

# Board of Commissioners Meeting

4-15-2019

Present: James Mullins, PhD., Dennis Henderson, Mark Manier

Others Present: Bill Shepler, Kegan Schmicker, Jim Leffler, Steve Brown, Chuck Bell, Lyndsay Krauter, Brent Snow, Vicky Boyd, Lou Ann Millett, Joe Bitner, Justin Webster, Jake Adams, Tim LaFever, Lowell M. Davidson, Brad Nichols, Jeff Ogden

The meeting was opened with prayer by Reverend Steve Brown of the Normanda Christian Church and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Amendments to Agenda: Economic Development, Jail Update

## **Payroll – Crystal Worthy**

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve payroll, check date April 18, 2019, in the amount of \$155,918.29. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion Carries.

## **Claims – Katy Kramer**

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve a separate claim to Craig McKee from Sheriff's Contractual Services, in the amount of \$3,000. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve an early claim to L & D Mail Masters, Inc., in the amount of \$6,180.00 for tax billing mailings.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to transfer \$3,900.00 from EDIT Project 72 (1112.41072.000.0000) into Project 84 (1112.41084.000.0000). Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve miscellaneous claims for docket date April 15, 2019, in the amount of \$293,246.00. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

## **Highway- Bret Morris –**

Superintendent Morris reported that the micro-seal layer on Division Road was coming loose from the milled surface. It is under warranty and they are investigating the cause.

## **BID Opening for 2020 Highway Department Slurry and Emulsions**

Slurry

Commissioner Henderson opened the only sealed bid for slurry, that being from IMI: \$250/cubic yard.

Emulsions

Commissioner Henderson opened the sealed bid from Asphalt Materials:

AE90 \$1.625 HF RS2 \$1.70

Commissioner Manier opened the sealed bid from Marathon:

AE90 \$1.559 HF RS2 No bid

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to accept all bids to be used by the Highway Department to choose the most economical as needed. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

## **Engineer – Phil Beer**

Motion by Commissioner Henderson accept and to authorize President Mullins to sign the agreement with ATC & Associates to design and permit the new landfill facility. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

Engineer Beer reported that Bridge 64 is to be bid by the end of the month.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to set a bid date for the Community Crossings Grant projects for May 28, 2019, to be opened after 9am in the Board of Commissioners meeting, with advertising on May 13, and May 20, 2019. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.  
The seven projects will be grouped for two bids.

#### **Covered Bridge Certification**

The commissioners signed the certification to the State that there are no covered bridges in the county.

**Sheriff** – No Report

**Ambulance Service** – No report

#### **Main Street Association – Request to use Courthouse lawn, restrooms and east parking Lot –Kegan Schmicker**

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve the request of the Main Street Association for use of the Courthouse courtyard, restrooms, and east parking lot from 6-8pm on June 27, 2019. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

**Coroner- Request for facilities** – Brad Nichols

Coroner Nichols asked that the Board of Commissioners begin the discussion on facilities for the County Coroner. He is in need of space for investigations, a place to meet with family, working space, and refrigeration. He suggested that the Board look at existing spaces or new structures. He also asked for the formation of a sub-committee to begin the discussion. President Mullins will represent the Board of Commissioners, and will look to the County Council for two members and to EMA for a member.

#### **Rural Broadband – Kegan Schmicker, City of Tipton Community Development consultant**

Mr. Schmicker reported that Smithville and Watch Communications will be submitting applications for grants.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve letters of support for broadband for Smithville and Watch Communications and authorize President Mullins to sign the letters in favor of the broadband projects. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

#### **Child Abuse and Prevention Month – Dr. Lyndsay Krauter**

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve placement of a sign on the Courthouse lawn, for the rest of April, for Child Abuse and Prevention Month. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

#### **Discussion – Fire Department and Electric Company issues**

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to have Chuck Bell, Stan Jones, and County Attorney Mark Regnier prepare a proposed ordinance that would permit Tipton County fire departments to bill electric companies for compensation for guarding downed power lines.

**Economic Development at SR28 and US 31** – No action. Proposals being prepared.

Tipton County Foundation Director, Mark Baird, has arranged a 1 ½ to 2 hour data presentation on the state of Tipton County to be presented by David Terrell and Michael Hicks from Ball State University at 6:30 pm, on May 13, 2019, with alternative dates of May 15 and 20, The Auditor will advertise.

#### **Jail Update – Bill Shepler of PMSI**

New Fiber to the Jail

Mr. Shepler stated that negotiation with the telephone company more properly belongs to Bill Steen. Motion by Commissioner Henderson to authorize Bill Steen to negotiate with Tipton Telephone. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

Mr. Shepler stated that contracts need to be signed for Direct TV, Blades Construction for electronics installation, and ESI for Cabling and Equipment.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to table the contracts to the next meeting. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

Mr. Shepler stated upcoming jail items include handset numbers, furniture and fixtures, and a full body scanner, requested by the Sheriff, with an estimated cost of \$150,000.

Mr. Shepler distributed copies of a proposal from ESI to the Commissioners.

He commented that the bond proceeds would be spent first, up to the retainage, then begin to use the LIT Special Legislation Justice Center funds. He estimated \$2,2 Million would be needed from that fund.

### **Minutes for April 1, 2019**

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve the minutes for April 1, 2019. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

### **Public Comment -**

The Commissioners entertained comments from the public.

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

Motion carries.

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

Approved this 15th day of April, 2019

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James Mullins, President

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Dennis Henderson, Vice President

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Mark Manier, Commissioner

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