

**DAVISS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 27, 2020**  
**Daviess County Commissioners Room, Daviess County Courthouse**  
**Washington, Indiana**

**The Daviess County Commissioners met Tuesday October 27, 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](http://www.daviess.org) and click "Watch Public Meetings")*

**Roll Call.**

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

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

**MEETING MINUTES 10/13/2020**

Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, stated there was some verbiage he requested to be added to the meeting minutes regarding Bennington Levee to be clear on what is being done under the statutes.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

**HIGHWAY**

**OPEN 2021 HIGHWAY BIDS**

Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, and Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, opened 2021 Highway Bids. There were 9 bids submitted.

JJ's Concrete-Concrete & Masonry

Civilcon-Pipe

Busler Enterprises-Oil and Lubricants

Jones and Sons-Concrete and Masonry Products

Rogers Group-Sand and Gravel

Cave Quarries-Commercial Stone

J Kemp-Tiling and HDEP Pipe

US Aggregates-Stone

Utility Pipe Company-Tiling and Pipe

**Documents**

All bids will be taken under advisement.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

**900E**

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, stated that they are still buying right of ways for the 900E project. There are currently three remaining parcels to be obtained for the right of way. Mr. Cornelius stated he also received contracts today from Louchmueller Group regarding construction engineering and this was given to Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney for review.

## **PROJECT UPDATES**

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, stated that on Sportsman Road the main line paving was finished yesterday. There is still approach paving to do and will most likely work on that tomorrow. Once that is done there is striping to be done. The paving program has come to a halt due to the weather. They are still trying to complete the roads that Commissioners approved previously but work is dependent on weather.

They have milled off Troy road to bring elevation down and scratch coated that yesterday. Next they will come in and put a thicker lift on that when weather permits

State Road 57 is open and currently INDOT has closed State Road 58 for road construction.

## **CARES ACT REQUEST-KELLIE STREETER**

Kellie Streeter, Daviess County Health Department Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, stated on behalf of Dr. Holsopple and the entire Health Department staff, they wanted to take a moment and thank the Commissioners for a great new building and space. At the front new entry the Health Department is in need of a permanent piece of glass to protect employees and the public. There will be a 1" gap in the glass for documents to be passed through. Chapman's Glass has provided a quote for 3/8" thick clear tempered glass sneeze guard with a steel post and steel clamps in the amount of \$1,593.23. This request is to be purchased through the Cares Act funds. **Document**

**Motion:** Approve the purchase of the glass protection shield for the Health Department with the Cares Act fund grant money in the amount of \$1,593.23, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Vice President, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Taylor stated there will be growing pains as we move into the new facility and asked that each department have a wish list of items needed for Commissioners to consider in the future.

Commissioner Gabhart, with the rise of COVID-19 virus cases there is a need for employees and the public to have a mask on when going throughout the building and within each office. Behind the protective glass it is up to each department head to stipulate the use of masks and use them wisely.

## **DAVISS COUNTY UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN-ROSETTA NEWTON**

Rosetta Newton, Records Office and United Way Chairman, came before the Commissioners regarding the United Way Campaign. The purpose of coming before the Commissioners today is to receive permission to move ahead with the Daviess County United Way campaign. The Records office, Jamie Chapman, Rosetta Newton, and Emily Burton will be co-chairing the campaign. The United Way Campaign starts the week of October 12, 2020 through November 2020. **Document**

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

Motion passed unanimously.

## **DCH BOND REFINANCING**

Commissioner Gabhart stated that the Daviess Community Hospital Bond Refinance is to provide the net savings of a significant amount for the hospital and secondarily takes that risk off of the County. Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, stated these bonds were initially done in 2011. The hospital has always made those payments which in turn is a lower risk to the County by signing the Resolution and agreeing to the DCH Bond Refinance. Mr. Swartzentruber also stated the Resolution 2020-7 before the Commissioners today lays out the frame work for what the bonds will look like and gives the

authority to one member in your group to sign documents. There was a similar Resolution presented to the Council at their last meeting and it was approved. The principle amount is not changing and is just lowering the interest rate. The reason the county is involved is for back up for the hospital finances.

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**Motion:** Approve Resolution 2020-7 regarding Daviess Community Hospital Bond Refinance, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President. Motion passed unanimously.

**HEINZ ENERGY EFFICIENCY DEDUCTION LETTER**

Commissioner Nathan Gabhart stated that Heinz Energy submitted an allocation letter for energy efficiency deduction. The Heinz Association is the Mechanical Engineer on the new Government Center. Commissioner Taylor would like to table this due to lack of finished work.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PHONE SYSTEM**

Gary Allison, Daviess County Sheriff, stated that he and Dale Quakenbush, Daviess County IT Director have been working with RTC Communications regarding a phone system for the Sheriff's Department. For equipment purchase, installation, maintenance and services RTC gave a price for \$36,302.85 which breaks down to a monthly payment of \$300.00. Compared to what AT&T currently charges at \$750.00 a month. At the previous Commissioners' meeting, a one year contract with AT&T was signed to allow time to switch to the RTC system. The RTC system will get the Sheriff's Department in line with the Courthouse and Government Center system. Sheriff Allison is asking the Commissioners today if he should move forward with transitioning over from AT&T to the RTC system. Mr. Quakenbush stated that a new system is needed at the jail because of constant repairs and to get the two systems together. Mr. Quakenbush also stated that in six years the new system with RTC would pay for itself. Patty Ball, Daviess County Auditor, stated that the Auditor's office has had issues for several years dealing with AT&T's billing process and contract renewal process. Sheriff Allison stated he will bring this before the Council to be appropriated if the Commissioners approve him moving forward with the RTC Communications system. **Document**

**Motion:** Move forward to the Council for a request of funding regarding RTC Communication system for the Daviess County Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$36,302.85, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Vice President, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **None seconded.**

Motion passed unanimously.

**INTER-LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT 2021 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE TO THE CITY OF WASHINGTON**

The City of Washington presented the Commissioners with an Inter-Local agreement between the City and the County for the 2021 Emergency Management assistance to the City of Washington. This Inter-Local Government Agreement is between the Daviess County Board of Commissioners and the City of Washington, the County is willing to provide the City with Emergency Management assistance and the City is willing to pay the County for assistance. In return for EM assistance and to pay money toward vehicle fuel expense incurred by EM Staff, the City will pay the County annually \$6,000.00 for the year 2021. The first payment due is January 30, 2021 in the amount of \$3,000.00 and the second payment of \$3,000.00 due July, 30, 2021. **Document**

**Motion:** Approve Inter-Local Agreement between the City of Washington and Daviess County regarding Emergency Management Assistance for \$6,000.00 annually, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Vice President, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, Secretary.  
Motion passed unanimously.

#### **PURDUE EXTENSION CONTRACTUAL SERVICES & MOU-LUIS SANTIAGO**

Luis Santiago, Daviess County Purdue Extension Educator, came before the Commissioners with the Purdue University, Extension Contractual Services Agreement. This is an annual contract for services Purdue does for the County. The contract amount is \$200,350.00 for January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. This is the same contract amount as last year. The services provided to the County are 4-H youth Development, Leadership and Community Development, Agriculture and Natural Resources, and Health and Human Sciences. **Document**

**Motion:** Approve Purdue contract in the amount of \$200,350.00, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.  
Motion passed unanimously.

#### **CDW-G QUOTE CARES ACT-COUNCIL EQUIPMENT**

Patty Ball, Daviess County Auditor, stated that Daviess County Council agreed to proceed with technology equipment for Council and Commissioners. Councilman Matt Meredith did extensive research for iPad Pro equipment for Council and Commissioners. The price includes iPad Pro, Apple Smart Folio, and Apple Pencil 2 at \$1,307.00 each. Mike Sprinkle, Daviess County Council, stated that Councilman Matt Meredith has done a lot of research and put a lot of time into getting quotes and Council saw this package as the best option. The goal is to go more digital and less paper for Council and Commissioners. Auditor Patty Ball stated the goal is to expand digitally and insure everyone gets the same information in a timely manner. With the iPad there is a pen so Council/Commissioners can write notes for meetings. Commissioner Taylor asked to have a centralized printer for all to use instead of each individual Commissioner/Council member having their own printer. Having one centralized printer would cut down on cost of paper and ink versus having to supply those for each individual printer. Commissioners agreed to the purchase of iPads but not the individual printers. The iPad's are to be purchased out of the Cares Act grant funds.

**Motion:** Approve to proceed forward with Cares Act Grant purchase of ten iPad devices at \$1,307.00 each with exception of the printers, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **ODON WINKLEPLECK LIBRARY APPOINTMENT**

The Odon Winklepleck Library has requested to appoint Marilyn Neiswanger to the Odon Winklepleck Library for beginning date January 1, 2021 to end date December 31, 2021. **Document**

**Motion:** Approve Appointment of Marilyn Neiswanger to the Odon Winklepleck Library, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Vice President, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

Reminder to all employees that the Wellness Fair will be at the Security Center Education Room. Employees need to park where they had parked prior to the Government Center building being open, until the new parking is complete.

## **RECOGNITION OF PAST COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Gabhart, spoke about the history in the Commissioners' room and wanted to recognize future and past office holders. Since this is the last Commissioners' meeting in the Courthouse Commissioner Gabhart welcomed past and current office holders to speak or tell stories of their time at the Daviess County Courthouse. Former Auditor JoAnn McCracken, stated that she started in March of 1987 and even then they spoke of the need for the Government Center and how exciting it is to see it completed. Commissioner Gabhart stated that 95% of all the work and effort was done by Commissioner Taylor and thanked him for all of his hard work and also recognized the Council's support of the project. Patty Ball, Daviess County Auditor, stated that she appreciates all the work of the Commissioners and Council as well, and mentioned how Commissioner Taylor was great to work with throughout the project. Former Commissioner Larry Wilson, stated that he appreciates all the work the Commissioners have done, reiterating how he knows how hard they work and how their jobs are not easy. Mr. Wilson stated he was one of the Commissioners that started the prayer before each Commissioners' meeting and he appreciates that it is still continued and hopes it continues on into the future. Steve Myers, four term Commissioner, stated that being a Daviess County Commissioner was the best 16 years of his life. Continuing that he was scared to get involved initially in the Commissioner role but he is glad that he did, even through tense moments, but Daviess County is a great place to serve and he loves this County. Mike Sprinkle, current Council member, started his term in 2001 in this building and there was an immediate need for extra space in the courthouse. Employees were working out of closets and all kinds of spaces even with the Extension Office and Health Department being in the old houses across the street due to lack of space. Mr. Sprinkle stated he appreciates the much needed new building. It has been quite a ride as he remembers the first budget hearing he attended as a Council member and hearing on the radio the twin towers had been hit and he remembers the uncertainties of the day as they sat through the all-day budget hearing. There is a lot of history here in this building and room and I wouldn't want to live in any other place. Commissioner McCracken stated he has enjoyed being a Commissioner and he could not have served with two better Commissioners. Commissioner Michael Taylor stated that he heard that Steve Myers was retiring as Commissioner and he decided he was going to run. He has enjoyed working with the past Commissioners and Auditors. In 2009 they started to talk and start the process for the conception of the Government Center building. He stated that he thinks this new building will be something people can be proud of. There have been a lot of people and a lot of hard work put into this project. Commissioner Nathan Gabhart ended stating, it is the end to one chapter and the beginning of another.

## **PAYROLL DOCKET 10/23/2020**

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

Motion passed unanimously.

## **CLAIMS DOCKET 10/15/2020 Visa, 10/16/2020 & 10/20/2020 Utility, 10/16/2020 Wire Transfer, 10/30/2020 Claims, & 11/2/2020 Highway.**

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

Motion passed unanimously.

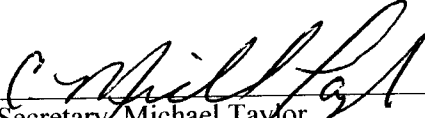
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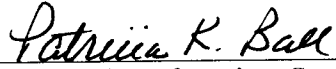
**Motion: , Action: Approve, Moved by Tom McCracken, Vice President, Seconded by Michael Taylor, Secretary.**

Motion passed unanimously.

  
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President, Nathan Gabhart

  
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Vice President, Tom McCracken

  
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Secretary, Michael Taylor

ATTEST:   
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Patricia K. Ball, Auditor of Daviess County