

**DAVISS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
Tuesday, February 25, 2020
Daviss County Commissioners Room, Daviss County Courthouse
Washington, Indiana**

The Daviss County Commissioners met Tuesday, February 25, 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.

Nathan Gabhart, President called the meeting to order.

Dennis Latta with St. John's Episcopal Church offered an opening prayer.

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Motion: Approve, **Action:** Minutes of the above mentioned meeting were approved as presented, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.
Motion passed unanimously.

BID OPENING UPDATE

Mike Schapker, Daviss County Construction Manager, came before the Commissioners and stated he had several contractors onsite last week during the walk-through of the Government Center for the completion of bids. Mr. Schapker stated the Contractors have requested an extension of the deadline for the bids and it has been granted with the bids to be turned into the Auditor's office by 3:30 pm February 27th, 2020 with opening of the bids to be on Friday, February 28th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. within the Commissioner's Room. In accordance with Ind. Code 36-1-12-4, the Commissioners discussed and agreed that the delay in opening of the bids was in the best interest of the Board. **Document**
Motion: approve short delay, and open bids Friday, February 28th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.
Motion passed unanimously.

JASPER LUMBER SETTLEMENT

Grant Swartzentruber, Daviss County Attorney, stated before the Commissioners today is a partially executed settlement agreement with Jasper Lumber. Mr. Swartzentruber stated the mediation initially took place in October 2019 and negotiations have been ongoing. This agreement specifies the County would pay Jasper Lumber a settlement amount of \$100,000.00, Jasper Lumber assigns the contracts to Daviss County, and Daviss County is no longer obligated under the Jasper Lumber contract. He also stated there will be a new General Contractor after the bids are received. **Document**
Motion: approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.
Motion passed unanimously.

DAVISS COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER (ANNEX) UPDATE

Mike Schapker, Daviess County Construction Manager, came before the Commissioners and stated currently the Government Center is a couple of weeks away from the curtain wall replacement completion and he is very pleased with the work. Mr. Schapker stated the stoneply repairs will hopefully start this week, pending the weather, as well as the finishing caulking around it.

HIGHWAY

900 E PROJECT AND UPDATES

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, came before the Commissioners and stated he did not have any claim vouchers today and he has not gotten any updates from DNR regarding the trees at this time.

EQUIPMENT DISCUSSION

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, came before the Commissioner's and stated he would like to ask for permission to begin the bid process for two motor graders (leases with MacAllister's) and the purchase of one motor grader. Mr. Cornelius also presented to the Commissioner's to pursue trading in the Cat tri-axel truck for a new one and to get bids for a new brush cutter. He also added he would like to know if he could look into getting a herbicide truck which he could use to spray herbicides in the summer and use it to brine in the winter. He added there is a grant out there that he would like to apply for if this is something the Commissioner's would be in agreement with. Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, stated he was fine with Mr. Cornelius collecting the information and then they can look more at the details of each request.

Mr. Cornelius stated he will be going before the town of Montgomery and will be talking with them about the overhead bridge project and the proposed trail project.

Mr. Cornelius informed the Commissioner's about his attendance at the mid states-corridor meetings he recently attended. He stated they have narrowed it down to five routes which three of them lay within Daviess County.

Michael Taylor, Daviess County Commissioner, questioned Mr. Cornelius about the options that can be used regarding large trucks still using County Road 225 N since the signage has been placed on this roadway. He stated that the intersections are not wide enough and the bridge has been damaged. Mr. McCracken questioned if the Sheriff's Department would be able to assist in the matter. Gary Allison, Daviess County Sheriff, stated he is willing to help patrol the area. Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, stated he would like for Mr. Cornelius to draft a letter to send to the businesses that they know are abusing the roadway first and see if that would help reduce the truck traffic.

REQUEST FOR ONE DAY CLOSURE OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Geoff Stoner with the Daviess County Health Department came before the Commissioners and stated that the Health Department is requesting that they close the Health Department on March 26th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for an emergency preparedness test. He explained they will be going out by the Glendale area to set up and test their equipment.

Motion: approve closure 3/26/2020 from 8am - 2pm, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Vice President, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

BAKERTILLY CONTRACT

Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, stated before them today is a contract with Bakertilly in the amount of \$8,000.00 for budget training for the Auditor's office. Document

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

APPOINTMENT OF STEVE FOWLER FOR THE DAVIESS COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, stated before them today is a letter from Steven Fowler accepting the appointment for the Daviess County Board of Airport Commissioners. Document
Motion: approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Vice President, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, Secretary.
Motion passed unanimously.

DAVIESS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL UPDATE

Bryant Niehoff with Daviess County Economic Development came before the Commissioners and presented an annual update with a PowerPoint presentation. He explained they have created a new vision and direction, he discussed the 2019 highlights, and talked about the 2020 plan of work. Document

PAYROLL DOCKET

Motion: approve, **Action:** Payroll Docket(s) as mentioned above, was/were approved as presented, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.
Motion passed unanimously.


CLAIMS DOCKET 2/13/20; 2/14/20; 2/28/20; 3/2/20

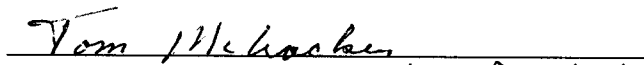
Motion: approve, **Action:** Claims Docket(s) as mentioned above, was/were approved as presented, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.
Motion passed unanimously.

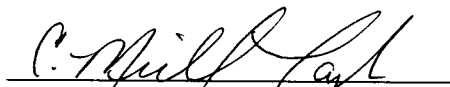
Motion: adjourn, **Action:** Meeting Adjourned, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.
Motion passed unanimously.


INFORMATION

**BOARD OF AVIATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES & MANAGER'S REPORT
IDEM-OFFICE OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT-NOTICE OF DECISION
DAVIESS-MARTIN JOINT COUNTY PARKS & REC BOARD MINUTES 1/14/2020**


Nathan Gabhart, President


Tom McCracken, ~~Secretary~~ ~~Vice~~ President


C. Michael Taylor, ~~Vice President~~
Secretary

ATTEST: 
Patricia K. Ball, Auditor of Daviess County