

**DAVISS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, January 28, 2020  
Daviss County Commissioners Room, Daviss County Courthouse  
Washington, Indiana**

The Daviss County Commissioners met Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Room within the Daviss County Courthouse.

**Roll Call.**

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

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

Scott Schnarr, with Pleasant View Christian Church, offered an opening prayer.

**MEETING MINUTES 1/14/2020**

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**Motion:** Approved Meeting Minutes for 1/14/2020, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Vice President, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, Secretary.  
Motion passed unanimously.

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

Michael Schapker, Owner's Representative for the Government Center, came before the Commissioners with an update to the Government Center project. The Stoneply installation has slowed down due to weather. The last few pieces of Stoneply on site should be completed this week. The caulking will come in behind the completion of the Stoneply. The material for the curtain wall will be here next week and remedial work will start the week of February 10, 2020.

**BID FOR COMPLETION OF GOVERNMENT CENTER**

Mike Schapker, Owner's Representative for the Government Center, stated that Grant Swartzentruber, Daviss County Attorney, is reviewing bid documents regarding bids for completion on the interior work to the Government Center. There were a few changes that needed to be made to the document but should be ready this afternoon. Mr. Schapker stated he would like for Commissioners approval to publish that to bid for Thursday January 30, 2020. February 11, 2020 1:00 PM there will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting. In the instructions to bidders it will be asked for the bids to be turned in to the Auditor's office by 3:30 PM Monday February 24, 2020. This will allow the bids to be opened at the Board of Commissioners meeting February 25, 2020. Nathan Gabhart, Daviss County Commissioners, asked Mr. Schapker if each bidder will submit their available start date. Mr. Schapker stated that the bidders available start date will be part of the bid packet and bidders will fill in that date.

**Motion:** Approve bid documents per Mike Schapker and Grant Swartzentruber approval, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**HIGHWAY**

**900 E PHASE UPDATE**

Phil Cornelius, Daviss County Highway Supervisor, came before the Commissioners with a 900 E update. Surveyors started yesterday. Should start seeing surveys come in regarding purchase of Right of Ways. Mr. Cornelius stated he has the Appraisal Problem Analysis to review this week. This document

will need to be signed and sent back and then will be able to start meeting with land owners. After that the Right of Way purchase can begin.

#### **900 E PHASE 4 INDOT CONTRACT SUPPLEMENTAL 4**

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, came before the Commissioners with Supplemental 4 regarding 900 E Phase 4. This increases the amount to the original contract with INDOT. Supplemental 4 is in the amount of \$1,123,948.80 this is an increase of \$47,748.80 for reimbursable utility PE (Daviess County Rural Water). The previous not to exceed amount was \$1,076,200.00. Mr. Cornelius presented Commissioners with this contract for approval and signatures. **Document**

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

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **COUNTY WIDE BRIDGE INSPECTION LPA CLAIM VOUCHER**

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, presented the Commissioners with County Wide Bridge Inspection LPA Claim Voucher. This LPA Claim Voucher is in the amount of \$28,797.07 with 80% reimbursable at \$23,037.66. Mr. Cornelius stated there should be one more voucher before this project is completed. **Document**

**Motion:** Approve Bridge Inspection LPA Claim Voucher, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **COMMUNITY CROSSINGS 2020 APPLICATION AND LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, presented the Commissioners with an estimate and letter of support regarding the Community Crossings grant and estimate for Sportsman Road from US 50 to 600 S. The letter of support stated the grant money from Community Crossings grant is to be used on the Sportsman Road project.

The funding breakdown that will be committed to is as follows:

\$245,261.00 from the MVH Road Improvement Account #1176053247002

\$245,261.00 from the MVH Bituminous Account #1176231070531

\$225,000.00 from the Commercial and Industrial Road Fund #43501

Total LPA Commitment=\$715,522.00

Any unused grant funds will be promptly returned to INDOT.

Mr. Cornelius stated he has been working with Lochmueller to come up with these numbers.

What is being proposed is to overlay Sportsman Road with 1 ½ inch of mix, will take 3 inches of stone out, and put 3 inches of HMA base back down. The Highway Department went down through the road and performed some test digs. Currently there is 9-10 inches of stone in the shoulder of the road. Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, stated that reaching out Bryant Niehoff with the Daviess County Economic Development as well, previously Mr. Niehoff was extremely supportive of this project and maybe the Daviess County Economic Development can shift some of their sources towards this project.

Mr. Gabhart stated he would like to see the project completed but as low as cost as possible. Tom McCracken, Daviess County Commissioner, stated that he feels this road is in good condition. Mr. Gabhart stated that this is a unique opportunity with this state grant to better the road for future use. This is a million dollar grant and if awarded there would be \$333,000.00 in capital outlay that could help with other roads somewhere in Daviess County if fortunate enough to receive the full million. Michael Taylor, Daviess County Commissioner, stated he is in favor of this road due to the quality life being improved with the improvements. **Document Document Document**

**Motion:** Approve the letter of support with the changes Phil Cornelius will make, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President. Tom McCracken is opposed. Motion passes 2-1

## **2020 PAVING AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT REPORT**

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, presented the Commissioners with a road improvement map reporting 2019. Mr. Cornelius presented the Commissioners with a map showing where work was done at in 2019. The report on what is completed and what is to be finished. Mr. Cornelius pointed out under Maintenance in the report for 2019 there was 5.15 Overlay in five locations other than the 13 mile for Contractor paving in two locations, 6.26 miles Horse Groove paving at four locations, and associated cost \$1,439,837.87. The hard surface maintenance 2019 is 17.42 miles of maintenance chip and seal in twenty locations, 8 miles of crack seal at ten locations, 10.76 miles of rejuvenation in two locations, and the associated costs is \$139,431.24. Total mile new hard surface road tiled is 12.63 with associated cost at \$422,751.24 and total mile new hard surface road complete 15.47 associated cost at \$86,702.63. Mr. Cornelius presented Commissioners with the proposed map for 2020. The goal is to go after the high volume roads and roads that make sense as far as connectivity. The goal is to have less miles of gravel roads for traveling public to get a paved road. **Document Document**

Tom McCracken, Daviess County Commissioner, asked if there has been anything done about the horse shoes causing damage to the roads. Mr. Cornelius stated he is not aware of any changes. Michael Taylor, Daviess County Commissioner, stated he knows the Amish community is trying to cut down on material which cut down on the size to the horse shoes but there has not been any significant change. Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, stated that they will keep working with the Amish on this but at the end of the day that is why the buggy permits have gone up to help offset some of the cost of damage to roads. Mr. Cornelius stated he has been talking with other counties regarding what they are trying and possible remedies. Mr. Gabhart stated that the Amish safety committee is important to help with communication and wants to make sure the Amish Safety Meeting Committee stays in communication. Mr. Gabhart stated that there needs to be another Amish Safety meeting in August or September 2020 to keep the Amish informed of the rolling cost are throughout the year. Then in December of each year Commissioners will reevaluate the rate for the buggy permits.

## **TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE**

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, stated that he received notification from INDOT asking if Daviess County wants to set up an unofficial detour route. State road 57 north of Plainville will be closed for 30 days. Reroute traffic to 1150 N and turn off 225 E. Michael Taylor, Daviess County Commissioner, stated that it just to be made sure that semi's can make that. Mr. Taylor stated he would take that route in the next two days with a semi and ensure this route is safe for semi's.

## **INDIANA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY**

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, stated that Indiana Geological Survey from Indiana University came before him and would like to put up a weather station. IU is getting grant funding to put three weather stations for the southern part of the state. IU is asking if Daviess County would allow them to put a site on the Daviess County Highway Garage property. They came out to the highway department last week and it looks like the area west of the office building is the best location. There is no cost to the county. The data these weather stations collects could be good for 4-H and STEM programs with the schools. Mr. Cornelius stated he will come back to the Commissioners with a MOU (memo of understanding) agreement in the near future he just wanted to be sure Commissioners wanted to participate.

## **CANNELBURG ROAD MATCH WITH COMMUNITY CROSSINGS**

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, came before the Commissioners regarding match for Cannelburg road Community Crossings grant. The town of Cannelburg is asking for the county to participate to help to pay their match regarding the Community Crossings grant for Cannelburg road. Starting north of the railroad tracks going south to highway 50. Currently the County has a maintenance agreement with the town of Cannelburg for \$2,000.00 per year. The town of Cannelburg has asked that rather use the \$2,000.00 maintenance to use the paving equipment instead. The town of Cannelburg is

wanting to widen a foot on both sides of the road through this area and then the town will use the Community Crossing grant to overlay the entire area. Mr. Cornelius stated that if the county helps with the widening of the road then the town of Cannelburg will take care of the Community Crossings grant match. The second tier of what the town is asking is for the County to take over maintenance of the road entirely. Taking this off of the town of Cannelburgs inventory and putting back to the Counties inventory. Michael Taylor, Daviess County Commissioner, stated he is favor of helping the town widen the roads in this area and has concerns with the railroad crossing in Cannelburg also mentioning he would like to get CSX involved with the crossing. Mr. Cornelius stated CSX that the Highway Department works with the contractor and the contractor works with CSX on those crossings. As long as CSX gives the contractor permission the contractor will go in and mill it out at the crossing area. Mr. Taylor stated he is not in favor of taking over the area from the crossing to the highway due to other communities wanting the county to do the same thing. Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, stated that it is a bigger decision for the county to take over this area of the towns road because this would be applied unilaterally to all 10 townships. Mr. Gabhart stated that it is not an absolute no for the county to take over the maintenance of the area from railroad track to highway in Cannelburg the answer is just no at this time. **Motion:** Approve utilizing highway department resources to widen Cannleburg road from the railroad to US 50, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **OPEN BIDS FOR FARM LEASE #1**

Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, opened one bid from Flat Creek Farms bid for Farm Lease #1 at \$4,350.00 per year. **Document**

**Motion:** Accept for Farm Lease #1 and award bid from Flat Creek Farms for \$4,350.00, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **2019 WEST BOGGS ANNUAL REPORT-JAMESON HIBBS**

Jameson Hibbs, West Boggs Superintendent, came before the Commissioners with the 2019 Year End Report Daviess Martin Joint County Parks & Recreation Department and presented the Commissioners with the report. **Document**

#### **EMS REPORT-KEITH MILLER**

Teddy Cline, Director of EMS at the Daviess Community Hospital, came before the Commissioners in Keith Millers place to give EMS (Emergency Management System) reports. Mr. Cline presented the Commissioners with the Daviess Community Hospital-EMS Statement of Revenue and Expenses. **Document**

#### **NARCAN GRANT-KATHY SULLENDER**

Kathy Sullender, Daviess County Health Nurse, came before the Commissioners regarding Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) grants for Narcan kits. The Narcan kits are Opioid Rescue Kits in the form of Narcan nasal spray. The intent is to provide emergency Opioid Rescue Kits (Narcan Kits) to distribute. Ms. Sullender has been working with Gary Allison, Daviess County Sheriff to potentially provide each incarcerated person upon release from the county jail with a Narcan kit. Ms. Sullender has had three people that have come back to her and shared their stories of how they were able to resuscitate a person. Anyone that receives the Narcan kit is not required to report back to the Health Department but this has confirmed that at least three lives have been saved by the kit. Last year the Health Department distributed fifty Narcan kits. Right now there are no Narcan kits available. This year Ms. Sullender is asking for approval to receive seventy-five Narcan kits. The grant has allocated money for Indiana counties so this would be no cost to the county. **Document**

**Motion:** Approve submission for 75 Narcan kits, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**PROPERTIES IN DISREPAIR**

Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, discussed concerns regarding a few specific properties throughout Daviess County being in disrepair. Mr. Gabhart stated that there are two properties that he has notified the Board of Health about in particular. The home owners have abandoned the property and there is bags of trash that have sat for years and is rancid. Commissioners want to cooperate with towns as they are trying to clean up properties that have become issues but in the County jurisdiction. Gary Allison, Daviess County Sheriff stated the Sheriff's Department will contact the property owner in regards to cleaning up the property and if the property owner doesn't take any action then the Sheriff's Department will issue a citation. The property owner can pay the fine or the issue goes to Judge Sobecki, Daviess County Superior Court. The current fee/fine schedule is \$215.00 to \$2,500.00.

**ANNUAL JAIL REPORT**

Gary Allison, Daviess County Sheriff, presented the Commissioners with and go over the 2019 county jail report. **Document**

**PAYROLL DOCKET 1/17/2020**

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

**CLAIMS DOCKETS**

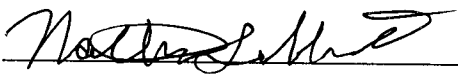
**Motion:** Approve Claims Docket, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.  
Motion passed unanimously.

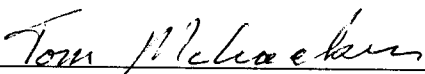
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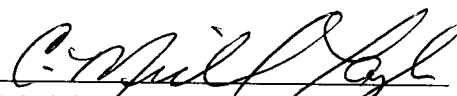
**DAVISS-MARTIN JOINT COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
2020-1 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING LAKE ENHANCEMENT FUND FOR DAVIESS  
MARTIN JOINT COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

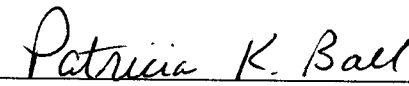
**ADJOURN**

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

  
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Nathan Gabhart, President

  
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Tom McCracken, Vice President

  
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C. Michael Taylor, Secretary

ATTEST:   
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Patricia K. Ball, Auditor of Daviess County