

**DAVISS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
Tuesday, February 11, 2020
Daviess County Commissioners Room, Daviess County Courthouse
Washington, Indiana**

The Daviess County Commissioners met Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Room within the Daviess County Courthouse.

Roll Call.

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

Chris Coney with Veale Creek Baptist Church opened the meeting with prayer.

MEETING MINUTES

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Motion: Approve meeting minutes for 1/28/2020, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President.

Motion passed 2-0

Tom McCracken was absent at the time of the vote.

DAVISS COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER (ANNEX) UPDATE

Mike Schapker, Owner's Representative for the Government Center, came before the Commissioners with an update on the Government Center construction. Delaware Glass began work Monday 2/10/2020. Invitations to bid have been posted and a prebid meeting will be conducted today 2/11/2020 at 1:00 PM as planned and announced. There will also be an onsite inspection today. Some preliminary meetings with retained subcontractors have started with more scheduled in anticipation of some work beginning inside the building in the next few weeks. Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, stated that the onsite inspection would not be an instance of a meeting that would need to be advertised under the Open Door Law. The Commissioners visited the Government Center 2/11/2020 for an on-site inspection of the Government Center project. Mr. Swartzentruber cited IC 5-14-1.5-2:

IC 5-14-1.5-2

(c) "Meeting" means a gathering of a majority of the governing body of a public agency for the purpose of taking official action upon public business. It does not include any of the following:

- (2) Any on-site inspection of any:
 - (A) project;

Invoice was received from Don Gress Construction for \$6,600.00 per agreement. This invoice is in regards to the demolition of the house at 215 NE 4th St, Washington. This address is to be a parking lot for the Government Center. **Document**

Motion: Approve payment of invoice out of fund 43201, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Vice President **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

HIGHWAY

President Nathan Gabhart read the statement of the highway department meeting held this morning 2/11/2020 at the highway department location. The discussion included, Annex, Cum Bridge, Engineer, Eggs, Inc., and 15th St Property Sale. **Document**

ANNUAL COAL PRODUCERS

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, introduced Ed Hartburg with Solar Sources/White Stallion Energy. Mr. Hartburg gave an update from the coal producers and coal routes. The coal mine has kept in communications with the County to help with maintenance of county roads being cleared of coal mine debris. The mine has implemented some plans in regards to keeping the roads cleared on crossings near the coal mine. The coal mine is laying bedrock down to help with the mud and using a broom tractor at the road crossings. Alex Messmoor with Solar Sources/White Stallion Energy, stated that he had come before the Commissioners about a year ago discussing the plans to open the Captain Daviess Mine in the far southeastern part of Daviess County. This mine was permitted by Vigo Coal and purchased by White Stallion Energy and that did not work out. Mr. Messmoor stated one of the constants in the coal industry is change. Some of the coal sales that the mine had hoped to secure didn't come about. The coal industry is tough right now. Mr. Messmoor also stated some of the contracts and cut backs have been working against the mines. The Captain Daviess Mine is located south of Glendale. Solar Sources was hoping to get this mine going but now have to wait and see when the market is going to allow them to open the Captain Daviess Mine. They do have every intention of opening this mine in the future just probably not in the near future. Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, stated that the Commissioners just ask that when the mine is ready to open to let Commissioners know ahead of time in order to be proactive with roadways.

PROPERTY DAMAGE NEAR CR 75 E

Michael Taylor, Daviess County Commissioner, stated that a company out of Indianapolis is building a model home on a small parcel right across from Scott Dyer's home and property on CR 75 E. The contractor blocked CR 75 E and directed traffic through Scott Dyer's property during construction. Mr. Dyer now has damage to his property. Mr. Dyer came before the Commissioners stating he has no issue with construction and a house going up near his property but contractors are blocking the road and directing traffic through Mr. Dyer's front lawn. Mr. Dyer also brought up some possible drainage issues and erosion problems with this construction that could potentially cause issues for the City or County. Commissioner Taylor stated he personally will go out to the road block the next time the construction starts back up and direct the Daviess County Sheriff's Department to go out there and issue a citation. Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, stated that some of the issues will have to be addressed through the APC (Advisory Plan Commission) but as far as blocking the road the Commissioners will address this and if there are any zoning issues and drainage Commissioners are on the Drainage Board and Board of Zoning Appeals. Commissioner Taylor gave Mr. Dyer his cell number and stated that if the road is blocked again to call him directly.

900 E UPDATE & LPA VOUCHER

LPA VOUCHER: Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, presented the Commissioners with an LPA Voucher for Preliminary Engineering for Cannelburg Road Phase 4. This is for work completed road way and bridge design, traffic design, Project Management, Utility Coordination, right-of-way engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and permitting. This is for a gross amount of \$123,985.02 with 80% reimbursable for \$99,188.02. Mr. Cornelius presented this claim voucher to the board for a single signature. **Document**

900 E UPDATE: Mr. Cornelius stated that the permitting-mitigation was unexpected and DNR wants trees replanted on the .14 acres on this project. This would require a three year monitoring plan to ensure 75% of the trees live. DNR controls the permit and Phil is going to discuss the replanting with DNR due to the trees mainly being scrub brush.

Motion: Approve LPA Claim Voucher in the amount of \$123,985.02 with 80% reimbursable **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Vice President, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, Secretary. Motion passed unanimously.

BRIDGE INSPECTION & LPA VOUCHER

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, presented the Commissioners with the bridge inspection map that will be displayed at the courthouse Mr. Cornelius presented the Commissioners with an LPA Claim Voucher in the amount of \$6,604.19 with 80% reimbursable for \$5,283.35 for a single signature. This is the final invoice for Phase 1 inspection of the 126 bridges in the county. **Document Motion:** Approve LPA Voucher for \$6,604.19 with 80% reimbursable, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President. Motion passed unanimously.

DES #1702069 UNOFFICIAL DETOUR

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, came before the Commissioners regarding the temporary closing of state route 57 for work to a small structure replacement. This will be an approximate 30 day closure. Mr. Cornelius presented the Commissioners with the unofficial detour route. **Document Motion:** Approve detour route, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President. Motion passed unanimously.

CUM BRIDGE

Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner added Cum Bridge to the agenda for discussion. Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, stated there was an error when budget was turned into the state on the Cum Bridge rate amount. There is a process that needs to be followed up with and Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, knows that the Cum Bridge rate needs to be advertised. Mr. Gabhart stated that this rate is established for all bridges throughout the county. Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, stated there are 126 bridges that are 20 feet and longer but there are about 3,000 culverts and small structures throughout the county. Mr. Gabhart, stated to keep the current tax rate and move forward to reestablish rate at .0898.

Motion: To keep the Cum Bridge rate at 0898, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President. Motion passed unanimously.

DES #1801941 INDOT MID-STATES CORRIDOR PROJECT

Bryant Niehoff, Executive Director of Daviess County Economic Development, came before the Commissioner regarding the Mid States Corridor project. Mr. Niehoff stated that there are 3 public meetings next week Tuesday 2/18/2020 at Loogootee High School, Wednesday 2/19/2020 At Bedford Middle School, and Thursday 2/20/2020 at Jasper Middle School from 5:30-7:30 PM.. Mr. Niehoff stated he would like to get as many Daviess County residents to the meetings as possible to learn more about the process. They have narrowed down routes from 20 plus alternatives to about 10 and several go through Daviess County and all routes will affect the region. Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor stated he wanted to stress the importance of the community be involved and stay involved with this process. Mr. Niehoff stated it is very critical for Daviess County to be involved. **Document**

PROPERTY & WORKMANS COMP INSURANCE-PAUL WILLIAMS

Paul Williams, Hoosier Insurance, came before the Commissioners regarding county Workers Compensation renewal for 2020. Mr. Williams presented the Commissioners projected rates and reviewed previous rates. Last year the county went to IPEP insurance due to rate increases. IPEP insurance covers 80% of government entities around the state. Losses have improved and there is a \$13,000 savings over the past year due to losses minimizing. **Document**

Motion: Approve to remain with IPEP for the next year for Workers Comp., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President. Motion passed unanimously.

Paul Williams, Hoosier Insurance, presented the Commissioners with Renewal Comparison. In 2018 switched to HCC due to better rate and locked the rate in for 3 years. 2020 annual package premium is \$183,453.00. There are optional coverages for Cyber, Earthquake, and Terrorism. Commissioners agreed to keep all three optional coverages. **Document**

Motion: Except the HCC renewal along with Cyber, Earthquake and Terrorism, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.
Motion passed unanimously.

2020 INFINITY VOTING SYSTEM ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT-JANICE WILLIAMS

Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, spoke on behalf of Janice Williams, Daviess County Clerk, regarding 2020 contract for Microvote General Corp. in the amount of \$12,000.00. The terms on this contract is the same that has been in past and within her budget. **Document**

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

SOUTHERN BUSINESS MACHINES MAILING SYSTEM SERVICE AGREEMENT-T3-JANICE WILLIAMS

Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, spoke on behalf of Janice Williams, Daviess County Clerk in regards to Southern Business Machines contract in the amount of \$1,518.00. This service agreement is for telephone support, inspection, and adjustments, on site parts repair or replacement, preventative maintenance cleaning and cleaning material. This agreement does have a \$25.00 increase from the previous year due to postal meter price increase but that is covered in the Clerk's budget.

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

FINANCIAL BUDGET SERVICES-BAKERTILLY

Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, stated that Patty Ball Daviess County Auditor had spoken with him previous to the meeting regarding this service. This is regarding training for the Auditors staff for Financial Budget. Motion to Table purchase until cost amount is established but permission to move forward.

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

PAYROLL DOCKET 2/7/2020 LONGEVITY

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

CLAIMS DOCKET

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


INFORMATION


**DAVISS COUNTY PARTNERSHIP, INC TAX RECEIPT 2019
STATE OF INDIANA WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DIVISION**

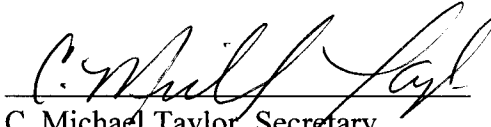
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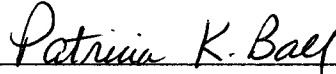
Motion: , Action: Approve, Moved by Michael Taylor, Secretary, Seconded by Tom McCracken, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.


Nathan Gabhart, President


Tom McCracken, Vice President


C. Michael Taylor, Secretary

ATTEST: 
Patricia K. Ball, Auditor of Daviess County