

**DAVISS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, November 26, 2019  
Daviness County Commissioners Room, Daviness County Courthouse  
Washington, Indiana**

**The Daviess County Commissioners met Tuesday November 26, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners Room within the Daviess County Courthouse.**

**Roll Call.**

**Present:** Nathan Gabhart, President, Tom McCracken, Secretary.

**Absent:** Michael Taylor, Vice President.

Commissioner Nathan Gabhart, President, called the meeting to order.

Reverend Sheryl Thorne with the Westminster Presbyterian Church gave the opening prayer.

**MEETING MINUTES 11/12/2019**

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**Motion:** Approve 11/12/2019 Meeting Minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President.

Motion passed unanimously.

**DAVISS COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER (ANNEX) UPDATE**

**RQAW TERMS AND AGREEMENT**

Michael Schapker, Daviess County Construction Manager Owner's Representative, presented the Commissioners with a General Terms and Agreement document from RQAW Corporation (architect) regarding remaining work on the Government Center Building construction. Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, asked if the services RQAW is providing going to replacing the existing architect. Mr. Schapker stated yes RQAW is replacing the existing architect. Nathan Gabhart, asked if the contract has been formally terminated for the existing architect and Mr. Schapker stated, no but he is waiting to hear from Steven Jones (attorney on this project) on the termination of the original contract with the architect. Mr. Gabhart asked if this would prohibit RQAW from continuing their work. Mr. Schapker, stated no this will not prohibit RQAW. RQAW is doing the architect work for remaining work outside of the building and inside work of the Government Center building. Mr. Schapker stated that the RQAW Architecture proposal has already been approved this their terms and conditions. **Document**

**Motion:** Approve RQAW General Terms and Agreement, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President.

Motion passed unanimously.

**DEMOLITION OF HOUSE AT 215 NE 4<sup>TH</sup> ST.**

Michael Schapker, Daviess County Construction Manager Owner's Representative, came before the Commissioners with estimates on demolition of the previously purchased property of 2515 NE 4<sup>th</sup> St. Low bidder on the house demolition is Don Gress Construction at \$6,600.00. This demolition is for the parking for the Government Center parking. The estimates are strictly for the demolition of the house on this property. Landmark is close to finishing the bid documents for the construction of the parking lots.

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**Motion:** Approve from Don Gress for \$6,600.00, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President.

Motion passed unanimously.

## **UPDATE ON THE GOVERNMENT CENTER**

Michael Schapker, Daviess County Construction Manager Owner's Representative, came before the Commissioners with an update on Government Center construction. We will be issuing a request for proposal tomorrow to three potential bidders to correct all of the curtain wall work. Mr. Schapker stated the documents are very close he reviewed and had few for the proposal and should have those documents today. Intention of opening those bids on the December 10, 2019 Commissioners meeting. Accepting bids for the window work and curtain wall. Mid next month before the holidays the county will be issuing a bid notification for the rest of the building project. Then will get the proposal back the middle of January. A prebid conference will be held right after the first of the year. We will try to answer questions at this conference the location is yet to be determined.

Three caulking samples have been done on the building and has found one. The first two caulk samples that were tried had gas behind them so Mr. Schapker went with a different manufacturer for the third caulk. The third sample with the caulk brand seemed to work fine. Now that the caulk product has been determined the caulk work will probably start next week. Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, asked about the contractor doing the caulk work. Mr. Schapker stated the contractors are a subcontractor of Midwest. Mr. Schapker stated he spoke to the StonePly Company regarding the replacement StonePly panels is projected to be the end of next week. All of these have to be in place before the caulking can be completed. Looking at the week of December 9, 2019 that the StonePly and caulking will be started.

## **HIGHWAY**

### **900 E UPDATE**

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, came before the Commissioners with an update regarding CR 900 E Cannelburg road public meeting. There was a public meeting held for information and questions regarding CR 900 E. This public meeting went well. Mr. Cornelius stated he received the environmental document yesterday from Lochmueller Group and it has been sent back to INDOT for final approval on CR 900 E. Once the final approval is done they can finish the right of way design and begin buying. Phase 4 is going on now with geotechnical on site doing the borings and checking locations along the corridors.

## **COUNTY WIDE BRIDGE INSPECTION UPDATE AND CLAIM VOUCHER**

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, came before the Commissioners regarding bridge inspection updates. INDOT is finishing the ASHTO wear bridge load rating. Mr. Cornelius is expecting a draft for bridge inspection report by the end of the month and will need the Commissioners signature. Mr. Cornelius presented the Commissioners with a claim voucher for the county wide bridge inspection and reinspection. The claim voucher is for the gross amount of \$33,675.72, with 80% reimbursable at \$26,940.58, for the net amount of claim \$26,940.58. The claim voucher was presented the Commissioners for a single signature and approval. **Document**

**Motion:** Approve LPA Voucher for the bridge inspections, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President.  
Motion passed unanimously.

## **STRIPING OF COUNTY ROADS DISCUSSION**

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, came before the Commissioners regarding letters from individuals asking for striping on county roads. Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, stated he also received a letter from an individual regarding county road striping. Mr. Gabhart stated there are pros and cons regarding striping county roads and should be discussed. County roads to consider striping would be heavy traffic county roads. Mr. Cornelius stated he reached out to two different contractors. Currently looking at two different products for the striping, one is paint, and the other is

Thermo-Plastic. Thermo-Plastic is basically a coating of plastic on the road. Mr. Cornelius reached out to Dubois County Highway Department, they have their own striping machine and used paint for several years to stripe roads. Dubois County stated to Mr. Cornelius that the life expectancy of the paint on the roads is approximately six to eight years. Currently there are some of the Thermo-Plastic striping on the GPC road and Mr. Cornelius estimates that the Thermo-Plastic has been there around eleven years and is starting to show some wear now. Mr. Cornelius suggest looking at traffic counts, hills, wear and tear on county roads. Also, work with the Sheriff's Department on number of accidents on these county roads. Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, stated he would like to look at evaluating the traffic count, hazard conditions, and determine what striping is necessary. Mr. Gabhart stated that it isn't necessary to stripe roads under 500 traffic count and would like to look at what does make the most sense and cost of striping. Mr. Cornelius presented the Commissioners with striping estimates he has received. The cost presented is per mile for double yellow at 30,000 lineal feet or 3 mile for this price and if it goes under that 3 miles then the cost will go up. These quotes are for double yellow striping. The 4" Thermo-Plastic with glass beads .95 mils thick is \$4,752.00 max (3 miles plus) and 4" paint with glass beads 1.25 mils thick for \$1,584.00 max (3 miles). Tom McCracken, Daviess County Commissioner, asked if the pricing is just for the double yellow line in the middle. Mr. Cornelius stated that this price is for the yellow line and to add the white lines the cost would double because of adding two more lines. Mr. Cornelius suggested there could be a traffic count number chosen and for traffic count over 2000 (for example) could have yellow center lines and white edge lines, then for under 2000 we could do the center line only. Mr. Gabhart stated his personal preference would be to have white and yellow striping on the busiest roads. Mr. Gabhart also suggested using the paint due to other counties having the paint last 6-8 years. Mr. Cornelius suggested evaluating the paint as it is going down and over time, if the paint is not holding up then we could look at switching to the Thermo-Plastic product. Mr. McCracken asked what it would cost to purchase the machine to do the striping. Mr. Cornelius stated he doesn't know what Dubois cost but they have the type of machine that slides in the back of a ton truck. Mr. Cornelius will get pricing on the cost of the paint machines. Mr. Cornelius stated that he asked Dubois County what it cost for them to paint roads and he was told it is \$450.00 a mile. Mr. McCracken asked Sheriff Gary Allison about how many accidents are on the county roads. Sheriff Allison stated there are a few side swipes every year but there are not to many accidents besides deer accidents. Mr. Gabhart stated that the Commissioners are not ready to vote on striping county roads but would like to look into what the cost would be and budget proposals. Mr. Gabhart asked that county road striping be added back to the agenda for the Commissioners meeting in January 2020. Mr. Cornelius stated he will look at 2000 road count for this proposal. Mr. Cornelius asked Sheriff Gary Allison to ask the county deputies at their next meeting to get recommendations of roads that seem to be dangerous specifically on hills and curves.

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#### **900 E PHASE 3 CONTRACT**

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, presented the Commissioners with a 900 E Phase 3 Contract. This contract is additional funding for phase 3 change orders. The contract has a new not to exceed amount of \$10,589,147.22 which is an increase of \$70,781.38. Contract paid by county in the amount up to \$14,156.28 with 20% for the county to fund. This will come out of MVH 900 E Reconstruction 176-0532-47001 fund. This contract is to approve and sign 900 E Phase 3 Contract to complete phase 3 on this project. Document

**Motion:** Approve and sign 900 E Phase 3 Contract, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **DAVIESS COUNTY RURAL WATER**

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, this is for Daviess County Rural Water for 900 E phase 4 & 5 reconstruction water line relocation. This contract is to proceed with the water line move ahead of time so it doesn't slow the project down. The amount of this contract \$59,686.00 with 80%

reimbursed by INDOT \$47,748.80 and 20% by county \$11,937.20. The 20% will come from the Counties match monies account. **Document**

**Motion:** Approve 900 E Phase 4 & 5 reconstruction water line relocation, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President.  
Motion passed unanimously.

### **SIDC HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **RESOLUTION FOR IHEDA APPLICATION SUBMITTAL**

Jenny Dearwester, with SIDC (Southern Indiana Development Commission) Housing Program Manager for the Housing Rehabilitation Program, came before the Commissioners for the public hearing. Ms. Dearwester passed around a sign in sheet for everyone in attendance to sign. Jenny Dearwester brought the public hearing to order today November 26 at 9:50 AM at the Daviess County Commissioners Room. This meeting was advertised in compliance with Indiana code IC 5-3-1. This meeting was advertised in the Washington Times Herald on November 15, 2019. The purpose of this meeting is to provide citizens the opportunities to express their views on community development and past community development and housing activity development and the proposed project. Proposed project consist of providing relocation funds in the form of a grant to low to moderate income home owners living with in Daviess County including cities and towns. The census is based on household size and household income. The county is targeting the following populations, disabled, elderly, and households with children under the age of six, single parent families, and veterans. The project will benefit approximately fourteen homes in the Daviess County area. The house doesn't have to be brought totally up to code but anything that is repaired or replaced will be brought up to code. A letter of successment will be conducted on every house that was built prior to 1978. The grant now being requested is \$350,000.00 and is anticipated that it will provide the county with \$41,138.64 from a USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation grant money. The placement will occur as a result of this project. Jenny Dearwester asked if there are any questions or comments. Kathy Sullender, Daviess County Health Department Nurse, asked how citizens were chosen for this grant. Ms. Dearwester stated that flyers were put up and application date was advertised in the local media. There were two days SIDC was at the courthouse to take applications. SIDC received close to twenty or more application at that time and there were fifteen applicants that submitted everything that was required. Tom McCracken, Daviess County Commissioner, asked what they requirements were for the application process. Ms. Dearwester stated they have to own and live in the home, be within the county, and also has to have property insurance. There are income guidelines as well. Jenny Dearwester adjourned the public hearing at 9:52 AM. Ms. Dearwester presented the Commissioners with a Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of The Community Development Block Grant Owner Occupied Rehabilitation ("CDBG OOR") Application to the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority ("IHEDA") **Document**

**Motion:** Approve Resolution, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT FOR OOR PROGRAM SERVICES**

Jenny Dearwester, with SIDC (Southern Indiana Development Commission) Housing Program Manager for the Housing Rehabilitation Program, came before the Commissioners with a Subrecipient Agreement for Daviess County and SIDC. This is for grant services and if this grant is awarded the state requires to have a contract in place for the application submittal. The grant is for \$84,000.00 that includes administration, program delivery, environmental review, and lead base paint services. SIDC will then contract out of that grant money to pay for the inspection of the homes and lead base paint inspector. This is contingent upon grant being funded. Ms. Dearwester anticipates this grant going through in August 2021. **Document**

**Motion:** Approve the Subrecipient Agreement, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President.  
Motion passed unanimously.

#### **APPLICATION SIGNATURE PAGES**

Jenny Dearwester, with SIDC (Southern Indiana Development Commission) Housing Program Manager for the Housing Rehabilitation Program, Jenny Dearwester, presented application pages for signature regarding submission to the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). **Document**

#### **SIDC CLOSEOUT 2 & 3 FOR THE DAVIESS COUNTY FIRE STATION PROJECT**

Jenny Dearwester, with SIDC (Southern Indiana Development Commission) Housing Program Manager for the Housing Rehabilitation Program, came before the Commissioners with Financial Settlement/Expenditure Report that needs signed now that the Washington Township Fire Station project has been closed out. **Document**

**Motion:** Approve the fire station close out, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President.  
Motion passed unanimously.

#### **RESOLUTION- COMMISSIONERS SALE TO SELL TAX SALE CERTIFICATES-SRI**

Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, stated that he had before him the Resolution Establishing the Intent to Conduct a Commissioners' Sale to Sell, Tax Sale Certificates for Properties That Are Severely Delinquent in Payment of Property Taxes. This Resolution is regarding the list of seven properties that will go on the Commissioners tax sale. Mr. Gabhart asked about the minimum amount these properties can go for at this sale. Elaine Wellman, Daviess County Treasurer, stated that SRI recommends \$50.00 to be the minimum bid. Ms. Wellman stated that this is the lowest ever number of properties to be sold at this property tax sale. The purpose of this sale is to get these properties back on the tax roll. **Document**

**Motion:** Approve the Resolution and Commissioners sale and set the minimum bid of \$50, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President.  
Motion passed unanimously.

#### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT-WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAM**

Kathy Sullender, Health Department Nurse, came before the Commissioners regarding a county employee weight loss program proposed to the Commissioners at the November 12, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting. The weight loss program would be for 12 weeks for county employees and possible include spouses. After participating in the program at the end of the 12 weeks the top five highest percentage weight losses would receive financial reward. This financial reward would come from money that the Daviess County Health Department has received from third party insurance companies. The Health Department bills private insurance for services that they provide and the money for the reward would come from this budget. Ms. Sullender stated the last time she was before the Commissioners they had asked that Patty Ball, Daviess County Auditor look into the perimeters of the money being used for the reward with the State Board of Accounts. Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, stated the between the Commissioners, Patty Ball (Daviess County Auditor, and Grant Swartzentruber (Daviess County Attorney) there was an email November 25, 2019 that stated Grant Swartzentruber was comfortable with the weight loss competition prize money coming from the Health Department revenue budget. Mr. Gabhart asked that the top two winners in the competition would come to the Commissioners meeting and tell their story about their weight loss. **Motion:** Approve the Weight Loss Program for county employees, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **CSI COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INC-JANICE WILLIAMS**

Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner stated that Janice Williams, Daviess County Clerk is notifying Commissioners that the Clerk's office will no longer be using the CSI program as of December 2, 2019. The Clerk's office is implementing the Odyssey Case Management System which is approved by the state and is being funded through the state.

### **DAVIESS COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner stated that the Commissioners received a recommendation for the Daviess County Airport Board Appointment to add Jim Brinson to the airport board. **Document**

**Motion:** Approve recommendation to add Jim Brinson to the Daviess County Airport Board, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President. Motion passed unanimously.

### **2020 BUGGY PLATES/STICKERS PRICE**

Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, stated that Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, have met with the Amish Safety Committee regarding the current utilization and cost associated with buggy related repairs to the county roads. They proposed to raise the cost of buggy plates from \$60.00 to \$75.00. Everyone at the meeting was in agreement with this proposed buggy plate cost increase. This will be on the agenda for the December 10, 2019 6:00 PM Board of Commissioners meeting being conducted at the Shiloh Community building in the Amish community. Revenue generated from buggy permits will go towards recovering county roads that have sustained damage from buggy traffic. Mr. Gabhart stated the buggy permit has not been increased in quite some time. The Sheriff's Department has warning stickers that are placed on buggies that need to comply with the permits.

### **COMMISSIONERS APPOINTMENTS**

Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, stated that the Commissioners will take a formal action on the appointments at the Board of Commissioners December 10, 2019 meeting. Term limits have been brought up by the CEO of the Daviess Community Hospital. Mr. Gabhart stated that other hospitals have 12 year term limits. The CEO of Daviess Community Hospital is looking at the bylaws of the hospital to present them back to the Hospital Board to update the bylaws. Mr. Gabhart suggested the Commissioners have a mindset of a twelve year term just so some people can get a rest from the Hospital Board. Some of the current Hospital Board members have been there for 20 plus years. Mr. Gabhart suggested that members could step off for at least a year at that time and could come back after sitting out a term. Currently there are two Hospital Board members that their terms are up for reappointment Dan McCarthy and Tony Showalter. These appointments need Commissioners approval for another term. Mr. Gabhart stated that both Dan McCarthy and Tony Showalter are both agreeable to a final term. Mr. Gabhart stated that he has spoken with Darren Steiner the President of the Hospital Board regarding Mr. Gabhart making a motion to approve Dan McCarthy and Tony Showalter for one more term with the mindset that it will be their final term because they are both over the twelve year limit and he was in agreement. The Hospital Board will vote in the next three or four months amending the bylaws if they choose the twelve year limit. **Motion:** To recommend a twelve year term limit and final term for Dan McCarthy and Tony Showalter for the Daviess Community Hospital Board, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff Gary Allison stated that the Sheriff's Department was notified that AT&T counties is now moving forward in transitioning over to the NextGen Network and along with that, the Statewide 911 Board will

begin covering the wireline cost of Daviess county. The State will be taking the 911 payment over in January 2020. Document

**PAYROLL DOCKET 11/8/2019**

**Motion:** Approve Payroll Docket, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**CLAIMS DOCKET 11/27/2019 & 12/2/2019**

**Motion:** Approve Claims Docket, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President.  
Motion passed unanimously.

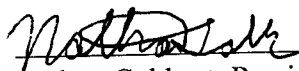
**INFORMATION**


**DAVISS-MARTIN JOINT COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
**DAVISS COUNTY AIRPORT FINAL INSPECTION**  
**DAVISS COUNTY BOARD OF AVIATION COMMISSIONERS**  
**PEABODY MIDWEST MINING-REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF BOND**  
**HEARTLAND TURKEY FARMS, LLC**

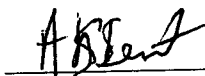
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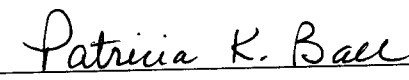
**Motion:** Adjourn Meeting, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President.

Motion passed unanimously.

  
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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