

**DAVISS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Friday, August 25, 2023
Daviness County Highway Department
5247 E 100 N
Montgomery, Indiana**

The Daviess County Commissioners met Friday August 25, 2023, at 8:00 AM in the Daviess County Highway Department, 5247 E 100 N Montgomery, Indiana.

ROLL CALL

Present: Michael Taylor, Vice President, Nathan Gabhart, President, Ron Arnold, Secretary.

HIGHWAY

SALT BUILDING BIDS

Chris Winkler, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, came before the Commissioners to open the bids for Daviess County Highway Department Salt/Sand Building. Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, stated these bids would be taken under advisement to allow time for review and approved at a later date. The first bid was Daviess County Metal Sales Inc., presented a bid of \$1,018,000.00. The second bid received, Graber Post Building Inc., presented a bid for \$1,185,475.00.

Motion: Approve Chris Winkler, Daviess County Highway Supervisor to review the lowest Daviess County Highway Department Salt/Sand Building bid and allow Mr. Winkler to choose a vendor based on all criteria being met and lowest bid. **Motion:** Approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved** by Michael Taylor, Vice President, Seconded by Ron Arnold, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

SALT BUILDING

Chris Winkler, Daviess County Highway Supervisor explained that the new Salt/Sand Building will be a multi-purpose building. The new highway department salt building will house the salt/sand, provide storage and there will be space to make the liquid brine needed for winter storms. Mr. Winkler stated, as of right now, the Daviess County Highway Department has no way of making liquid brine. Mr. Winkler explained that Knox County used to make liquid brine and the Daviess County Highway Department would purchase the liquid brine from them. Mr. Winkler stated Knox County no longer makes the liquid brine. Liquid brine is applied with the use of tank trucks before a storm in order to protect the road surfaces from ice build-up that occurs during snowfall. Pre-treatment helps reduce the clean-up time after a storm and can help return roads to safe driving conditions faster.

Ron Arnold, Daviess County Commissioner, inquired about the status of the appraisals needed to sell the old Salt building in Washington. Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner stated he will reach out to Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney for an update.

REACTIVATION OF REVOLVING LOAN FUND- VIC HOPKINS- APPOINTEE

Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner stated Jeff Mason has reached out about reactivating the Daviess County Revolving Loan Fund to attract businesses into Daviess County. Mr. Gabhart stated Mr. Mason suggested the Board of Commissioners appoint Vic Hopkins to the Daviess County Revolving Loan Fund. Mr. Gabhart stated this is not an organization ran by the County but since some of Daviess County tax dollars runs through the fund, Daviess County Revolving Loan Fund allows the Board of Commissioners to appoint a member.

Motion: Approved Vic Hopkins to serve as the Daviess County Board of Commissioners appointee on the Daviess County Revolving Loan Fund, **Action:** Approve, **Moved** by Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded** by Ron Arnold, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

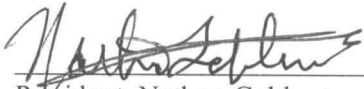
WEST GATE UPDATE

Ron Arnold, Daviess County Commissioner stated he has received preliminary information on Purdue University wanting to be more permanently engaged in the development at West Gate Authority. Mr. Arnold explained he feels this will have a positive impact on West Gate Authority and its operations. Mr. Arnold believes more information should be coming out within the next couple of weeks.

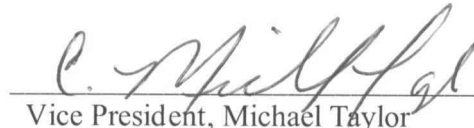
ADJOURN

Motion: Approve Adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved** by Michael Taylor, Vice President, Seconded by Ron Arnold, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.



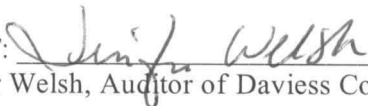
President, Nathan Gabhart



Vice President, Michael Taylor



Secretary, Ron Arnold

ATTEST: 

Jennifer Welsh, Auditor of Daviess County