

**DAVISS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
Tuesday, July 23, 2019
Daviss County Commissioners Room, Daviss County Courthouse
Washington, Indiana**

The Daviess County Commissioners met Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Room within the Daviess County Courthouse.

Roll Call.

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

Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, called the meeting to order.

Kevin Stoll, with Providence Church, gave the opening prayer.

MINUTES OF THE JULY 9, 2019 COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

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. Document

DAVISS COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER (ANNEX) UPDATE

Michael Schapker, Daviess County Owner's Rep./Construction Manager, stated that currently we are in a slow phase since we sent notice for termination to Jasper Lumber. There are decisions to be made by the architect and fact finding done. Mr. Schapker stated that he should get a response back in the very near future. He also stated that he has a contractor with a good scope and price for the stoneply installation. He added that he is very confident in the work they will complete. Mr. Schapker stated that he is working with Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, to get a contract ready and in place. He added that approval for a single commissioner's signature was previously agreed upon. Mr. Schapker hopes to have the contract in place and the stone work beginning next week. Grant Swartzentruber stated that he would like to have a motion to have a single commissioner sign official communications and documents as needed to not hold up anything and then have them ran through a meeting, so not to slow any processes.

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Motion: Allow a commissioner to sign with single signature any official paperwork deemed necessary by Grant Swartzentruber, in execution of closeout with former contractor, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Secretary, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.

HIGHWAY

Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, stated there was a meeting at the highway department today at 7:30 A.M. The meeting was to discuss Daviess-Martin trail information. Document

BRIDGE INSPECTION

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, presented a claim for the new county wide bridge inspection. He stated that most of the inspections have been done, but they will be back to finish the ones they couldn't do due to flooding in June. There were three bridges had critical findings, but it was due to erosion at wing walls and repairs have already occurred. The gross amount is \$45,181.26 with 80% reimbursed through INDOT at \$36,145.01 Mr. Cornelius presented it to the board for a single signature.

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Motion: Bridge Inspection claim voucher, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

PROJECTS UPDATES

Mr. Cornelius stated that they are in the process of chip and sealing roads that we prepped last fall. They are starting with 400 N, 280 N, 1000 E and 775 E which are being done today. They will proceed south to 1200 E, 950 S, 350 S, 500 and 550 S.

Mr. Cornelius stated that it was approved at a previous meeting to allow Mr. Gabhart to sign as single signature, MacAllister machinery sales agreements and lease documents on equipment. He presented those documents today for a signature. Document Document Document

ST. VINCENT STATFLIGHT 6-JEFFREY CAWOOD

Jeff Cawood, with St. Vincent Statflight, stated that they have six helicopter bases. He added that two of the six aircrafts are technologically advanced twin engine instrument flight capable. In 2008 Statflight introduced a membership program that is defined as the prepayment of copayments and deductible. Therefore, if the service is used there is no out of pocket cost for the individual for its use. Mr. Cawood is presenting a county wide membership to the Commissioners which would give a discounted rate to the residents. This membership comes with the stipulation of a defined geographic area, including Daviess, Greene, Martin, Pike and Knox counties. Statflight estimates that there are 11,482 households in the county, therefore the participating county membership would cost \$45,928 annually. This would reduce the rate for county residents to \$35 per household. Without the county membership it would be \$50 per household. Mr. Cawood noted that the Evansville base is moving to the Huntingburg area making it even closer to Daviess County. Mr. Gabhart stated that he has been interacting with Tim Low for the past six months regarding this contract/membership. Mr. Cawood stated that Tim covers the operational side and he does the membership side. Mr. Gabhart stated that he is the chair of this task force. He added that there is wording in contract that he has been working on with Tim. Mr. Swartzentruber asked what counties they currently have a membership with. Mr. Cawood stated that Warren County has the only county membership in Indiana and they have participated for three years. Mr. Gabhart stated that this can be discussed further at a later date, the Commissioners are not ready to sign a contract today. Document

CR 350 N AIRPORT CLOSURE

Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, opened the public hearing for the closure of CR 350 N. He stated that the public hearing is for the permanent closure of a portion of CR 350 N from 250 E, west for a distance of 4,292 feet. A road closure agreement was submitted and a petition was sent out to parties that own land or have any real property interest. Brian Walker, Airport Board member, stated that the road closure is in preparation for long term projects, such as the runway extension. This road will have to be relocated or closed. It was determined that the best and most cost efficient option was to close the road. Jeremy Barber owns land adjacent to the county road and stated that he is concerned about safety during farm season. He stated that there would not be enough room to maneuver farm equipment and turn around with this road closed. He added that they currently make a circle pattern around that block using that portion of the road. He also stated that the Farm Bureau Co-Op uses it a lot to service farm ground. He stated that he would appreciate a look at relocating the road instead of closing it. Phil

Cornelius stated that the road count was 24 vehicles a day. Ryan Dant with Daviess-Martin REMC stated that they have underground utilities there and have concerns about relocating them. He added that it is a main three phase line. He needs to be sure it can be worked out to get that relocated. Phil Cornelius stated that to clarify, it is closing at the intersection of 250 E, and on the west side there would be a cul de sac adjacent to the airport entry way. He stated that they are looking into a T type turn around. Mr. Barber stated that a T would not be suitable for a semi-truck to turn around. They really need a circle. Mr. Cornelius stated that can be done but they will need to install more drainage to do a circle. Mr. Gabhart stated that ideally if we can mediate utility and farming issues the road closure is the best and most cost effective option. He added that he is in favor of pursuing the road closure but not ready to grant it today. Mr. Gabhart stated that this will be back on the September 10, 2019 agenda. Mr. Gabhart closed the public hearing.

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Motion: Table the CR 350 N road closure until the Sept 10, 2019, Commissioners' meeting, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Secretary. Motion passed unanimously.

2019 FEE SCHEDULE-GEOFF STONER

Geoff Stoner with the Daviess County Health Department presented the 2019 Health Department Fees Schedule that was approved by the Health Board. The changes are listed below:

Water sample collections increased from \$35 to \$50

Retail food service permit increased from \$100 to \$125

Mobile food service permit increased from \$75 to \$100

Lead Nurse Case Management is new and listed at the Medicare allowable rate of \$8.84/15 minutes up to the first 6.5 hours

Patty Ball, Daviess County Auditor, noted that this has to be advertised.

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Motion: Health Fees Schedule and Ordinance as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Secretary, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, Vice President. Motion passed unanimously.

PROJECT LIFESAVER

Gary Allison, Daviess County Sheriff, stated that he is applying for the Project Lifesaver grant through the community foundation. He added that this is designed to help Autistic children, Alzheimer's patients, etc. They will wear a bracelet and the Sheriff's Dept. can come out with a device that reads the bracelet and locates family. The grant is for \$5,000. Document

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

Motion passed unanimously.

COUNTY MULTI HAZARD CLAIM-SCOTT MYERS

Scott Myers, Daviess County Emergency Management Director, stated that the hazardous mitigation plan is required by every county. It is used to define what hazards and risks are in the area and funding is available to mitigate these risks. This is done every five years and Daviess County is currently being updated. This year the fiscal agent is the county instead of the state. It is a pass-through, reimbursable grant. He is here today asking that the Commissioners pre-approve the claim so that when the appropriation is approved by the county council, the claim doesn't have to wait to be paid after the next Commissioners' meeting.

Motion: sign the claim when it is ready for the mitigation plan, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Secretary, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.

AMBULANCE UPDATE

Mr. Gabhart stated that on July 15, 2019 at midnight, the deployment of the new ambulance service was successful. Wayne Sheetz, owner of Southwest Medical Ambulance Service stated that the transition took place very well and Southwest Medical pulled their ambulances and released their employees at midnight on July 15, 2019. He added that he was happy to say that many of his employees are now working for the hospital's ambulance service.

Motion: execute final payout to Southwest Medical once all documents are received and in order,
Action: Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Secretary.
Motion passed unanimously.

PAYROLL DOCKET 7/5/2019

Motion: Payroll docket listed above, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Secretary.
Motion passed unanimously.

CLAIMS DOCKET 7/15/2019, 7/19/2019, & 8/1/2019


Motion: Claims Dockets listed above, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Secretary.
Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION


**DAVISS-MARTIN JOINT COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATIONS BOARD
DAVISS COUNTY BOARD OF AVIATION COMMISSIONERS
MONTHLY MEETING MANAGERS REPORT-DAVISS COUNTY BOARD OF AVIATION
COMMISSIONERS 7/18/2019**

Motion: Approve to adjourn meeing, **Action:** Meeting Adjourned, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Secretary.


Motion passed unanimously.




Nathan Gabhart, President



Tom McCracken, Secretary



C. Michael Taylor, Vice President

ATTEST: 

Patricia K. Ball, Auditor of Daviess County