

Board of Commissioners Meeting

8-5-2019

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

Others Present: Jim Leffler, Bill Shepler, Mark Baird, Lou Ann Millett, Steve Brown, Christy Crawford, Karen Chandler, Charles Malinowski, Matthew Lowery, Brent Snow, Elsa Smith, Vicky Boyd Mark Regnier

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

Payroll – Crystal Worthy

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve payroll, check date August 9, 2019, in the amount of \$159,514.69. Second by Commissioner Mullins. Motion Carries.

Claims – Katy Kramer

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve distribution of funds for the new jail, Requisition 12, in the amount of \$1,277,886.71. Second by Commissioner Mullins. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve an early docket, in the amount of \$155.00, for recording tax deeds. Second by Commissioner Mullins. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve a separate docket to Mark Regnier, in the amount of \$2,375.00. Second by Commissioner Mullins. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve miscellaneous claims for docket date August 5, 2019, in the amount of \$443,716.24. Second by Commissioner Mullins. Motion carries.

Highway- Bret Morris

County Attorney Mark Regnier referred to a letter written by County Engineer Phil Beer recommending an emergency ordinance amending the speed limit on CR 725W.

August 2nd, 2019

Tipton County Board of Commissioner

C/O: Mark Regnier (markregnieratty@gmail.com), County Attorney

101 E. Jefferson Street

Tipton, IN 46072

Dear Board of Commissioners;

In participation with Bret Morris, Tipton Co. Highway Director, we have reviewed the existing speed limits as currently signed along CR725 West, from SR28 north to Division Road. Currently this roadway section has 35MPH signage as you approach the Town of Goldsmith from the south and remains 35 MPH through the town. It is my professional opinion and recommendation, based upon the condition of the roadway, and the narrow lane widths, that all sections of CR725 West, not already limited to 35 MPH, should be reduced from 55 MPH (unsigned regulatory speed limit) to 45 MPH for safety.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

TIPTON COUNTY ENGINEER

Philip D. Beer II, PE, PS, F.ACEC

County Attorney Regnier read the following emergency ordinance.

Ordinance BOC2019-05 Speed Limit on 725 W between SR28 and Division Road

ORDINANCE BOC 2019-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TIPTON COUNTY INDIANA BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AMENDING TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, State law permits local county governments to create speed zones that are less than the state speed limits for its county roads; and,

WHEREAS, State law allows for emergency passage of ordinances by county governments under certain circumstances; and,

WHEREAS, State Road 28 just west of U.S. Highway 31 in Tipton County, Indiana, is closed for temporary road construction; and,

WHEREAS, the closing of State Road 28 in Tipton County creates an emergency situation with regard to traffic in and through Goldsmith, Indiana, and more particularly on county road 725 West between State Road 28 and Division Road; and,

WHEREAS, the Tipton County Board of Commissioners ("BOC") recognizes that the increased traffic flow due to road closure creates an emergency situation which puts its citizens at risk, and such emergency needs to be addressed immediately with changes to county traffic ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the speed limit on county road 725 West ranges from 55 to 35 miles per hour, and the BOC finds that it is in the best interests and safety of its citizens if the speed limit on county road 725 West does not exceed 45 miles per hour.

NOW THEREFORE, the BOC does now reduce the 55 mile per hour speed limit on County Road 725 West between State Road 28 and Division Road as follows:

1. The speed limit between a point 1000 feet north of State Road 28, north to the Dixon Creek bridge is now reduced from 55 miles per hour to 45 miles per hour.
2. The speed limit from a point 1500 feet north of the railroad tracks in Goldsmith to Division Road is now reduced from 55 miles per hour to 45 miles per hour.
3. The speed limit on all other areas of County Road 725 West shall remain at 35 mile per hour

This ordinance is effective immediately upon passage, and shall be posted in three (3) public places as required by state statute, and published immediately in a newspaper of local circulation. Furthermore, the county highway superintendent is directed to erect 45 mile per hour signs along the route described herein above.

SO ORDAINED, THIS _____ DAY OF AUGUST, 2019.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BY:

James N. Mullins, PhD.
President

Dennis Henderson
Vice President

Mark Manier
Member

Attest:

Gregg A. Townsend
Tipton County Auditor

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Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve Ordinance BOC2019-05 on First Reading.

Motion carries with unanimous vote.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve Ordinance BOC2019-05. Motion carries with unanimous vote.

Superintendent Morris reported that State Road 28 is closed at 900W for construction of the third roundabout.

He reported that they are doing regular maintenance at the landfill. They are also attempting a rebuild of the engine on the bucket truck.

County Engineer – Phil Beer

Engineer Beer requested permission to pursue possible funding of the landfill project through the State Revolving Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to authorize the County Engineer to move forward with using State funding with the State Revolving Fund, to proceed with the preliminary engineering report and to make application. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

Engineer Beer stated that he would like to have a meeting with Mark Manier, And Shelly Love at the State Revolving Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to authorize County Engineer Beer to proceed with the possibility of financing the landfill project with the State Revolving Fund. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

Engineer Beer reported that the ingress/egress to Love's is working well.

The Warranty Deed transferring the roundabout right of way to INDOT is to be signed August 19, 2019.

Sheriff - Tony Frawley

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to authorized County Attorney Regnier to prepare a contract for Bruce Thompson to serve as maintenance man for the new jail and other county owned properties.

Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

Request to paint the Clerk's Office – Christy Crawford

Clerk Crawford presented an estimate from Heritage Painters, in the amount of \$1,562.91, to paint the Clerk's office.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to authorize Clerk Crawford to proceed with painting of Clerk's office by Heritage Custom Painters, in the amount of \$1,562.91, to be paid out of Courthouse Renovation. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

Park Board Discussion

An establishing ordinance draft will be sent to the Commissioners.

Pork Festival – Brett Curnutt

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve request for use of Courthouse property for the Pork Festival from August 30, 2019 to September 9, 2019. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.
Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve request for use of Courthouse lawn for the Pork Festival GM Buick/GMC display from September 5, 2019 to September 9, 2019. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

Animal Shelter – Brett Curnutt

Brett Curnutt asked that the Commissioners consider putting an appropriation in the 2020 budget to assist with the establishment of an animal shelter. President Mullins stated that the Commissioners might consider financially supporting a not-for-profit organization, but had been advised, for liability purposes, not to have the county involved in the operation of an animal shelter.

Malcon – Charles Malinowski - Proposals for Title IV-D Services

Proposals to provide Title IV-D services to the Clerk, Prosecutor, and Auditor were presented. This was taken under advisement.

Resolution for Amendment to the County Travel Policy to pay mileage at 50 cents per mile

This will be considered at the August 19, 2019 meeting.

Minutes for July 22, 2019

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve the minutes for July 22, 2019, with correction noted by Commissioner Henderson. Second by Commissioner Mullins. Motion carries.

Public Comment

The Commissioner entertained comments from the public.
Motion by Commissioner Henderson to end public comment. Second by Commissioner Mullins.
Motion carries.
Motion by Commissioner Henderson to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Mullins.

Approved this 19th day of August, 2019

James Mullins, President

Dennis Henderson, Vice President

Mark Manier, Commissioner

Attest:

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