

**DAVISS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, January 8, 2019  
Daviss County Commissioners Room, Daviss County Courthouse  
Washington, Indiana**

The Daviss County Commissioners met Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Room within the Daviss County Courthouse.

**Roll Call.**

**Present: Nathan Gabhart, President, Tom McCracken, Vice President, Michael Taylor, Secretary.**

Nathan Gabhart, President called the meeting to order.

Adam Conder from Free Methodist Church offered an opening prayer.

**ANNUAL DRAINAGE BOARD (CALLED TO ORDER)**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS (BOARD ADJOURN)**

Nathan Gabhart, President stated that election of officers for the drainage board needs to be done. Offices are as follows: Nathan Gabhart, President, Tom McCracken, Vice President, and Michael Taylor, Secretary.

President Nathan Gabhart asked if there was any business for the Drainage Board. With none noted, the meeting was adjourned.

**Motion:** Elect officers as stated, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Vice President, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, Secretary.

**ANNUAL BOARD OF FINANCE (CALLED TO ORDER)**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Nathan Gabhart, President called Board of Finance to order. First order of business to elect officers. Michael Taylor made the motion as follows: Nathan Gabhart, President, Tom McCracken, Vice President and Michael Taylor, Secretary.

**Motion:** Elect officers as stated. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.

Elaine Wellman, Daviss County Treasurer presented to the Finance Board an annual report. Mrs. Wellman reported that checking accounts are at German American and First Financial Banks. Mrs. Wellman stated they both are working well with her regarding the interest rates and are being very competitive. The recommendation to renew the investment policy with no changes was made by Treasurer Wellman. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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**Motion:** approve investment policy and adjourn, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Vice President, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, Secretary.

**DAVISS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CALLED TO ORDER**  
**2019 ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR COMMISSIONERS**

Nathan Gabhart, President called for election of 2019 officers for the Daviess County Board of Commissioners. They are as follows. Nathan Gabhart, President, Michael Taylor, Vice President, Tom McCracken, Secretary. Nathan Gabhart, President agreed to be President for one more year.

**Motion:** approve election of officers, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Secretary, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, Vice President.

**ANNUAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORMS**

Nathan Gabhart, President passed out the annual conflict of interest forms for each of the Commissioners. Please complete and return to the Auditor's office.

**ANNUAL NEPOTISM POLICY**

Nathan Gabhart, President passed out the nepotism policy forms for each of the Commissioners, Please complete and return to the Auditor's office.

**ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS**

COUNTY ATTORNEY Grant Swartzentruber  
IT DIRECTOR Dale Qualkenbush  
COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR Scott Schnarr  
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER- Tony Potts  
HIGHWAY DEPT. SUPERVISOR Phil Cornelius  
WEIGHTS AND MEASURES David Gray

President Gabhart stated In June the Commissioners meet with these offices for mid-year pre budget meeting. Tom McCracken noted that the Veterans Service Officer position change is a new person, Tony Potts. President Gabhart stated Grant Chambers retired from the position and Tony Potts was hired.

**Motion:** approve annual appointments, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2018 MEETING**

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**Motion:** approve, **Action:** Minutes of the above mentioned meeting were approved as presented.

**Moved by** Tom McCracken, Secretary, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.

## HIGHWAY MEETING STATEMENT

No meeting was held.

President Gabhart asked that the 2019 meetings for the Highway Department be published. Commissioners meet at the Highway Department before their scheduled meetings around 7:30 to review highway business details and then

## HIGHWAY

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor stated that last year was the wettest year on record and the most money ever spent on stone. About \$750,000 from the Maintenance Fund alone. He asked that everyone to be patient on the gravel roads. Daviess County has 500 miles of gravel roads with 801 total miles of roadways. It was noted the Highway Department has six graders. Phil Cornelius stated there is about 50 miles of fair weather roads as well. Everyone agreed there are lots of roads.

## 900 E PROJECT

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor stated that he has a LPA voucher in the amount of \$31,259.36 with the amount of \$25,007.49 being reimbursed. The surveyor requested to have survey monuments placed and Phil stated they have gotten approval for money from INDOT to do so. This is not right of way markers but section corners. This will be utilizing the 80/20 reimbursable grant money. Phase 3 is to be completed by June 2019. Some seeding to be done in the spring and a few minor other items.

**Motion:** approve LPA claim voucher in the amount of \$31,259.36. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

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## 2019 PROJECTS

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor stated at the next Commissioners meeting he will bring a list of the 5 year road improvement plan.

Regarding the 15<sup>th</sup> street Bridge, the marking paint is coming off already. He stated they will be back in the spring to correct the issue at no charge. The wall adjacent to the alleyway on the southwest side was identified in the final inspection as leaning and is being monitored.

Phil got quotes to re-side the large shop building (old coal mind garage) at the highway department. Promark gave a quote for \$21,085.00. Graber Post quote was for \$34,535. It was noted the DC Metal did not submit a quote. He recommends Promark and requested to have it paid from Commissioners budget. Line 66 county storage building repairs. Document

**Motion:** approve Promark \$21,085.00 and to be paid from line 66 funds pending confirmation of line item, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **ANNUAL WAGE REPORT FOR DAVIESS COUNTY**

Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, stated before them was the 2018 annual wage report for Daviess County. Document

**Motion:** approve annual wage report, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Secretary, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **2019 COMMISSIONER TAX SALE – ELAINE WELLMAN**

Elaine Wellman, Daviess County Treasurer and Patty Ball, Daviess County Auditor came before the Commissioners asking if they would like to put the remaining 13 properties up for Commissioners tax sale. SRI conducts the sale and it may be March depending on their schedule. Minimum bid will be \$100.00. Tax sale to be held in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Document

**Motion:** approve 2019 Commissioners Tax Sale with low bid of \$100.00, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **2019 BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Nathan Gabhart, President reviewed the list with vacancies still showing for a few appointments still needing to be made for 2019. Daviess County Hospital Association oversees the bonds for the hospital. This board does not meet very often. Phil O’Haver asked to step down from this board. President Gabhart stated he is willing to serve on this board. The appointments for the Various Boards are as follows:

<b>Alcoholic Beverage Commission</b>	Kristen Miles
<b>Advisory Plan Commission</b>	Kathy Decker
<b>Aviation Board</b>	Ray Crawford
	Matt Meredith
	Brian Walker
	Bernie Harner
<b>Bennington Levee Board</b>	Tom McCracken
<b>Board of Health</b>	Dr. Merlin Coulter
	Katie Dahl
	Robin Riley McDonald
<b>Community Corrections Program</b>	Beth O’Brian
	Travis Madison
	Terri Hilderbrand
<b>Daviess County Hospital Association</b>	Sheldon Graber
	Gerald Stoll
	Patricia Thompson

<b>Longevity Pay Plan</b>	Nathan Gabhart
<b>Montgomery Area Plan Commission</b>	Jamie Chapman
<b>Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals</b>	Vacant
	David Willis
	Jim O'Brian
<b>Regional Mental Health Advisory Board</b>	Tom McCracken
<b>Southeast Daviess Fire Protection District</b>	Gary Williams
<b>Southern Indiana Development Commission</b>	Samantha Bobbitt
<b>Veale Fire District</b>	Robert Armstrong
<b>Westgate at Crane Authority</b>	Darla Norris

**Motion:** Nathan Gabhart to serve on Daviess County Hospital Association Board, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Nathan Gabhart, President, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Secretary. Motion passed unanimously.

Montgomery area plan commission – Nathan Gabhart, President was to check with the Montgomery Town Board President for a possible name for this board. Mike James was on the board previously and asked to step down. He is still waiting to hear from the Montgomery Town Board and make sure of the requirements.

Property tax assessment board of appeals – This board also does not meet but once or twice a year according to Dennis Eaton, Daviess County Assessor. Jim O'Brian was not able to be reached to confirm if he would be willing to serve. Mr. Eaton stepped out and contacted Mr. O'Brien and he is willing to serve.

**Motion:** approve Jim O'Brian, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Secretary.

Mental Health advisory board- Tom McCracken volunteered to serve on this board.

**Motion:** Tom McCracken appointed to the Mental Health Advisory Board, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Nathan Gabhart, President, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, Vice President.

## **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

### **2019 IMMUNIZATION FEE TICKET ORDINANCE 2019-1**

Patty Ball, Auditor submitted the immunization fee ordinance for 2019 in Kathy Sullender's absence. Document

**Motion:** approve fee schedule, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

## **RENEWAL OF HEALTH BOARD MEMBERS**

Paperwork from the Health Board on appointments for 2019 was submitted to the Commissioners. Dr. Coulter and Katie Dahl were the names submitted for renewal.  
**Motion:** approve as submitted, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Secretary, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, Vice President.  
Motion passed unanimously.

### **SIDC PAY APPLICATION**

Matt Sward, with SIDC and Michelle Guy, Washington Township Trustee, presented Pay Application 4 in the amount of \$103,953.00 and pay Application 5 in the amount of \$42,475.00. These are grant and local funds being utilized in the project of the Fire Department for Washington Township. The remainder is \$8,000.00 for seeding and grading to be completed in the spring. Mr. Sward also reminded the Commissioners of the traffic counts that SIDC will be doing in Daviess County, SIDC will get with Phil Cornelius Daviess County Highway Department Supervisor regarding the number and the timing of when these will be done.

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**Motion:** approve both pay applications, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Secretary.  
Motion passed unanimously.

### **WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE STATION REPEATER**

Tony Wichman, Washington Township Fire Chief, came before the Commissioners to request emergency funds to replace the repeater for the Washington Township Fire Department. They have moved the tower to a better location but the repeater has gone down and is unrepairable. He submitted a quote of \$3304.50 for emergency replacement of the repeater. He is asking for E911 funds to help with this funding for the new repeater. Mr. Wichman stated their budget is tight with the new fire department in Washington Township and the equipment that has been purchased. This is a communication unit that has to be replaced quickly and is vitally important. Discussion of compatibility of radio equipment and also the goal of all emergency communication equipment comprehensively for the entire County continued but it was determined that action was needed today under the circumstances presented. Mr. Wichman was instructed to seek approval from the Daviess County Council for the disbursement. **Document**

**Motion:** approve from E911 fund. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Secretary, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, Vice President.  
Motion passed unanimously.

### **SHERIFF RADIO PROJECT – WENDELL WISE**

Sheriff Gary Allison came before the Commissioners regarding the radio project for the Sheriff's department. Bids were opened at the last meeting and were taken under advisement. After review of the bids from VEI and OCI, VEI was the only one to meet the specifications of the bid that were requested. Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney commented that the

Commissioners need to be clear regarding the reasons to rule out bidders. Is the bidder responsive and responsible and if not, detail why they are not. Discussion regarding the specifics continued. Funds were to be requested from the E911 Fund for this project. There was additional discussion regarding the long range plans for a comprehensive plan for the County in regards to the use of the E911 fund.

**Motion:** approve VEI bid (amended to include and to approve funding from E911 fund pending Council approval). **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **RFO AWARD FOR ARCHITECT FOR COURTHOUSE**

**Motion:** Table **Action:** Table, **Moved by:** Michael Taylor Vice President, **Seconded by:** Tom McCracken, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **PAYROLL DOCKET DATED 12/7/18 & 12/21/18**

**Motion:** approve, **Action:** Payroll Docket(s) as mentioned above was/were approved as presented. **Moved by:** Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded by:** Tom McCracken, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **CLAIMS DOCKET DATED**

**Motion:** approve, **Action:** Claims Docket(s) as mentioned above was/were approved as presented. **Moved by:** Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded by:** Tom McCracken, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **OWNERS REP CONTRACT**

Tabled.

#### **ANNEX MEETING**

Jonathan Lamar and Mike Schapker came before the Commissioners with an update on the Daviess County Government Center Project (Annex). Interior wall framing is complete on 1st & 2nd floors. Basement wall framing will be finished today. Rough-ins for electrical in walls and ceilings are in progress. Jasper Lumber is putting temporary closures and doors in place for the temporary heating. Vectren should be here by end of week to set the gas meter. Window frame setbacks have delayed the measuring needed for final drawings for the Stone ply. Glass installation is to be completed first week of February. They still have stairwells to be poured and retaining wall along the North side is installed. Once temporary heat is in insulation & drywall


on interior walls will begin. Sanitary sewer will finish up this week. Schedule update requested from the contractor last week was not received, but expect it today.

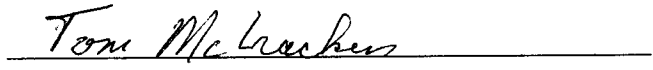
**ADJOURN**

**Motion:** approve, **Action:** Meeting Adjourned, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Secretary.  
Motion passed unanimously.

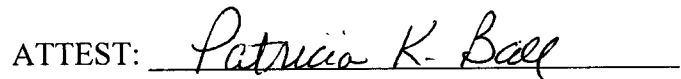
**INFORMATION**

**INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (2)**  
**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY (5)**  
**ODON JOURNAL & WASHINGTON TIMES HERALD**  
**WEIGHTS & MEASURES TRAINING CONFIRMATION**

  
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Nathan Gabhart, President

  
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Tom McCracken, Secretary

  
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C. Michael Taylor, Vice President

ATTEST:   
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Patricia K. Ball, Auditor of Daviess County