

DAVISS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Minutes
Tuesday, December 22, 2020
Daviess County Commissioners Room, Daviess County Courthouse
Washington, Indiana

The Daviess County Commissioners met Tuesday December 22, 2020 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Room of the Daviess County Government Center.

Roll Call.

Present: Nathan Gabhart, President (called in), Tom McCracken, Vice President, Michael Taylor, Secretary.

Vice President Tom McCracken called the meeting to order as President Nathan Gabhart was participating via phone.

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

MEETING MINUTES 12/8/2020

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

Motion passed unanimously.

HIGHWAY

HIGHWAY MEETING

Document No highway meeting today

BIDS FOR BOOM MOWER

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, and Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, opened sealed bids for the Highway Department boom mower. This bid had previously been advertised for one 2020 or newer, 130 HP' purpose built boom mower with 24' boom arm. There was one bid received for \$217,225.00 from Mower Max. The base cost is \$145,750.00 with attachments, the total is \$217,225.00. There is no trade in. Mr. Cornelius recommends this bid for consideration. **Document**

Motion: Approve to accept this bid from Mower Max for \$217,225.00 the boom mower, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.

BIDS FOR TRI AXLE TRUCK

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, and Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, opened sealed bid for 2021 or newer 86,000 pound GVW Tri-axle dump truck. Bids were previously advertised. One bid received from Truck Center for \$176,982.00. Mr. Cornelius recommends this bid for consideration. **Document**

Motion: Approve to accept the bid from Truck Center in the amount of \$176,982.00 for a Tri-axle dump truck, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.

900 E UPDATES

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, came before the Commissioners with updates for the 900 E project. Paperwork has been submitted to INDOT and currently waiting to hear back from them whether the right of way is certified and clear. There are a few buildings at the saw mill that need to be taken down and that will start Monday. They plan to start working on trees and that will depend on the weather. Mr. Cornelius is hoping to work on the trees with a freeze so there will be less damage to people's yards. The trees need to be done by the middle of February 2021. Everything has went really well with the right of way side of this project.

MULTI-PLATES

Two aluminum multi-plates that need replaced. The pricing came off of the annual bid. One is on Edwardsport road just north of 325 N. That first creek has the bottom gone and dropped off on the west side. This creek stays wet year round and has sound hills to the east which makes it almost impossible to put a concrete box structure in. The second location needing the aluminum multi-plate is on 300 S just west of Troy road. This right underneath the IPL transmission lines that go through there. This makes it impossible to use a crane. There is a steel multi-plate there now that the sides are rotted out. The price is \$36,940.85 for Troy Road and the one for the Edwardsport road is 80 feet long and cost \$54,102.33

HIGHWAY 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, presented the Commissioner with the Daviess County Highway Annual Income Report. The annual income is down \$164,000 for this year. The MVH for 2019 was \$3,473,207.00 and 2020 is \$3,320,540.00. LRS for 2019 was \$443,117.00 and 2020 is \$426,833.00. The wheel tax was up a little this year, in 2019 it was \$636,552.00 and 2020 is \$641,548.00. Buggy fees were \$151,230.00 for 2019 and 2020 is \$195,733.00. The total annual income for 2019 was \$5,878,935.00 and 2020 is \$4,668,840.00. Document

COVID-19 VACCINE-KATHY SULLENDER/KELLIE STREETER

Kellie Streeter, Daviess County Preparedness Coordinator, came before the Commissioners with news that the Health Department received notice that they will have the option to receive the COVID-19 vaccine soon. The Health Department has spent every day on phone calls and emails with the State Department of Health regarding preparation for receiving this vaccine. They recognize that the Health Department is over tasked so the State Department is going to give extra funding based on Daviess County population. The schedule of monies that they should receive is approximately \$40,632.00 to help the Health Department with staffing and any other needs that they have to fund the vaccine clinic. The Health Department has started a full time plan for the vaccine clinic. The grant money will come through an amendment from the COVID Test Site grant. It is a complete draw down and then they are able to spend. So there is no reimbursement involved. Waiting on a fully executed agreement from the state's legal division that will need to be signed by Daviess County Commissioner President Nathan Gabhart. The target to receive the vaccine was January 4, 2021 but that date has now moved to January 11, 2021. The vaccine has currently been rolled out through Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes. The front line health care workers locally have started receiving those vaccines. This is much evolving, from the federal government all the way down to the vaccine advisory committees at the state level are deciding whom within the population will be vaccinated once we received it. They do know they will be receiving the Moderna vaccine. Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, asked if this Moderna vaccine easily stored. Kathy Sullender, Daviess County Nurse, stated that Daviess County Health Department is equipment for the storage of these vaccines when they arrive. Ms. Streeter stated that the worst case

scenario is they will need the entire Health Department staff. They are going to be using a state issued software program for registration and will probably need some additional help for administrative purposes. The vaccine clinic may be needed for months. Currently they are anticipating administering vaccines up into the summer. This grant money will help with these needs. Daviess Community Hospital Quick Care is still managing the COVID test site. There has been communication with the Daviess Community Hospital regarding a foreseeable partnership on some level to ensure the population in a timely fashion. Commissioner Nathan Gabhart asked for a weekly update from the Health Department to the Commissioners with the decision making as it is evolving. Commissioners Tom McCracken thanked the Health Department, Kelly Streeter, Dr. Holsopple, and Kathy Sullender for keeping Commissioners up to date and for all of their hard work.

Motion: To accept the 2020 CARES Act Grant amendment for approximately \$40,000 and to have one commissioner sign the agreement when it is received, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.

CARES ACT 2020 ELECTION CYCLE-JANICE WILLIAMS

Janice Williams, Daviess County Clerk, came before the Commissioners with a CARES Act 2020 Election Cycle grant. Ms. Williams submitted this grant for \$5,300.00 and was approved for \$3,074.08. This money will help pay for additional staffing she had to get done during voting. **Document**

Motion: Approve CARES Act 2020 Election Cycle grant award \$3,074.08, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.

SAFETY AWARENESS CORONAVIRUS RELIEF GRANT-EMA SIGNS-SCOTT MYERS

Scott Myers, EMA Director, came before the Commissioners regarding questions from previous 12/8/2020 Commissioners meeting regarding the Safety Awareness Coronavirus Relief grant and cost for the signage for the vaccination sites. Mr. Myers clarified with the sign company that the \$498.00 freight charge has to be included in the overall cost due to the sign manufacturer location and being shipped from Colorado to Evansville. This will require an amendment to previous motion of \$23,500.00 approval on the signage at the 12/8/2020 Commissioners meeting. This now brings the total back to the \$24,000.00 for the two mobile message board signs. **Document Document**

Motion: Amend approved amount from 12/8/2020 meeting to add the additional \$498.00 freight, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.

EXTENSION OFFICE UPDATE-LUIS SANTIAGO

Luis Santiago, Daviess County Purdue Extension Director, came before the Commissioners with updates from the Purdue Extension Office. Some changes that have to be done throughout the state with Purdue Extension is going with a diversity and inclusion strategic plan. Daviess County has a position open with the Learning Center, dealing with Spanish and Latino communities. Starting at the beginning of the year there will be a transition and Mr. Santiago will be transitioning to a role of Extension Educator-Community Engagement and Outreach. Mr. Santiago will serve Daviess County and throughout the area. This new position that Mr. Santiago is taking on is to work as a liaison between Extensions Program Areas with Hispanic community and other underserved and under-represented audiences. Mr. Santiago stated he will be filling in for the current Daviess County Extension and as well as colleagues in the area until that position is filled again. He will still be working as the County Extension Director and will still be working and serving Daviess County but just as a different role. Mr. Santiago's new position will start

the first of the year. Mr. Santiago gave some updates on the 2020 Impacts from Purdue Extension.

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4-H UPDATE-CHANCE BERRY

Chance Berry, Chairman of the 4-H directors, came before the Commissioners with an update to the 4-H program. The 4-H program is asking for \$15,000.00 for 2021 from Commissioners. Mr. Berry went over the various projects in regards to the 4-H grounds new building projects. Several locals are doing the work and more local donations are coming in. All building projects are scheduled to be done by July 2021. Mr. Berry thanked Commissioners for everything they have done to assist the 4-H program.

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RTC COMMUNICATIONS' COMMUNITY CONNECT-RURAL WASHINGTON BROADBAND GRANT

Letter of Support sent on behalf the Commissioners for the record that the RTC Communications Community Connect-Rural Washington Broadband Grant. **Document**

2021 LOW INVOICE

Patty Ball, Daviess County Auditor, stated that the 2021 LOW invoice if paid before January 15, 2021 will receive a discount for the county. Mrs. Ball is asking Commissioner's for permission to go ahead and pay this LOW invoice before the January 15, 2021 deadline to capitalize on the discount. LOW is the financial software system used in the Auditor's office. **Document**

Motion: To pay Low the invoice before January 15, 2021 to receive discount, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.

HEINZ ENERGY EFFICIENCY DEDUCTION LETTER

Michael Taylor, Daviess County Commissioner, stated that the Heinz Energy Efficiency Deduction Letter has been tabled previously. This deduction letter can proceed now because the work has now been completed from Heinz Energy Efficiency. **Document**

Motion: Approve Heinz Energy Efficiency Deduction Letter, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Charitable Donations request are requested in May of each year. The Commissioners then present amount before Council in annual Budget Hearings. Request for 2021 have been submitted but the Commissioner's determined amount for each request as not been set yet. Patty Ball, Daviess County Auditor, explained that the Auditor's Office is stream lining this Charitable Donation process. Commissioner Michael Taylor stated that a May 25, 2021 deadline request should be submitted to the Auditors office in order for request to be on the 2022 Commissioners agenda prior to Budget Hearing dates. **Document**

Motion: Approve for the second Commissioners meeting in May to be a deadline for Charitable Donations request, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.

ALICE SIMMONS RETIREMENT-RESOLUTION

Michael Taylor, Daviess County Commissioner, read the Resolution of the Daviess County Commissioners Honoring the Retirement and 45 Years of Service of Mrs. Alice Simmons. Alice Simmons has announced her retirement from the position of Chief Court Reporter of the Daviess County Circuit Court after 45 years of service to Daviess County Indiana. Commissioners and Circuit Court of Daviess County express deep gratitude and appreciation for her services with her a long happy and healthy retirement. **Document**

Motion: To sign the resolution for Alice Simmons retirement, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.

Daviess County Commissioners presented Elaine Wellman, Daviess County Treasurer, with a plaque in recognition upon her retirement and thanked her for her time and efforts in the Treasures Office. Thanking Mrs. Wellman for always being a joy to work with. Mrs. Wellman thanked the Commissioners and stated that it has been an honor. Commissioners congratulated her on her retirement.

Commissioner Michael Taylor presented Commissioner Tom McCracken with a plaque in recognition for his service to Daviess County as his term ends. Thanking him for his many years of service to the highway department prior to becoming County Commissioner as well. Mr. McCracken's attention to detail has been a big asset to the community. Mr. McCracken thanked Commissioner's Michael Taylor and Nathan Gabhart as well as Auditor Patty Ball and County Attorney Grant Swartzentruber. Commissioner Nathan Gabhart stated it has been an absolute joy to work with Mr. McCracken and his attention to detail has been greatly and appreciated. Thanking him for his service and commitment to the community.

NEPOTISM FORMS

Nepotism forms were submitted to Commissioners for 2020.

INFORMATION

- a. **DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD OF AVIATION COMMISSIONERS-MINUTES & MANAGER'S REPORT**
- b. **IDEM-NOTICE OF DECISION**
- c. **DAVIESS-MARTIN JOINT COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES & ORDINANCE**
- d. **IDEM-PERMIT NOTICE**

PAYROLL DOCKET 12/18/2020

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

Motion passed unanimously.

CLAIMS DOCKET 12/11/2020 Utility Claim, 12/17/2020 Postage Claims, 12/21/20 Visa Claims, 12/23/2020 Cares Act Claim, 12/23/2020 Claims, 12/30/2020 Court-Highway Claims

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

Motion passed unanimously.

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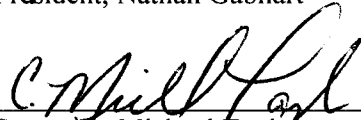
Motion: Adjourn meeting, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously

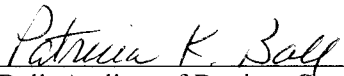


President, Nathan Gabhart

Vice President, Tom McCracken



Secretary, Michael Taylor

ATTEST: 

Patricia K. Ball, Auditor of Daviess County