

## **TIPTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: JULY 15, 2024**

### **REGULAR MEETING:**

The Tipton County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, July 15, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance were Commissioners Dennis Henderson, Tracey Powell, County Auditor Jon DeBaun, and County Attorney, Mark Regnier.

**Others Present:** Pastor Brown, Phil Beer, Bret Morris, Amanda Mendenhall, Sophia Phifer, Ashley Jasinski, Adrienne Jenkins, Jim Ankrum, Maureen Dougherty, Abbey Smith, Rich Vautaw, Jacque Clements

The meeting was opened with a word of prayer by Pastor Brown from Normanda Christian Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Commissioner Henderson.

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

The previous meeting minutes were tabled until a review is conducted.

### **CLAIMS AND REPORTS:**

The Payroll and Operating Claims were presented as follows:

**Payroll Claims:** The Commissioners' Payroll claims in the amount of \$223,056.19, for payment on 07/19/2024, were submitted and approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Henderson. The motion carried.

**Early Docket:** Postage for Auditor, Health Department Back to School Fund, and Highway Administration in the sum of \$6,358.68. The early docket was approved on a motion by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Henderson. The motion carried.

**Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating claims for payment on 07/15/2024, in the amount of \$746,157.32, were submitted and approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Powell. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henderson. The motion carried.

### **DEPARTMENT BUSINESS AND REPORTS:**

#### **Bret Morris - County Highway:**

Bret Morris stated that on 01/02/2024 a 2015 County-owned Tri-Axle dump truck caught on fire. The insurance company had been notified and they are awaiting approval to get the vehicle fixed. An adjuster had already looked at it and no estimate has been made yet.

Chip seal status was reported. All “patches” have been turned back to chip seal. Maintenance seals on the roads have commenced.

There have been several complaints about the height of the corn at road intersections. Brett indicated that they had tried trimming the stalks above the ears so as not to affect the yields. He indicated that in smaller vehicles there is still a problem seeing oncoming traffic.

**Phil Beer - County Engineer:**

There is a problem with one of the aerator pumps at the landfill getting hot. The other 3 of the 4 pumps are working fine.

Bridge #26 is progressing on schedule and paving is set to begin next week followed by the opening of the road. A change order #1 in the amount of \$1,778.40 was requested to cover the additional cost of anchor bolts. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Henderson to approve the change order. The motion carried.

CCMG update:

The limit is the matching grant of \$5,000,000. He is adding streets to the project bringing the total to 6.

- County Road 600 South
- Liberty Point
- Cicero Heights
- Doverview
- Leininger Acres (added)
- Prairie Acres (added)

The County would be responsible for \$500,640 out of Highway funds. There will also be \$1,500,000 for Special Fund 90 through the budget process for 2025.

BOT Project:

It has been determined that the slate on the Courthouse roof is S1 slate which is the highest grade available and is designed to last 75 years. It has yet to be determined the exact year the existing slate was installed.

The BOT project for the Fairgrounds was the Master Plan. The committee has accepted the final Master Plan for the Fairgrounds and was recommended for approval by the BOC. It was decided to wait until Commissioner Cline was present to review the Master Plan since she is a member of the BOT Committee.

Courthouse Renovations:

The carpet for the 2nd floor Plan Commission room will be paid for from EDIT project 89. Quotes for 3 refurbished cubicles were presented to the Commissioners. A motion was requested to accept a quote from RDS of \$7,886.54 with 3 chairs or \$6,605.75 without the chairs. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Henderson to approve a not to exceed amount of \$7,886.54. The motion carried.

There is still a need for a location for early voting. This location must be in the Courthouse. The thought is that if the County acquires the buildings on Market Road, the contents in the storage room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor could be moved and that room could be used for early voting. The space needs to be in place by October 1, 2024.

**Matt Tebbe - County Sheriff:**

Not present.

**Steve Niblick - Plan Commission:**

Steve Niblick presented a plat of a 1 lot minor subdivision asking approval of the BOC for acceptance of the road right-of-way. The subdivision is 5 acres located on County Road 300 West. The subdivision has the approval of the Drainage Board, Plat Committee, County Plan Commission. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Henderson to approve the subdivision. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Sophia Phifer - Director of Development, Boys & Girls Club:**

Ms. Phifer gave a brief overview of the mission / benefits of the Boys & Girls Club. A request was made to increase the County donation to \$30,000. Commissioners Powell and Henderson both indicated that they had heard many positive things about the Boys & Girls Club. No motion was made in favor of increasing the donation to \$30,000.

**Rich Vautaw - County Maintenance Department:**

Mr. Vautaw gave an update on the Courthouse generator. A test was done the morning of 7/15/2024. Commercial power was disconnected. The generator started and ran without issue for 30 minutes at which time the building was switched back to commercial power. The test was a success.

**TRANSFER REQUESTS:**

A transfer was requested by Commissioner Powell for \$25.00 from EDIT plan 72 to EDIT plan 95 to cover recording costs on the purchase of property from INDOT. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Henderson to approve the transfer. The motion carried.

**Attorney Comments:**

County Attorney Mark Regnier had no comments.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No Public Comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Henderson to close Public Comment. The motion carried.

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

No Commissioners comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Henderson. The motion carried.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Dennis Henderson, President

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Nancy Cline, Vice President

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Tracey Powell, Commissioner

Attest:

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Jon DeBaun, Tipton County Auditor and  
Secretary to the Board of Commissioners