

Board of Commissioners Meeting

7-20-2020

Present: James Mullins, Mark Manier, Dennis Henderson

Others present: Steve Brown, Tracey Powell, Jill Curnutt-Howerton, Gae Matchette, Nancy Cline, Stan Jones, Cara Kellerman, Thomas Dolezal, Janet Stacy, Mark Baird

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 24, 2020, in the amount of \$177,207.41. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries unanimously by roll call vote.

Claims – Katy Kramer

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve an early docket, out of the Election Board, to the Postmaster, for postage, in the amount of \$1,100.00. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries. Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve miscellaneous claims for docket date July 20, 2020, in the amount of \$265,244.97. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve New Jail Requisitions 24, in the amount of \$11,300.04. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve New Jail Requisitions 25, in the amount of \$747.25. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

Highway Department – Bret Morris

Superintendent Morris reported that there are three ordinances for the South County Line (CR600S) from SR19 to CR50W. County Attorney Regnier will review the ordinances and report back.

He also reported that they have about 10 miles of chip seal to finish. He reported that Duke Energy has moved the utility poles on CR350S west of US31. They will start work on Small Structure JE2025 this week.

Engineer – Phil Beer

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to set bids for the construction of the Landfill Leachate Facility for September 14, 2020, after 9:30am, with advertising on August 17, 2020 and August 31, 2020. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

Engineer Beer reported that Bridge 67 will not be done this year; Small structure JE2025 will have the pipe installed starting this week; Small Structure CI4013 has been surveyed and will be completed by October. Engineer Beer has contacted Craig Newcom with Extreme Excavating concerning their bid. They have agreed to do the work for time and materials.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to reject the bid from Extreme Excavating for the work on small Structure JE2002, in the amount of \$50,000 and to approve, in its place, time and materials, not to exceed \$35,000. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

Small Structure CI4032 has failed. USI surveyed the site, at a cost of \$2,500 and will develop plans for Highway to replace as soon as possible. The cost of the survey will be paid out of Cum Bridge Professional Services.

Engineer Beer stated that he had included \$25,000 in both of the 2021 Landfill and Cumulative Bridge budgets to cover costs of the Highway Department at those sites.

Sheriff – Tony Frawley – No report

President Mullins cited additions to the agenda: Mayor Dolezal, the Historical Society, Encore.

Expansion of Northgate Business Park – Mayor Tom Dolezal

City of Tipton Mayor Tom Dolezal addressed the Board of Commissioners with a request for \$300,000 to assist the city in the purchase of 60 acres of land, at a cost of \$12,000 per acre, totaling \$720,000. The land would be titled to and belong to the City of Tipton. Closing on the land is set for the second week of August. There being probable approval of the County Council for the purchase of land, the matter was tabled.

Historical Society – Jill Curnutt-Howerton, Executive Director; and Gae Mattchett, Vice President and Board Member

Much of the fund raising opportunities have been canceled due to Covid-19, leaving the budget short by approximately \$12,400 through the end of 2020. They have applied for grants, but have only been approved for one from the Indiana Historical Society, in the amount of \$32,072.07, that cannot be used for operations. It will fund a special photo collection project, and pays for a scanner and labor. Motion by Commissioner Henderson to transfer \$13,000 from EDIT Project #80 Tipton County Marketing to Project #78 Support of Non-Profits and to authorize a payment of \$13,000 to the Tipton County Historical Society. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

Encore – Cara Kellerman, Executive Director

Cara Kellerman presented a request to use the Court Street parking lot on August 22, 2020, from 6pm to 9pm for “You Had Me at Merlot” wine tasting and craft beer with dinner and charity auction fund raiser. Motion by Commissioner Henderson to authorize County Attorney Mark Regnier to prepare a resolution in support of Encore’s event request for a one-time event , requiring event insurance, and allowing use of the Court Street parking lot on August 22, 2020, from 6pm to 9pm. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

Cara Kellerman reported that the senior apartment building, with 49 units, is open. They have 16 apartments rented and 4 more next week, with full occupancy anticipated by October.

Old Jail Generator – Quote from Omni Electric to relocate to the Courthouse

Bill Steen presented a quote from Omni Electric for the relocation of the old jail generator to the Courthouse, in the amount of \$54,129.00, not including fencing. The matter was tabled

Old Jail Property

President Mullins reported having attended a meeting at the Historical Society with representatives from Indiana Landmarks. Options that may be available would be to: 1. Sell the Jail to Indiana Landmarks for \$1 and have them assume full liability, or 2. Have Indiana Landmarks serve as a marketing intermediary. Mark Regnier will review the State Statute regarding use of Fund 9200 for demolition.

Thermostats for the Courthouse

Bill Steen reported that the thermostats in the Courthouse will have to be replaced, and that the old models are no longer made. Auditor Townsend will check to see if money from Cumulative Capital Development may be used for that purpose.

Computer Tablets for use by the Board of Commissioners and County Council

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to authorize the purchase of 15 tablets and a 16 port locking charging station, at a cost of \$2,930.00. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries

Commissioner Henderson thanked Bill Steen for live streaming the Tipton County Fair Livestock Shows.

US 31 Coalition – Appointment to replace John Adler

President Mullins handed the gavel to Commissioner Henderson and nominated Jane Harper to serve on the US31 Coalition in place of John Adler. Commissioner Henderson stated that he wanted time to think about it. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Capital Improvement Plan Amendment - Tabled

Ambulance Service Board- Tabled to August 3, 2020 meeting. The Fire Chiefs' next meeting will be August 5, 2020.

Minutes for July 6, 2020

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve the minutes for the meeting held on July 6, 2020. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

Public Comment

Mark Baird, Executive Director of the Tipton County Foundation stated that they do not expect funding cuts to the Tipton County Historical Society. They use a three year rolling average to manage hits.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to close Public Comment. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

Approved this 3rd day of August, 2020

James Mullins, President

Dennis Henderson, Vice President

Mark Manier, Commissioner

Attest:

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