

DAVIESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Minutes
Tuesday, July 28, 2020
Daviess County Commissioners Room, Daviess County Courthouse
Washington, Indiana

The Daviess County Commissioners met Tuesday July 28, 2020 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Room of the Daviess County Courthouse.

(The Public is invited to watch a live stream of the meeting, go to www.daviess.org and click "Watch Public Meetings")

Roll Call.

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

Rodney Moeller with the Word of Life Church gave the opening prayer.

MEETING MINUTES 7/14/2020

Motion: Approve Commissioner Meeting Minutes 7/14/2020, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Vice President, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, Secretary. **Document**
Motion passed unanimously.

DAVIESS COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER (ANNEX) UPDATE

Mike Schapker, Daviess County Government Center Construction Manager & Owners Representative, came before the Commissioner with an update of the Government Center construction. Mr. Schapker stated he had received a call from the Washington Building Commission regarding an updated permit for the signs installed outside the Government Center. Mr. Schapker stated he reached out to the Building Commissioner yesterday and left a voicemail. Permitting or variance for exterior signs are usually taken care of by the site engineer. Mr. Schapker stated he spoke with Landmark regarding this issue and Landmark stated those signs happened after their scope of work was finished with LAMAR. He will contact Landmark regarding getting the updated permit. At the last Commissioners meeting he stated that there are some issues with the millwork schedule. He now has a schedule for the millwork and they have promised to make deliveries in the next three weeks. It is going to be weeks behind that millwork before getting delivery of tops for the Commissioners bench. The Commissioners bench was delivered late last week however it needs some revision by the fabricator. He hopes to start setting that in place Thursday. The signs and window shades were installed last week. There is some lists that will still need to be completed. The second floor furniture is 90% complete. The resilient base was delivered late last week and installation started yesterday and will be completed by the end of the week. Q-stripe the striping company for the parking lot is currently working on the markings today. Mr. Schapker stated he met with the door hardware supplier last week and identified all of the problems with the hardware and in process of getting the materials needed. The entire project is about 95% complete. The project is real close to being complete but he can't give a firm date yet. Commissioner Michael Taylor stated he spoke with Mr. Schapker regarding possibly having him return a few times before the project completion date and possibly pay Mr. Schapker for those dates he returns due to his contract running out. That discussion is ongoing.

HIGHWAY

900 E UPDATE

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, came before the Commissioners with an update for the CR 900 E project. Mr. Cornelius presented a LPA Claim Voucher for a single signature to Commissioners. This claim voucher is regarding CR 900 E to purchase right of way this is a reimbursable

utility cost to move water lines for Daviess County Rural Water. This is a one-time claim voucher of \$59,596.88 with 80% reimbursable for \$47,677.50. **Document**

Motion: Approve LPA Claim Voucher for \$59,596.88 with 80% reimbursable, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President. Motion passed unanimously.

Bridge Inspection

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, presented the Commissioners with LPA Claim Voucher regarding County wide bridge inspections & reinspections of bridges. These bridge inspections are inspected in phases per the contract. Phase 1A this year and next year 2A. In 1A there are two bridge structures that get inspected. One bridge structure is near the south end of CR 900 E and 600 S. The second bridge is on 1100 E south of CR 200 north. Mr. Cornelius presented Commissioners with LPA Claim Voucher for the gross amount of \$2,416.00 with 80% reimbursable for \$1,932.80 for a single signature. Commissioner Nathan Gabhart stated that he had spoken to Bakertilly regarding loaning funds for the Montgomery Bridge. He was looking into loan interest verses no interest if the loan is possible. The Montgomery Town Board is looking into what their monthly payments would be for their portion on funding for the bridge. Mr. Cornelius stated he will present the Commissioner's with a letter for Community Crossing grant to be presented at the next Commissioner's meeting. Commissioner Gabhart stated he would like to have some sense of direction by the end of August for the Montgomery bridge project. It was also noted that Phil Cornelius has made attempts in contacting CSX regarding the Montgomery Bridge but cannot get a response. Mr. Cornelius asked if the County Attorney could send an official letter to CSX as has previously been done. The Commissioners agreed and asked Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney to draft such a letter. **Document**

Motion: Approve LPA Claim Voucher for the gross amount of \$2,416.00 with 80% reimbursable, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President. Motion passed unanimously.

PROJECTS UPDATE

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, presented the Commissioners with documents showing the proposed paving for this year. Looking for Commissioners approval to move forward with these items. Also, looking at the 5 Year Plan and Cost Shares projects. This document shows the projected total cost for paving and he will give the total overall cost once he has all of those numbers. There are another 12 miles of the chip and seal to be completed for this year. **Document**

Commissioner Michael Taylor stated that the trees on the over passes and I69 right of ways need attention. He would like to see these areas kept up and from becoming overgrown and asked Mr. Cornelius to talk INDOT about maintaining their side and to help keep that cleaned up. Mr. Taylor stated the importance of keeping the saplings from growing and becoming trees.

Commissioner Tom McCracken asked about the overpass on Troy Road and the pipes that need black topped over. Mr. McCracken stated he received some complaints on this issue. Mr. Cornelius stated INDOT is working on that project to correct these issues and it should be done by years end.

COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS/CARES-DR.HOLSOPPLE, CHIEF HEALTH OFFICER KELLIE STREETER, EMRGENCY COORDINATOR

Dr. Holsopple, Daviess County Health Officer, and Kellie Streeter, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator presented the Commissioners with a list of items regarding COVID-19 preparedness and is requesting funding for items through the Cares Act grant. Items requested to fund are PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) such as masks, gowns, face shields, and gloves for the Health Department. There is the potential for a mobile clinic to be used as a testing sites and the Health Department would need refrigerator/freezer for this. Equipment being requested at the Sheriff's Department is a portable UV light

for disinfection. UV light disinfection box for the Health Department, Courthouse, Jail, and Sheriff Departments. Also, the Sheriff's Department is in need of a portable disinfection spray system. Requesting infrared thermometers for the Health Department, and disinfectants/cleaning supplies. Working in the field will require laptops for the Health Department. Ms. Streeter stated that she and Dr. Holsopple have met with EMA Director Scott Myers to go over which direction to go and how to better protect the County. Ms. Streeter respectfully asks that PPE supplies be monitored due to the potential rise in cases of the virus and the rise in demand for supplies. There are currently 60 plus new cases of COVID currently in Daviess County. Dr. Holsopple stated that the portable UV light unit can be moved from one spot to another. This allows it to be used in one room, removed to be used in another area offering portability. Sheriff Gary Allison stated he believes there is a need for two of the UV portable units in the jail and he explained the needs with two levels in his facility. Sheriff Allison also emphasized the need for the portable disinfection sprayers as well to be used in jail cells, adding that this equipment could be beneficial during the flu season as well. Due to the 3 month wait time on orders Sheriff Allison has ordered one of the UV light units so it can be installed at the jail. Temperature screening before entering the Courthouse/Government Center will keep exposure down at the Courthouse/Government Center. The Health Department, EMA, and the Jail will be the highest in need of the equipment due to the higher risk of exposure. Dr. Holsopple stated that portable message signs that are being considered would have multiple uses other than for the COVID-19 testing clinics. The signs would be beneficial with language barriers and directions. When immunization clinics or testing is being conducted such as H1N1, Hepatitis A, etc. these portable message signs could be used as well. The message sign would be a resource available to all departments in the county. The purpose of presenting before the Commissioners today is for Commissioners to review the requested items or accept request for purchase of these items in preparation of the rising COVID-19 virus cases. There was discussion of the various requests and the pricing of some of the items questioned. Commissioner Gabhart stated that possibly the best way to approach the approval of these items is to approve an amount with a limit of \$75,000.00 today for items # 1, #5, #6 & #17. Ms. Streeter was asked to get quotes for best pricing and present them at the next Commissioners meeting on the other items discussed today. **Document**
Motion: Approve up to \$75,000.00 to purchase necessary equipment, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.
Motion passed unanimously.

SIDC-PUBLIC HEARING

Matt Sward, with SIDC, passed around a sign in sheet for the Public Hearing for the COVID-19 Response Program of the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG.) The Public Hearing was opened at 9:51 A.M. July 28, 2020. On or about July 31, 2020 the Daviess County Commissioners intend to apply for funding from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for a grant from the COVID-19 Response Program of the CDBG program. The Public Hearing was previously advertised in the Washington Times Herald. Mr. Swartz opened the hearing up for questions and with no questions from the public the hearing was closed at 9:59 A.M. **Document**

RESOLUTION 2020-3

Resolution 2020-3 Resolution Authorizing Application Submission and Local Match Commitment was presented to Commissioners. This Resolution is authorizing the submission of the grant application. Daviess County commits local funds in the amount of \$6,250.00 from the County EDIT fund as matching funds for commitment to be contingent upon receipt of COVID funding from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

Motion: Approve Resolution 2020-3 for local match and submission, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.
Motion passed unanimously. **Document**

UPDATE ON SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF PROGRAM AN APPLICATION FOR ROUND 2 OF OCRA FUNDING

Matt Sward, SIDC, came before the Commissioners with an application for round 2 of the Small Business Relief Program. Mr. Sward presented the Commissioners with documents to be signed with the application. The \$250,000.00 grant fund runs through OCRA (Office of Community and Rural Affairs). CDBG HUD program funds requested are \$250,000.00. Hopefully round 2 will go more smoothly. This is a competitive grant and not a first come first serve type of grant like the last round. **Document**

DCEDC MID-YEAR REPORT AND PROJECT UPDATE-BRYANT NIEHOFF

Bryant Niehoff, Executive Director Daviess County Economic Development, came before the Commissioners with a Mid-Year Update for January 2020 to date. Mr. Niehoff presented the Commissioners with a power point going over the Daviess County Economic Development projects. Highlighting projects such as the launch of their rebranding campaign, discussing business attractions, along with workforce development and retention programs. Mr. Niehoff also emphasized the need for workforce attraction and quality of life projects, supporting housing development and also a revitalization project design of "The Commons" in downtown Washington. Mr. Niehoff shared recent announcements of various expansions such ISO Flex expansion, Graber Post Buildings expansion, Artisan Electronics expansion, RTC Broadband expansion, and launch of the Advance Daviess County Coalition/Daviess Driven Campaign. **Document**

COVID-19 COST SHARE WAIVER UPDATE

Daviess County Health Insurance provider UMR submitted a request regarding COVID-19 cost share waiver end date extended to October 22, 2020. The extension would be applied to UMR standard benefit options. If the County would like to end any of the benefits prior to the October date, a notice is required. The Commissioner's approved the request to extend the COVID-19 cost share through October 22, 2020.

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Motion: Approve to extend COVID-19 Cost Share through October 22, 2020, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Vice President, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

WTH MAP DATA AGREEMENT

Patty Ball, Daviess County Auditor, stated a request to share GIS data has been received from CoreLogic. WTH, Where Technology Happens provided a copy of the Electronic Map Data Application from CoreLogic requesting County GIS Data. Once the requesting client provides payment the County will receive \$250.00 for the use of the GIS Data.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

MORRISON HOUSE PURCHASE AND RESOLUTION

Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, came before the Commissioners with Resolution 2020-2 for the Appointment of appraisers to pursue a real property purchase under IC 36-1-10.5-5 for the property located at 309 E Hebron St., Washington IN. Mr. Swartzentruber stated appraisers Kim Murray and Ben Hopkins have agreed to do the appraisal if the Commissioners are interested in this property.

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Motion: Approve Resolution 2020-2, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.

CORONA VIRUS RELIEF FUND REIMBURSEMENT FORMS

Patty Ball, Daviess County Auditor, presented the Commissioners with Coronavirus Relief Fund Reimbursement request forms number 1 and number 2 respectively. The submissions have been audited that they are qualified COVID expenses according to the information provided on the from instruction sheet. Both requests today are from the Health Department in the amounts of \$6,894.62 and \$3,437.12. Mrs. Ball stated she will be emailing each department head the process of submitting reimbursement forms from COVID expenses incurred from their departments. All request forms will be presented to the Commissioner in a public meeting for approval and signature. **Document Document**

Motion: Approve reimbursement requests 1 & 2, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.
Motion passed unanimously.

DAVIESS COUNTY HEALTH FAIR 2020

Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, stated that Hoosier Insurance has inquired if the Commissioner's would still like to conduct a County Health Fair in October 2020. With concerns due to COVID-19 regulations the Commissioner's discussed looking at options for crowd management but did conclude to continue to have the health fair as planned with new procedures for safety.

SPECIAL RESPONSE UNIT TRAINING - SHERIFF

Daviess County Sheriff, Gary Allison, came before the Commissioner's and asked if he could get permission to conduct his special response unit training in the new Government Center when completed but before departments move in and in the County owned houses before they are demolished. Commissioner, Michael Taylor, stated that he will coordinate dates with Mike Schapker, Government Center Construction Manager.

PAYROLL DOCKET 7/17/2020

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

CLAIMS DOCKET 7/14/2020, 7/17/2020, 7/22/2020, 7/31/2020, 8/1/2020

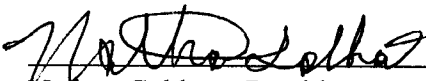
Motion: Approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.
Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

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

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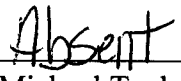
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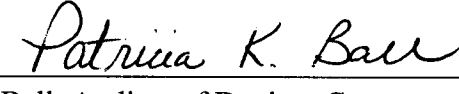
Nathan Gabhart, President



Tom McCracken, ~~Secretary~~ Vice President



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

ATTEST: 

Patricia K. Ball, Auditor of Daviess County