

**DAVISS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
Tuesday, December 10, 2019
Shiloh Community Center, 8838 E 1000 N,
Odon, Indiana 47562**

The Daviess County Commissioners met Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Shiloh Community Center.

ROLL CALL.

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

Commissioner Nathan Gabhart called the meeting to order.

Daniel Graber with the Odon District Amish Church offered an opening prayer.

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Motion: Approve Meeting Minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President, Michael Taylor, Vice President abstained
Motion passed

DAVISS COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER (ANNEX) UPDATE

Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, gave an update on the Government Center construction. Mr. Swartzentruber stated that there is an agreement with the General Contractor on this project now and things are moving ahead. The current architect has not been let go but RQAW was hired to work on a specific scope of work to finish out the project. **Document**

BIDS

Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, stated that there were bids taken for work on the curtain wall on the Government Center construction project. Delaware Glass is the bidder for this project. Mr. Swartzentruber opened the bid for Delaware Glass. Bid #1 to provide curtain wall rehabilitation per job scope for \$107,600.00. Mr. Swartzentruber stated for clarification this bid is to fix the existing problems with the curtain wall. **Document**

Motion: To take bid for the curtain wall under advisement, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Secretary.
Motion passed unanimously

OWNERS REPRESENTATIVE CONTRACT

Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, stated that Mike Schapker is the Owners Representative the County hired to oversee the Government Center Building project. He has proposed to cut back his hours on the job site to help with cost on this Government Center Building construction project while activity onsite is low. Mr. Gabhart stated that Mr. Schapker has been working extensively behind the scenes with the County's team of Attorneys to unwind the existing relationship with the current General Contractor. That legal process is now finalized and now the bid process has got to be started again and that is going to cause a wall of inactivity on the jobsite for the next month or two. Mr. Schapker is still going to be involved and is still going to be working with the county on some different projects but it is not going to be on the same level as the Government Center Building project has required. Mr. Gabhart stated that this will allow Mr. Schapker to go to a lower hourly basis of the week until things start getting more active on the project site again. This would save a few thousand a month on this project. Mr.

Schapker will be working 4 days a week instead of 5 temporarily. Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, stated that there needs to be a document stating the Owners Representative decrease in hours temporarily.

Motion: For the Owners Representative, Mike Schapker to go down to 4 days a week, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Secretary, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, Vice President. Motion passed unanimously

HIGHWAY

900E UPDATE AND VOUCHERS

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, came before the Commissioners with an update regarding 900 E Cannelburg Road project. Phase 3 has been completed for quite some time but Lochmueller is still auditing the records on this project. There is a change order for the PG Binder. Getting close to receiving the last invoice from Lochmueller on Phase 3. Lochmueller is responsible for making sure everything passes final audit per the contract. Mr. Cornelius presented the Commissioners with a LPA claim voucher for Phase 3 is for \$1,190.90 with 80% of that being Federal reimbursable at \$952.72. Mr. Cornelius presented the Commissioners with a second LPA claim voucher for new Phase 4 & 5. Now starting on the right of way engineering. This LPA claim voucher is for \$66,685.67 with 80% Federal reimbursable of \$53,348.54. Mr. Cornelius presented both claim vouchers to Commissioners for a single signature. **Document Document**

Motion: To approve the two LPA claim vouchers, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Secretary. Motion passed unanimously.

CDL COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSE

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, came before the Commissioners with new information regarding Commercial Driver's License after attending the Indiana County Commissioners Conference. Mr. Cornelius was made aware of some new changes Legislation has made regarding Commercial Driver's License laws. This change comes in effect in February 2020. It is now going to cost \$4,000.00 to \$8,000.00 in training at Vincennes University or Ivy Tech for a 6-8 week course. Currently the Highway Department has two employees that have been hired that require the Commercial Driver License test in order to receive their CDL. Mr. Cornelius is asking for now that an employee with current CDL and Daviess County Highway Department employee be allowed to drive one of the new employees to get their CDL training. Mr. Cornelius stated at some point it might be possible to send an employee to receive the schooling to be a trainer for CDL's. Today Mr. Cornelius is asking for a current county CDL employee drive a trainee to the training course in one of the county vehicles.

Motion: Allow an employee to drive the trainee to the training course in one of the county vehicles **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Secretary, Motion passed unanimously

2020 BUGGY PLATES/STICKER PRICE

Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, stated that the Commissioners has been meeting with the Amish Safety Committee for a number of years now. Most recently there has been discussion regarding the buggy permit cost. Mr. Gabhart stated that goal is to bridge the gap between the revenue received from buggy permit and buggy related damages to the county roads. Through the efforts of the Amish Safety Committee and the Amish Community they have been able to increase the number of buggy permits from around 1,800 to 2,200. There has been tracking of the damages and cost to the roads with buggy specific damage issues. This is damage that is not for general maintenance this is specific to buggy damage to roads. County wide Daviess County spends over \$5,000,000.00 on annual budget to maintain the 1,800 miles of county roads. The money brought in by the buggy permits goes back into these damaged county roads. Mr. Gabhart stated that Commissioners wanted to address this issue and create a system that was as fair as possible. \$300,000.00 a year on material only was spent this year on horse shoe

related damages this doesn't include cost of labor. Currently bringing in about \$144,000.00 a year in revenue from the buggy permits. Permits cannot be interchanged from one buggy to another just like with vehicles license plates. Mr. Gabhart presented the green warning sticker that will go on unpermitted buggies. These warning stickers are warnings to get a permit. The next step would be a ticket. The more permits there are the more the cost can be spread around. Those that are not getting the permits are putting more burden on others. Mr. Gabhart stated that at the previous Amish Safety Committee meeting with Commissioners it was decided that a \$75.00 fee was fair for permits in 2020. That is what is being proposed tonight is that the buggy permit fee raise from \$60.00 to \$75.00. Mr. Gabhart stated he wants to keep the Amish Safety Committee meetings on going and continue working with the Amish Community. Gary Allison, Daviess County Sheriff, stated that if the green warning sticker has been issued and still no permit has been purchased the Sheriff's Department will have to give a ticket and that is a \$500.00 fine. Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, stated that driving a buggy with no permit would be similar to driving a vehicle without a license or without a license plate. Mr. Swartzentruber stated that there will need to be an updated Ordinance and advertise the increase for January 2020.

Motion: Recommend the increase the buggy permit fee from \$60.00 to \$75.00 effective 2020, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Secretary **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, Vice President. Motion passed unanimously

PURDUE EXTENSION CONTRACT FOR SERVICES AGREEMENT

Luis Santiago, Daviess County Purdue Extension Educator, came before the Commissioners with Extension Contractual Services Agreement Between Purdue University and Government of Daviess County, IN. In exchange for a payment of \$201,350.00 from Daviess County to Purdue, Purdue Extension will provide Extension services through the Daviess County Extension. **Document**

Motion: Approve Agreement for \$201,350.00 **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Secretary Motion passed unanimously

FARM LEASE #1

Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, stated that the Farm Lease #1 is up for renewal December 31, 2019. This property is a part of Section 27, Township 3N, Range 6W, containing approximately 33.34 acres, Barr Township, Daviess County Indiana. This lease is for the sum of \$4,200.84 per year as rent for the use and possession of the premises. Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, stated that this is on the agenda for the Commissioners permission to open Lease #1 up for bid and advertise for the bid.

Motion: To advertise for Farm Lease #1 **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded by**, Tom McCracken, Secretary. Motion passed unanimously

GAS CARD AGREEMENT-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, stated that Scott Myers Director of Emergency Management Agency Director was not able to be at the meeting but presented the Commissioners with Addendum to the Fuel Card Services Agreement Between Wex Bank and the State of Indiana. **Document**

Motion: Approve the Agreement **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Secretary. Motion passed unanimously

APC-ORDINANCE REVISING COUNTY ZONING

Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, stated that he is requesting additional time to meet with the county surveyor and meet with Tom McCracken, Daviess County Commissioner on the changes he was advising on. Mr. Swartzentruber asked that this APC-Ordinance revision be tabled for now.

Motion: Table revision for County Zoning Ordinance **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Michael, Vice President, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Secretary.
Motion passed unanimously

END OF YEAR BUSINESS

Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, stated that due to the upcoming holidays the Commissioners will not have another Commissioners meeting until January 2020. The end of the year claims and business matter will need to be signed by Commissioners for the end of the year.

Motion: Allow a single Commissioner to sign payroll and claim dockets. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken.
Motion passed unanimously

COMMISSIONERS APPOINTMENTS 2020

Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, explained that Appointments for 2020 are for individuals whose terms are up December 2019 and need be contacted so see if they are willing to serve another term or not. All of the Appointments are not due at the same time but these are the individuals that are up for a new term if they choose to. Tom McCracken, Daviess County Commissioner, stated that he reached out to several of the individuals that are up for a new term. Mr. McCracken stated he is still waiting on a few individuals to call back.

Individuals that have agreed to serve another term:

BZA

Kathy Decker
Phillip Jolliff
Charles Wright
Alan Goodwin
Dennis Eaton
Dan Murrie
Richard Cain
Jameson Hibbs
David Gray
Doug Stradtner

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Hospital Association

Longevity Pay Plan Committee

Veale Fire District

Visitors Bureau

Washington City Planning Commission

Individuals that asked to not serve another term:

Board of Health

Historical Society

Southern IN Development Commission

Westgate @ Crane Authority

Jim Steimel
Rex Myers
Samantha Bobbitt
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Michael Taylor, Daviess County Commissioner, stated that Diana Snyder had reached out to him and stated she would be willing to serve on a board where it is needed. Mr. McCracken stated he would give those he has not heard back from yet another call. Mr. Gabhart stated that the remaining appointments will be revisited in the January 2020 Commissioners meeting.

Motion: Approve all the affirmations of Appointment for Kathy Decker & Phillip Jolliff for BZA, Charles Wright for the Community Corrections Advisory Board, Alan Goodwin for the Hospital Association, Denny Eaton & Dan Murrie for the Longevity Pay Plan Commission, Richard Cain for the Veale Fire District, Jameson Hibbs for the Visitors Bureau, David Gray & Doug Stradtner for the Washington City Planning Commission. Approve the reappointment of those members, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Secretary.
Motion passed unanimously.

PAYROLL DOCKET 11/22/2019

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

Motion passed unanimously

CLAIMS DOCKET 12/13/2019

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

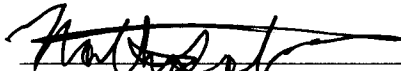
Motion passed unanimously

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

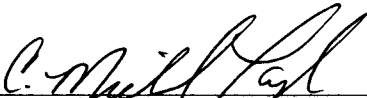
Motion passed unanimously



Nathan Gabhart, President

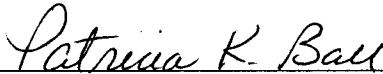


Tom McCracken, Secretary



C. Michael Taylor, Vice President

ATTEST:



Patricia K. Ball, Auditor of Daviess County