

Tipton County Commissioners Meeting March 25, 2024

Regular Session

Members: Tracey Powell, Dennis Henderson, Nancy Cline, Attorney Mark Regnier, Secretary and Auditor Melissa Pickering.

The Tipton County Board of Commissioners met in regular sessions on Monday March 25, 2024, at 9 AM in the 1st floor meeting room, 101 E Jefferson St, Tipton, IN.

Present: In attendance were Tracey Powell, Dennis Henderson, Nancy Cline, Attorney Mark Regnier, Secretary and Auditor Melissa Pickering.

Not Present:/NA

The meeting was opened with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Henderson opened the meeting with

Payroll- March 29, 2024 \$225,212.06

Secretary and Auditor Melissa Pickering- That number does not include jury pay for security for trial. I would like to amend this number to reflect that number once the judge approves what he wants to pay out. The judge does have 10,000 in his budget.

Commissioner Nancy Cline motioned to approve payroll for \$225,212.06 and amend it for the auditor to include the jury pay for security during the trial. Commissioner Tracey Powell seconded the motion.

Claims for pay date March 25th \$202,385.09

Commissioner Tracey Powell has questions regarding the first claim. A title was transferred incorrectly in 1970's. The person that purchased the parcel I believe instead of homestead. The individual who purchased the property asked for a Title search refund and the amount that was paid in taxes. Total was \$464.10 that is the lesser of what it could be in this situation. Commissioner Tracey Powell agrees but wanted to make sure the rest of the commissioners were okay with the request.

Commissioner Tracey Powell motioned to approve the claims for \$202,385.09 and Commissioner Nancy Cline Seconded the motion. All approved

Sheriff- New Vehicles

Matt Tebbe could not attend today but he wanted us to know new vehicles are arriving soon. Make a motion to approve Sheriff Tebbe to be the agent. Commissioner Cline -I move to approve Sheriff Tebbe as the agent for the new vehicles. Commissioner Tracey Powell moves to second the motion.

Tracey Regnier Community Corrections-

Community Corrections is already working in 2025- The advisory board last Monday approved the budget. This Grant can not be approved without the board's approval. Tracey is asking the board's approval and support to continue having community corrections services in Tipton County for 2025. Didn't make major changes in program but moved some stuff to part time. Any increases occurred in the county general request as far as finances. Was built into grant request. Commissioner Tracey Powell motioned to approve the Community Corrections Grant 2025. Commissioner Cline seconded Motion. All approved-Motion Carried.

Commissioner Powell motioned for Commissioner Henderson to sign grant Form. Commissioner Cline seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

Bret Morris- Gun range-

Moving part of the gun range further back to make room for sniper practice. Will start working on landfill fence as soon as gun range is finished. Old State Rd 28 community crossing ramp project. Start working on it April 1st. 2 days of milling and 3 days of paving. Complete 2-3 weeks after they start it. Working on chip and sealing roads. Opportunity to get a Johnson's property for purchase. New roof and AC. 5 offices and a conference room. \$180,000 Purchase Price. Next step to get 2 appraisals. Cline Motion to allow Bret to get appraisal on that property. Tracey Powell seconded the motion. All in favor- motion carried.

Phil Beer- Landfill , Bat Habitat Project and Fairgrounds

Landfill -IDM had a question about ground water pumping out leach 8. Poorly worded paragraph in his opinion it is being taken care of. Cleared the right of way for the bat habitat. Received fabrication drawings for the beams for project should begin the second week of April. Should be finished in no more than 60 days. Set up a meeting at the fairgrounds to go over the plans at the fairgrounds. It is a big number, but no one is saying they must do all of it.

Commissioner Cline feels the project has been moving very slowly. She knows the government moves slowly. Wants to discuss what is going to be down with the old jail. We need to make some decisions and see if we can move forward. Doesn't want to keep discussing the fairgrounds and jail and not moving forward with projects. Going to have Envoy look at the municipal building.

Rich Vautaw-Clock Repair

They want 50% down for clock repair. The claim is in the docket for today. They will schedule the clock repair as soon as they receive the 50% down. AC Chiller the contact in the chiller is causing it to not kick on. So, it is manually being turned on. Must replace all four of them and condenser fan for it to function. Needs to come out of the Commissioners 36000 fund.

Commissioner Cline moves to approve the \$6,858.00 for the air-conditioner repair. Commissioner Powell seconds to approve the motion. All in favor- motion carried.

Generator Update this Friday while we are closed for a Holiday. No access to the building while everything is being re-wired.

Planning Commission -Steve Niblick – Not able to make it today. Nothing to discuss today.

Jim Heard -Pork Festival-

Does not have a financial report for the commissioners. Lost the treasurer 10 days prior to Pork Festival for personal reasons. Jim Heard's wife stepped in and they have had the books redone for the past two years. Above board had a good year. Lost some space for Pork Fest but fit everything in. Good as far as

money goes because sponsor checks are coming. The Pork Festival would like permission to use the grounds like they have for the last 54 years. The Pork Festival will be September 5,6, and 7 this year. They will be closing the East parking lot on Thursday the 29th after work and will put the Pork tent in the Courthouse Parking lot on that Friday. They will close the streets down Tuesday September 3 at midnight. The parking lot will be closed on Tuesday after courthouse employees leave.

Commissioner Cline has concerns about the Pork Festival patrons using the courthouse restrooms.

Commissioner Powell moves to approve the use of the parking lot on the 29th, and the other parking lots 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th and the use of the courthouse restrooms. Commissioner Cline seconds the motion. All in Favor- Motion carried.

Money- everything goes up every year. At a later date Jim Heard will be back to ask for \$7,500 that they ask for every year. He wants to wait until all sponsor fees come in. Commissioner Powell asks Auditor Melissa Pickering --Can you get us what is left in the non-for-profit fund?

Pork Festival is trying to become self-supporting and not need community support. Commissioner Powell said the Pork Festival used to be self-supporting prior to the 90's. New chops last year had 3800 and only had 240 left at end of Pork Festival.

Mowing Bids-

Grass Master LLC-

\$55 each mow and Old Jail fall cleanup is \$150.

Dr. Park \$125 each time Fall Cleanup \$200

List Lawn Care –

\$1800 early spraying Jail and Early fall fertilizer is \$1,800.

Dr. Park early spring crabgrass \$324each time late spring \$324

Old Jail and Dispatch center early spring is \$110 and Late Spring is \$98

County Highway Garage early spring is \$154 and late spring is \$139.

Courthouse Early Spring is \$124 and late spring is \$111.

JR Mowing- Jacob Roberts-Kempton Indiana

For all three buildings- courthouse, Old Jail, New Jail \$475 each mow excludes Dr. Park

317 Grow- Avon Indiana

Tipton County Jail- Herbicide Granular, Spray Technician \$15,600.00

Tipton County Highway Garage complete with Fall cleanup \$ 2,769.00.

Old County Jail and Dispatch same services \$2,693.00

Dr's Park \$5, 610.00

Tipton County Courthouse \$3,125

Envy Turf-

Tipton county jail-\$23,298.75 for all services for five properties

Tipton County Jail Grass cutting and spraying for \$13,650.00.

Old Jail and Dispatch \$1,395.00

Tipton County Courthouse \$3,030.00

Dr's Park \$4,215.00

Tipton County Highway \$2,235.00

Jay Klingler -Property Maintenance

Tipton County Jail Mowing, Fertilizer, Spraying and Fall Cleanup \$16,200.00

Old Jail and dispatch same services \$2,180.00

Dr's Park same services \$4,320.00

Courthouse Same services \$2,110.00

Highway Garage Same Services \$2,050

Cajun Company- Maintenance trimming paying someone else to do fertilizer and cleanup

Tipton County Jail- \$14,467.35

Old jail- \$2,868.08

Dr.'s Park \$7089.44

Courthouse \$3,910.88

Lawn Tech-

Fertilizing and weed control -4 applications.

Tipton County Jail \$6,400

Mowing was \$445 each time.

Trimming was \$50 for a total of \$495.

Fall Cleanup was \$80.

Dr.'s Park

\$125 for mowing each time.

Trimming was \$15 for a total of \$140.

Fall Cleanup is \$80

Fertilizing 4 applications is \$1,380.

Old Jail -Mowing and Trimming total of \$75

\$80 for Fall Cleanup

Fertilizing 4 applications is \$344.

Courthouse

Mowing and Trimming- \$100

Fall Cleanup of \$80

Fertilizer 4 Treatments \$380

Highway garage –

Mowing and trimming \$50

\$40 Fall cleanup

Fertilization 4 treatments \$110 for a total of \$440

Please see inserted graphs.

Rich Vautaw and Kreigh Smith are going to review them.

Brett Morris is going to take care of the highway maintenance.

Commissioner Cline motions for Rich and Kreigh to review the mowing bids. Commissioner Tracy

Powell seconds motion. All in favor- motion carried.

4-H Fairgrounds Boards Manager \$75,000 coming out of Edit Fund 1112.41109.00000.0057

Tipton County Historical Society -Jill Curnutt -Howerton

Approval for two claims -Annual amount of \$3,000 for maintenance from the county at the courthouse and \$3,500 from the court is approved by Judge for archival supplies and rehousing court records here at the museum. They come out and check and remove casing and change. Commissioner Cline says motion to approve the \$3000. Commissioner Powell seconds motion. All in favor-Motion Carried.

Section 1 Event- Alcohol provides insurance for the event.

William Steen Sr. regarding the bench. Walk west of the monument confirming it's okay with the commissioners. Commissioner Cline yes that location works.

Solar Eclipse Plan-

Courthouse closing early in other counties warned of a travel ban for people following it away.

Commissioner Cline will we need extra security. Sheriff Tebbe will have his officers ready as a precaution. Commissioner Powell moves to shut courthouse down early on Monday April 8th for the Solar Eclipse. Commissioner Cline seconds motion. All in favor-motion carried.

Employees will be paid for the full day.

Motion to approve Corey Henderson pay out for retiring from the police force. Commissioner Powell motion to approve. Commissioner Cline seconds the motion. All in favor- Motion carried.

Commissioner Powell moves to motion for the Economic Directors salary to change. \$75,000 with a new contract. That \$75,000 would be salary. Commissioner Cline seconds motion. All in favor-Motion carried.

PERF-

The council has hired a firm to do a comprehensive study that will take about five weeks. Commissioners will suggest who is cover and a suggestion of how much we can afford in the resolution but the council will decide how long five year or 10 year etc... We won't be able to do anything until the comprehensive study is finished. Can we come back to this at the next meeting.

Public Comment

Tiffany Gilstrap-Scott-

Need to develop the soccer fields. \$6,000 was put into soccer fields by them. Tiffany needs to know where she is and that they are on the same page moving forward. Tiffany would like to come up with a resolution moving forward. Commissioner Cline told her that she could shoot them an email. Table it until the next meeting.

Commissioner Powell moves a motion to close Public Comment. Commissioner Cline seconds motion. All in favor- Motion Carried.

Approved this 25th day of March, 2024.

Dennis Henderson, President

Nancy Cline, Vice President

Tracey Powell, Commissioner

Attest:

Melissa Pickering, Tipton County Auditor and
Secretary to the Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2024
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