

Board of Commissioners Meeting

10-15-2019

Present: James Mullins, Dennis Henderson Absent: Mark Manier

Other Present: Bill Shepler, Stan Jones, Melanie Brown, Steve Brown, Chuck Bell, Lou Ann Millett, Michael Terry, Cathy McLeod, Brent Snow, Linda Johnson, Doug Heath, Brent Rempe, Kathleen Weisenbach, Scott Schuler, Mark Baird

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 Stan Jones.

Payroll – Gregg Townsend

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve payroll, check date October 18, 2019, in the amount of \$163,600.04. Second by Commissioner Mullins. Motion Carries.

Claims – Gregg Townsend

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve a separate claim to Manier Welding , in the amount of \$16.50. Second by Commissioner Mullins. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve new jail Requisition 14, in the amount of \$662,084.47. Second by Commissioner Mullins. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve a transfer of \$973.95, from General-Courthouse Repair and Maintenance (1000.36000.000.0161) to Courthouse Monthly Maintenance (1000.36501.000.0161). Second by Commissioner Mullins. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve miscellaneous claims for docket date October 15, 2019, in the amount of \$163,830.51. Second by Commissioner Mullins. Motion carries.

Highway- Bret Morris

Community Crossing Grant projects for 500 N and North Main Street rescheduled for October 17th. They will be replacing two culverts and they have cut 40 miles of berm. The roundabout on SR 28 west of US31 opened last Friday. There needs to be surfacing, lights wired, and some curbing finished. They have the dirt at the Landfill leveled and re-seeded.

Engineer – Phil Beer

Engineer Beer reported that traffic is moving through the roundabout. He stated that the bridge on CR450S between 700E and 800E will be open by the first week in November.

Landfill – Engineer Beer reported that there are no OCRA grants available. He estimated the cost for the project at \$750,000 to \$1Million and asked for direction for ATC. He said that construction would probably not occur until 2021 and that money could be set aside in 2020 and 2021 to fund the project.

US31- Engineer Beer stated that he wants to have a conversation with the INDOT project manager concerning the plans for US31 over the next 10 years. He also stated that there needed to be coordination with Hamilton County concerning road improvements in preparation for the closing of some of the county roads in both counties and re-routing of traffic when US31 becomes limited access.

Courthouse moisture problems- Engineer Beer reported that Moisture Management will be looking at the problems that still exist.

Commissioners requested that the handrails around the exterior of the Courthouse be secured, as soon as possible. Brent Tragesser of Tragesser Concrete Forms has been contacted to make the repairs.

Sheriff – Tony Frawley -No report.

Stan Jones

Stan Jones reported that he has notified the Board of Commissioners of his retirement from the Tipton County Ambulance Oversight Board and the Fire Chiefs' Board, effective the end of the year. He recommended Andy Wesner to take his place on both boards. The Commissioners thanked him for his many years of service. The appointment to the open board seat on the Ambulance Oversight Board was tabled to the next meeting.

Touch A Truck – Cathy McLeod, Outreach Director for Trinity Wesleyan Church

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve the request to use the Court Street parking lot on October 31, 2019 from 5:30 PM to 8 PM for Touch A Truck. Second by Commissioner Mullins. Motion carries.

VASIA – Linda Johnson

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve \$2,500 from EDIT for the Agency on Aging and Community Service. Second by Commissioner Mullins. Motion carries. County Attorney Regnier will prepare a pledge letter.

Employee Health Insurance – Doug Heath – McGriff Insurance Services and American Fidelity

Brent Rempe, with American Fidelity explained a plan to coordinate with Doug Heath this year to simplify insurance provisions to the county.

Doug Heath set open enrollment for IU Health for November 6-8, 2019. He stated that, preliminarily, it appears that there will be no rate increase for 2020. He proposed a freeze on new enrollments to other plans. Open enrollment with American Fidelity will be in early December to allow withholding for a February, 2020 effective date.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to authorize Auditor Townsend to work with Doug Heath to complete all necessary documents to achieve what had been presented. Second by Commissioner Mullins. Motion carries.

US 31 & SR28 Update – Scott Schuler

Scott Schuler reported that Scott Campbell has someone interested in a commercial development in the Southeast quadrant of US 31 and SR 28. He said that they need utilities to proceed, at an estimated expense of \$400,000. Commissioner Mullins stated that the US31/SR28 overlay currently reserves the east side of US31 for Ag business and light industrial, while the west side is planned for commercial development. He stated that the Plan Commission would have to revise the overlay and there would need to be a variance for commercial use. He also said that Veridus, Tipton County's economic development partner would have to look at the recommendations to proceed.

Mr. Schuler stated that the client has certain criteria and the Southeast quadrant is his preference. He said that it would take about 180 days to do due diligence and the project could be in about a year.

Ambulance Service – Jeff Ogden, Chairman of the Ambulance Service Board

Jeff Ogden reported that the board had met last Wednesday and had passed a motion to offer a three year contract to Seals Ambulance Service for January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022.

The Commissioners took the matter under advisement.

Request by Judge Lett to paint the Court Suite

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve the request from Judge Lett to have Heritage paint the Court Suite, at a cost of \$4,000 out of Courthouse Renovations. Second by Commissioner Mullins. Motion carries.

Minutes for September 30, 2019

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to approve the minutes for September 30, 2019. Second by Commissioner Mullins. Motion Carries

Memorandum of Executive Session for September 25, 2019 - Tabled

Public Comment

Commissioners entertained comments from the public.

Motion by Commissioner Henderson to close public comment. Second by Commissioner Mullins. Motion carries.

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

Approved this 28th 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