

DAVISS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Minutes
Tuesday, November 24, 2020
Daviess County Commissioners Room, Daviess County Courthouse
Washington, Indiana

The Daviess County Commissioners met Tuesday November 24, 2020 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Room of the Daviess County Government Center.

Roll Call.

Present: Nathan Gabhart, President, Tom McCracken, Vice President.

Absent: Michael Taylor, Secretary.

Pat Kelly, with the Church of Christ, gave the opening prayer.

MEETING MINUTES 11/10/2020

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Motion: Approve meeting minutes 11/10/2020, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Vice President, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President.

Motion passed 2-0.

HIGHWAY

900 E UPDATES

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, came before the Commissioners with an update on CR 900 E. The project continues to move forward. There is one parcel that remains to sign for the right of way and this is the last parcel for this project.

900 E PHASE 4/5 INDOT CONTRACT AMENDMENT #6 FOR MITIGATION IN-LIEU FEES

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, presented the Commissioners with a contract for the amendment #6 for mitigation in-lieu fees. This contract is for phase 4 & 5 of 900 E. Phase 1 and phase 3 there were mitigation sites built. Since that time working for the State, DNR, and the Army Corp of Engineers has come up with a program where they basically are not required to build a site but pay money into fund and they go out and find a large site. Then they do the monitoring and so forth. One of our current sites has a five year monitoring requirement and another has a ten year monitoring requirement. By doing it this way we pay the \$39,504.00 and they handle it from there. INDOT will pay 80% at \$158,016.00 and the Counties portion will be 20% at \$39,504.00. This was presented to Commissioners for signatures upon approval. **Document**

Motion: Approve 900 E Phase 4/5 INDOT Contract Amendment #6 for Mitigation In-Lieu fees, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Vice President, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President.

Motion passed 2-0.

TOWN OF ODON

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, stated that he had discussed previously with the Commissioners partnering with the town of Odon regarding 900 E to State Route 58. The discussion is to open that bottle neck up on that intersection. Loch Group did a red flag survey and came back with a dollar figure for that. Essentially if we go from the park all the way north of the highway to corporate limits of the town the total cost of the product would be \$7,300,000.00. If we shorten this and just go

north of the highway it would cut that to about \$6,700,000.00. Mr. Cornelius stated that he and Commissioner Taylor have met with the town of Odon and they are considering the 50/50 match on the 20% cost. Commissioner Gabhart stated if this project was to move forward he would be more inclined to complete the full section of the road. Throwing out rough numbers but would be around 1.4 million so it would break down to roughly \$700,000.00 each and that would most likely come from the same funding as 900 E which is County Match Monies. This project would be contingent on 800 N and a list of limitations. Mr. Cornelius stated he will need a letter of support from Commissioners and Council. Diverting traffic from 900 E and then this work on 800 N would be worth the work and money. Commissioner Gabhart asked Mr. Cornelius to list restrictions for 800 N and what would make this road safe. The overall reason for this project is for safety. With the list of restriction will business's using 800 N be alright with this before proceeding.

RTC PERMIT

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Supervisor, came before the Commissioner for permission to sign a permit for RTC Communications for right of way. Mr. Cornelius doesn't see any issues with this permit. This is for fiber optics south of town, 250 S, 125 E, 400 S, 150 S, Fountain View Estates, 75 S, 300 S, and 200 S. **Document**

Motion: Approve Phil Cornelius to sign the RTC permit for right of way, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Vice President, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President.

Motion passed 2-0.

DAVIESS COUNTY RURAL WATER PERMIT

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, has a permit from Daviess County Rural Water. This is for CR 525 E a new turkey facility that is out there. This would be at 500 S boring under Sportsmen road, going down 500 S to the west, and back south on 550 E. Mr. Cornelius met with the property owner and turkey facility to discuss placement.

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Motion: Approve permit for Rural Water, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Vice President, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President.

Motion passed 2-0.

VECTREN PERMIT

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, has another permit from Vectren for the same facility at 525 E regarding the new turkey barns. They will start on the west side and come across 550 E extending south bound along 550 E. **Document**

Motion: Approve permit for Vectren, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Vice President, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President.

Motion passed 2-0.

PROJECT UPDATES

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, came before the Commissioners with project updates. Commissioners had asked Mr. Cornelius to look into paving on 300 W by Maysville church. He believes most of the pavement is in bad shape out there is from the INDOT approaches. Has reached out to INDOT and they told Mr. Cornelius they are going to look at this area. There is also a culvert plugged up at that intersection he asked INDOT to ditch along old 50.

On 800 N the area that is coming apart there is a hump. He is looking into taking that hump off and reprocessing it depending on the weather.

All the paving is finished other than the two areas discussed. A shoulder box is rented and currently replacing shoulder stone as we speak. Commissioner Tom McCracken stated that the intersection looks good at 150 S between Casey's and Troy road.

AWARDED BIDS

Mr. Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, stated that the Highway Department annual bids for 2021 that were awarded at the 11/10/220 Commissioner meeting there was an item over looked. This was not on the list to award that and would like to add that HDPE pipe to J Kemp Inc.

Motion: Approve to award bid for the HDPE pipe to J Kemp, Inc., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Vice President, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President.

Motion passed 2-0.

DAVISS COUNTY HIGHWAY ANNUAL INCOME

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, presented the Commissioners with the Daviess County Highway Annual Income Report. Reporting that the county is down \$83,000.00 which is much better than what was anticipated. They amount for the buggy license plates are up. **Document**

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, asked Commissioners for approval to get bids for a triaxle, brush cutter and trailer. The money is in the 2020 budget for this equipment. Mr. Cornelius stated that he had stopped and did not go any further with the plans to purchase highway department equipment this year until they seen what the money was going to do. There is still a triaxle dump truck, brush cutter, and trailer to haul the excavator on in the budget. He is asking approval to get the quotes and/or bids for this equipment.

Motion: Approve to move forward on the new equipment bid, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Vice President, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President.

Motion passed 2-0.

BENNINGTON LEVEE RESOLUTION-STEVE MYERS

Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, presented the Commissioners with Resolution 2020-8 Joint Resolution Concerning the Payment and Reimbursement of the Bennington Levee Repairs and Maintenance Project. Mr. Swartzentruber went over the Bennington Levee pay back schedule. This schedule has been presented to both Commissioners and Council. The scheduled payment of \$35,000.00 annually will take approximately 6 years to pay off and payments will start in 2021. **Document**

Motion: Approve Resolution 2020-8 Joint Resolution concerning the Payment and Reimbursement of the Bennington Levee Repairs and Maintenance Project in the amount of \$35,000.00 annually, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Vice President, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President.

Motion passed 2-0.

RTC COMMUNICATIONS CONTRACT-GARY ALLISON

Steve Sturgis, Daviess County Sheriff Department Chief Deputy, came before the Commissioners regarding the approval of the RTC Communications contract for an upgraded phone system for the Sheriff's Department. This contract is in the amount of \$36,302.85 to be funded out of Riverboat 1191.

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Motion: Approve RTC Communications contract in the amount of \$36,302.85, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Vice President, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, Secretary.

Motion passed 2-0.

SIDC COVID 1 CLOSEOUT

Rex Knight, with SIDC, came before the Commissioners regarding the COVID 1 Closeout. The Commissioners were presented with the Grantee Performance for grant CV-CV1-114. This Closeout form is for the first round of the COVID grant CV-CV1-114. Mr. Knight is asking the Commissioners to approve the Closeout form and for Commissioner Nathan Gabhart to sign the form. **Document**

Motion: Approve the COVID 1 Closeout form, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Vice President, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President.

Motion passed 2-0.

SIDC PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE & LETTER

Rex Knight, with SIDC, came before the Commissioners with an authorization letter giving SIDC consent to conduct a public hearing regarding awarded grant. This is the second public hearing for the COVID project. **Document**

Rex Knight, with SIDC, opened the Public Hearing November 24, 2020 at 9:46 a.m. in the County Commissioners' room within the Government Center, Daviess County. The Public Hearing was previously advertised and in compliance with Indiana Code IC5-3-1 advertised in the Times Herald November 12, 2020. With no comments or questions Rex Knight closed the public hearing at 9:50 a.m.

Bryant Niehoff, Daviess County Economic Development Corp., stated that they partnered with SIDC on this project and were able to fund 32 businesses in Daviess County. Each business with under 20 employees. Hoping to keep the momentum up with the program especially entering more of this darker phase of the COVID-19 pandemic. He feels that this program was a resounding success.

Commissioner Tom McCracken stated that he thought the process went really well.

CARES ACT 8902 RESOLUTION

The Commissioners were presented with Resolution 2020-9 Resolution to Provide for Reimbursement of Public Health and Public Safety Payroll Costs with CARES Act Funding. This is the reallocation of funding for the Cares Act 8902. The CARES Act 8902 is the Corona Virus Relief Fund for the purpose of reimbursement of public health and public safety payroll costs as allowed through federal CARES funding, which has been received by the County from the Indiana Finance Authority. This resolution provides the new guidelines for distribution regarding the CARES ACT 8902 funding. This resolution places the decisions of distribution of funds into Commissioners and Council. Patty Ball, Daviess County Auditor, explained the Resolution 2020-9 will go to IFA (Indiana Finance Authority) today and she will follow up on policies and procedures with Commissioners and Council on the distribution of those funds.

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Motion: Approve Resolution 2020-8 Resolution to Provide for Reimbursement of Public Health and Public Safety Payroll Costs with CARES Act Funding, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Vice President, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President.

Motion passed 2-0.

COMBINED DISPATCH BOARD-SHERIFF GARY ALLISON

The Commissioners agreed to table the Combined Dispatch Board item at this time due to Sheriff Gary Allison unable to attend.

Commissioner Nathan Gabhart stated in regards to the Combined Dispatch Board, Commissioner Tom McCracken will be stepping off the board by January 1, 2021. He is willing to be on the Combined Dispatch Board starting January 1, 2021.

HEINZ ENERGY EFFICIENCY DEDUCTION LETTER

Commissioner Nathan Gabhart suggested this deduction letter be tabled until Heinz Energy Efficiency has completed some work. Commissioner Gabhart also stated that Commissioner Michael Taylor has been in contact with Mr. Heinz.

Motion: Table, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Vice President, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President.

Motion passes 2-0.

SAFETY AWARENESS CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND

Patty Ball, Daviess County Auditor, stated that the Safety Awareness Coronavirus Relief Fund is new information received regarding grant money that can be used. This grant has strict requirements and a short time line for opportunity. Eligible funds are in the amount of \$107,500.00. Mrs. Ball also stated she has send this information to the Health Department, EMA, and Sheriff's Department, and has not heard back from all of them yet. She asked these departments to review this information and proposals and will bring this information back before the Commissioners. Commissioner Gabhart asked for this to be put on the first meeting in December for Commissioners to review.

DAVIESS COUNTY IMPACT AWARD & DILLON TOURISM AWARD

Commissioner Nathan Gabhart announced that the Daviess County Chamber of Commerce held their Annual Banquet for 2020 virtually and wanted to recognize a few recipients. The County Health Department was awarded the "IMPACT" Award. The Daviess County Impact Award is a new award recognizing an individual or organization that has had the most positive impact on the wellbeing & quality of life of the citizens in the Daviess County Community. This year's recipient showed tremendous leadership this year during the COVID-19 pandemic. They spent countless hours serving and managing the health & wellbeing of our citizens. Also, Jameson Hibbs, West Boggs, received the "Dillon Tourism Award." This award recognizes an individual or organization that has had the most positive impact on promoting our Daviess County's amenities through tourism throughout the year. This year's recipient showed tremendous leadership; while promoting the amenities of Daviess County this year during the COVID-19 pandemic. Their efforts have been noticed in the improvements & developments at West Boggs. **Document**

PAYROLL DOCKET 11/20/2020

Motion: , **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Vice President, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President.

Motion passed 2-0.

CLAIMS DOCKET Claims Docket 11/25/2020, Utility 11/10/2020, 11/13/2020, 11/20/2020, Visa 11/20/2020, and Court-Highway 12/1/2020

Motion: , **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Vice President, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President.

Motion passed 2-0.

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Motion: , Action: Approve, Moved by Tom McCracken, Vice President, Seconded by Nathan Gabhart, President.

Motion passed 2-0.

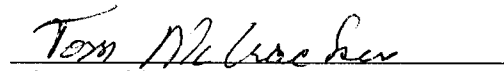
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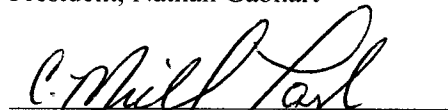
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President, Nathan Gabhart



Vice President, Tom McCracken



Secretary, Michael Taylor

ATTEST: 

Patricia K. Ball, Auditor of Daviess County