

Board of Commissioners Meeting

09-30-2019

Present: James Mullins, Dennis Henderson, Mark Manier

Other Present: Andrew B. Buroker, Jonathan Douglas, Dakota Wray, Alex Kerlin, Chuck Bell, Stan Jones James Leffler, Brent Snow, Steve Brown, Lou Ann Millett, Vicky Boyd, Christy Crawford, Mark Baird, Lilly Hoffman, Evan Servies,

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

Agenda was amended to add contract with IU and Tim Richards.

Payroll – Crystal Worthy

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve payroll, check date October 4, 2019, in the amount of \$160,057.01. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion Carries.

Claims – Katy Kramer

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve miscellaneous claims for docket date September 30, 2019, in the amount of \$508,521.80. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

Highway- Bret Morris

Community Crossing Grant projects for 500 N and North Main Street should start around October 4th. This will also include the Michael Lane Project to start around the same time because there are two different crews with the same company. Discussion on the miles of roads cut in 2017 to current year and why highway was able to do more work this summer than before due to weather and amount the chip and seal not done this year. A small discussion on replacing some culvert pipes and repairing tile.

Engineer – Phil Beer

Landfill – They met with the coordinator of OCRA regarding the leachate system whether the county can apply for grants for funding instead of a loan. it was not able to be funded by a grant because there was no specific rate payer for that system. The two grant options he investigated are not a possibility. That does not mean there are no grants available, but he has not found anything else yet.

Ditch project – The project Gasho is constructing has a different size pipe on 200 N West of 31. Originally thought they would need an 8-foot pipe but only needed 5-foot pipe. The highway department can install that.

Roundabout – Everything is moving along, Phil will check on the issue with the signs. They have paved up to the surface. Everything is looking good. We did have some issues with the curb not meeting specs but soon they will be able to redirect traffic to go around the roundabout to get out of Love's. State Road 28 will remain closed to the West so they can remove the widening for the entrance into Love's.

Bridge Project – All is going well.

Russell Meynk of Moister Management will be in this week to talk about issues with the Courthouse.

Sheriff – Tony Frawley (NOT PRESENT)

Nothing new to report

Chuck Bell

Discussion that we may need to issue a burn ban due to dry weather. At this point it is just a discussion.

Mark Regnier

IU Hospital – Partial Assignment for Ground Lease. The building is owned by Cornerstone and they are just signing their interest over to IU North and notifying the county of this transaction. This will also include Amendment to Declaration of Easement and Covenants. Motion to approve Partial Assignment for Ground Lease and Amendment to Declaration of Easement and Covenants by Commissioner Henderson. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

Vicki Warner

Request for restrooms to remain open for Halloween night October 31, 2019. Motion by Commissioner Henderson to use the Courthouse restroom. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

Tim Richards

Request use of the east parking lot for Community give back October 26, 2019. Motion by Commissioner Henderson to use east parking lot. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

Christy Crawford

Request to use the West 2nd floor John Tipton meeting room for early voting October 8th – November 4, 2019. Motion by Commissioner Henderson. Second by Commissioner Manier. Motion carries.

West Elwood Discussion

On agenda in error

Leigh Howe – Economic Development Discussion

The discussion about 28 and US 31 progress, targeting industry to finalize first phase. They have started research on the companies that the county is interested in, as well as sight collectors. They asked the board if they wished to have commercial development included in the outreach as possibilities for west side development. They discussed what type of industrial entities the county would be interested in having on the east side of 38 and US 31. Commissioner Manier suggested agricultural industries for development on the east side, along with suggestions that Leigh gave. She stated she would get those targets finalized by the end of the week. They are about half way through the research and the sight collectors and they need to finalize a chain of communication. Commissioner Manier suggested Commissioner Henderson, due to him being President of the RDC. He would be the point of contact when a company is interested and wants more information. Commissioner Henderson will be working closely with Leigh and Marlin regarding that communication. There was discussion concerning marketing materials and if they need to get something together. Commissioner Mullins suggested a website or something that would be general information concerning what the County Council and Board of Commissioners could offer companies if they wish to develop here. Leigh suggested a two- page informational sheet to show what the county has to offer. Marlin has been speaking to land owners and asked about the next steps moving forward on their end. Discussion on sight collectors and research the Indy area surrounding states. Leigh was going to follow up with Tim and Marlin to get an update regarding land and she will continue to follow up with companies and sight collectors.

Minutes for September 16, 2019

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve the minutes for September 16, 2019, with changes regarding Commissioner Mullins attendance. Changes made and was seconded by Commissioner Manier. Motion Carries

Public Comment

Vicki Boyd referenced a meeting about a year ago at which Purdue University was speaking about ag businesses and how they could relate to the county, and she suggested that they would be another source of information concerning development at SR 28 and US31.

James Leffler asked for clarification that on the West side the county would be attracting Hotels and restaurants and on the East side, Industrial.

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 of October 2019

James Mullins, President

Dennis Henderson, Vice President

Mark Manier, Commissioner

Attest:

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