by 7.9% or about \$96,000, which is much better than expected. He stated that, out of 4 requests for quotes, only one quote was received for small structure JE2002, that being from Extreme Excavating, in the amount of \$50,000.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to table the bid for review by Engineer Beer and Highway Superintendent Morris and for them to come back with a recommendation. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

Engineer – Phil Beer

Engineer Beer reported that he has received the plans for the 90% landfill design plans. The next step is to bid the project in August, with construction to begin in November. He stated that they would run the new system using the collection system currently on the landfill site. The collection system would be replaced in 2021. The cost is estimated to be \$777,000 with a 20% contingency. He suggested budgeting \$800,000 for the project. There would be a drain installed to catch leachate. He recommended waiting a year before seeding the mound to allow for settling.

He reported that materials had been stockpiled for the drain project in West Elwood. The project should take about 30 days.

Community Corrections Grant- Letter of Support

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve Mark Regnier and Tracey Regnier preparing a letter of support for grant approval and authorizing President Jim Mullins to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

Sheriff – Tony Frawley

Sheriff Frawley reported that he would be meeting with PSI and Bill Shepler on Thursday, July 9, 2020, in the training room, at 11:30am to discuss 13 items/issues with the new jail, including air conditioning and the east entrance door. He stated that paving had been completed.

President Mullins stated that he had received an email from Sheriff Frawley requesting substantial wage increases. This is a matter under the authority of the County Council.

Capital Improvement Plan Amendment - Tabled**Ambulance Service Board**

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to authorize County Attorney Mark Regnier to review and draft a new ordinance re-establishing the Ambulance Service Board and to bring it back to the Board of Commissioners. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

Courthouse Fifth Floor Windows

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to authorize Auditor Gregg Townsend to seek quotes for replacement windows for the Courthouse fifth floor. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

Courthouse Tile Roof – Hope Public Adjusters

Cole Kline with Hope Public Adjusters and Brad Whitman of Whitman Home Improvements showed drone inspection pictures of the Courthouse roof, showing widespread damage involving slate tiles and cosmetic metal damage. They stated that the damage should be covered by insurance.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to authorize Auditor Gregg Townsend to investigate roof repairs. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

The Commissioners recommended investigation of alternative Window and roof materials, acceptable to use on buildings registered with the National Register of Historic Places.

Minutes for June 22, 2020 Special Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Manier to approve the minutes for the meeting held on June 22, 2020. Second by Commissioner Henderson. Motion carries.

Public Comment

Lou Ann Millett asked about the oozing at Doctor's Park. President Mullins said that there used to be an old dump at that site. There will be borings done and discussion at the next Big Cicero meeting.

Andy Wesner asked about invoicing for firefighter standby services for downed power lines during poer failures until the utility arrives. The Commissioners requested that Andy Wesner provide research to determine if this is being done elsewhere. Mr. Wesner also asked about a burn ban ordinance. The Commissioners stated that an ordinance had not been passed out of the concern of conflicting ordinances.

Stan Jones stated that invoicing for standby services is being done in Michigan. He asked why we could not be first to implement that. The Commissioners commented that being first my involve costly legal challenges.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to close public comment. Second by Commissioner Manier.

Motion carries unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries unanimously by roll call vote.

Approved this 20th day of July, 2020

James Mullins, President

Dennis Henderson, Vice President

Mark Manier, Commissioner

Attest:

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