

**DAVIESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, March 9, 2021
Daviness County Commissioners Room, Daviness County Government Center
Washington, Indiana**

The Daviness County Commissioners met Tuesday March 9, 2021 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Room of the Daviness County Government Center.

Roll Call.

Present: Michael Taylor, President (Not voting), Nathan Gabhart, Vice President, Ron Arnold, Secretary.

Father Juan Rameriz with Our Lady of Hope, gave the opening prayer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 3/2/2021

Grant Swartzentruber, Daviness County Attorney, stated the only thing discussed during Executive Session was that which was advertised. The Executive Session is authorized under Indiana Code Section 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) was held March 2, 2021 at 1:30 P.M. AT 244 North Main St, Montgomery, IN 47558. Interviews and negotiations with industrial or commercial prospects or agents of industrial or commercial prospects. **Document**

MEETING MINUTES 2/23/2021

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Motion: Approve Meeting Minutes for 2/23/2021, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Nathan Gabhart, Vice President, **Seconded by** Ron Arnold, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

COURTHOUSE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN-HONORABLE JUDGE SMITH & HONORABLE JUDGE SOBECKI

The Honorable Judge Smith, Daviness County Circuit Court, and the Honorable Judge Sobecki, Daviness County Superior Court, presented a letter to the Commissioners regarding a Courthouse Comprehensive Plan for the upcoming Courthouse renovations. This letter address some of the logistic and security issues the Judge's would like to be addressed during the renovations. Nathan Gabhart, Daviness County Commissioner, suggested a planning committee be formed to review and discuss the courthouse renovation. The Planning Committee will consist of Commissioner Michael Taylor, Commissioner Ron Arnold, a Council member (to be determined), Prosecutor Dan Murrie, Judge Smith, Judge Sobecki, and Clerk Janice Williams. The purpose of this committee is to keep communications open, discuss logistics and phases, find the best design, and get the best prices for this project. **Document**

HIGHWAY

HIGHWAY MEETING

There was no highway meeting for 3/9/2021. **Document**

900 E LPA VOUCHER AND UPDATE

Phil Cornelius, Daviness County Highway Supervisor, presented the Commissioners with two LPA claim vouchers for the CR 900E project. The first LPA claim voucher is for Preliminary Engineering for Cannelburg Road phase 4. The claim voucher is in the amount of \$4,565.00 with 80% reimbursable at \$3,652.00. The second LPA claim voucher Mr. Cornelius presented to Commissioners is for the Right of

Way Services Phase 4 of Cannelburg Road. This claim voucher is in the amount of \$7,637.72 with 80% reimbursable at \$6,110.18. Mr. Cornelius presented both LPA claim voucher to Commissioners for a single signature. Document Document

Motion: Approve both LPA claim vouchers for CR Cannelburg Road 900E. The first claim voucher for Preliminary Engineering at \$4,565.00 with 80% reimbursable at \$3,652.00 and the second claim voucher for \$7,637.72 with 80% reimbursable at \$6,110.18, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Nathan Gabhart, Vice President, **Seconded by** Ron Arnold, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

PROJECT UPDATES

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, came before the Commissioners with Highway Department project updates. Working on replacing some culvert pipes. The two multi-plate arch structures have come in, one of those are now assembled, and hoping to get these replaced in the next couple of weeks just west of Troy Road. The second structure will be installed west of Edwardsport Road on 400 N. This week the Highway Department is replacing a couple culverts that need replaced due to the freeze and thaw. Worked on 300 W regarding the detour route preparing for the bridge construction. The bridge on Clark Road will be closed the beginning of April 2021.

BRIDGE 155 CONTRACT

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, presented Commissioners with a Lochmueller Group contract for the replacement of bridge 155 in Montgomery. This contract is for bridge and road design plans, survey, geotechnical, project management, railroad coordination, utility coordination, and construction phase services for Bridge 155 replacement over CSX Railroad in Montgomery. The amount of this contract is \$260,575.00 to be paid for Cum Bridge 1135-0532-61550. Document

Motion: Approve the Lochmueller Group contract for \$260,575.00 to be paid from Cum Bridge 1135-0532-61550, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Nathan Gabhart, Vice President, **Seconded by** Ron Arnold, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

LOAD LIMIT LIFTED

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, notified the Commissioners of the lift of the ten ton load limit on county roads. Mr. Cornelius asked businesses with heavy trucks to try to continue to use the direct routes. He also thanked everyone for their cooperation to protect the county roads.

HIGHWAY TRASH SERVICE

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, stated he received a quote for Republic. Mr. Cornelius stated he will reach out to Velpen to get a quote as well.

Ron Arnold, Daviess County Commissioner, asked if it was possible for the Highway department get paid for the inclement weather day as the county employees were. Auditor Ball stated that she will clarify the policy and get that to Commissioners and Mr. Cornelius.

BOARD OF HEALTH RESIGNATION & APPOINTMENT

The Daviess County Board of Health received a resignation letter from Mark Arnold for his appointment on the board. Document

Motion: Approve the resignation of Mark Arnold to the Board of Health, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Nathan Gabhart, Vice President, **Seconded by** Ron Arnold, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

The Daviess County Board of Health presented the Commissioners with a recommendation for Christopher Banks to be appointed to the Board of Health. Document

Motion: Approve appointment of Christopher Banks to the Board of Health, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Nathan Gabhart, Vice President, **Seconded by** Ron Arnold, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

WHERE TECHNOLOGY HAPPENS (WTH) AGREEMENT-DENNY EATON, ASSESSOR

Denny Eaton, Daviess County Assessor, came before the Commissioners with the Where Technology Happens (WTH) agreement. WTH does the electronic map data which provides land information updates for Daviess County. A fee of \$750.00 for a one-time delivery of available and disclosable countywide non-photo electronic map data layers. WTH retains \$500.00 and \$250.00 comes back to the county for the use of GIS Data. Document

Motion: Approve the Where Technology Happens Agreement for \$750.00, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Nathan Gabhart, Vice President, **Seconded by** Ron Arnold, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES

Denny Eaton, Daviess County Assessor, presented the Commissioners with a Petition for cancellation of property taxes on property acquired by the county. The petition presented to Commissioners is regarding the property on 215 NE 4th Street (parcel number 14-10-27-403.010.000-017.) The Daviess County Auditor, Treasurer, and Assessor request that the property taxes due on this parcel be cancelled since it is now owned by Daviess County and transferred August 16, 2019. This action authorizes the cancellation of the property taxes, delinquencies, fees special assessments, and penalties by the county executive, so long as the property is owned by the county, township, a city, a town, or a body corporate and politic established under IC 8-10-5-2(a). Document

Motion: Approve cancellation of property taxes for 215 NE 4th Street, Washington IN (parcel number 14-10-27-403.010.000-017), **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Nathan Gabhart, Vice President, **Seconded by** Ron Arnold, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

LETTER OF COOPERATION FOR DAVIESS COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER-LIUS SANTIAGO, PURDUE EXTENSION

Luis Santiago, Purdue Extension, came before the Commissioners asking for authorization to use the Commissioners room for two days for a training. This would allow Naomi Bechtold, Luis Santiago, Esmeralda Cruz, and Jennifer Stefancik, Purdue University staff, access to conduct study related activities. There will be two separate focus groups conducted in Daviess County. Each focus group will be scheduled for 90 minutes, with 8-10 participants session. Mr. Santiago stated that as soon as he has the dates for these trainings he will let Commissioners know. Document

Motion: Approve the Letter of Cooperation for Daviess County Government Center for use of the Commissioners Chambers for the Purdue Extension office, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Nathan Gabhart, Vice President, **Seconded by** Ron Arnold, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

INCARCERATED OFFENDERS PROVIDER AGREEMENT-GARY ALLISON, SHERIFF

Gary Allison, Daviess County Sheriff, came before the Commissioners with the Incarcerated Offenders Provider Agreement. This agreement is between the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) and Daviess County. Adult and juvenile offenders may be eligible for Medicaid coverage as

offered through the FSSA's programs while receiving inpatient services during incarceration. Renewal will good through November 2023. Document

Motion: Approve Incarcerated Offender Provider Agreement, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Nathan Gabhart, Vice President, **Seconded by** Ron Arnold, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

BAKERTILLY CONSULTING SERVICES BUDGETS

Patty Ball, Daviess County Auditor, presented Commissioners with the BakerTilly Consulting Services Agreement. Bakertilly Consulting Services, provides budget consulting for the county. This service is used on an as needed bases for up to \$14,000.00 for consulting services. This is to be paid from Commissioners consultant fund line 1000-31600. Auditor Ball stated that Paige Sansone, CPA with Bakertilly, has been a great asset to the Auditors office in helping the county to be proactive and it is always good to have another set of eyes going over the budget. Document

Motion: Approve the contract for BakerTilly Consulting Services for the amount of up to \$14,000.00,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Nathan Gabhart, Vice President, **Seconded by** Ron Arnold, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

UNITED STATES CENSUS-TOM MCCRACKEN

Michael Taylor, Daviess County Commissioner, asked Tom McCracken to come forward for a presentation of a plaque, t-shirt, and certificate from the US Census Bureau for his valuable partnership and work he did with the census. Document

COUNTY CREDIT CARD POLICY REQUEST-PATTY BALL, AUDITOR

Patty Ball, Daviess County Auditor, stated the County Credit Card Policy Request has to do with the IT services and office 365 services. Dale Quakenbush, Daviess County IT Director, notified Auditor Ball of a need that may need to be addressed with amendment for additional credit cards to allow Office 365 for the Council and Commissioners on the iPad's. She has been working with Matt Meredith, Daviess County Council, and Mr. Meredith is looking into another option currently.

Motion: Table, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Nathan Gabhart, Vice President, **Seconded by** Ron Arnold, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

AT&T LINE ISSUES

Patty Ball, Daviess County Auditor, spoke regarding two phone lines with AT& T that the county is being billed for but the lines are unidentifiable. Auditor Ball has been working with Scott Schnarr, Daviess County Maintenance Supervisor, Gary Allison, Daviess County Sheriff, and Dale Quakenbush, Daviess County IT Director, and these two phone lines remain a mystery. The lines are being billed without contract pricing making them over \$400.00 a month per line. Auditor Ball directed AT&T to disconnect service/billing but ask that the Commissioners to consider authorizing to locate these lines. For AT&T to locate these lines it will cost approximately \$80.00. Once the lines are located the Commissioners will reevaluate if the lines are needed.

Motion: Approve to pay AT&T the \$80.00 service fee to locate two phone lines **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Nathan Gabhart, Vice President, **Seconded by** Ron Arnold, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION

INDOT I-69 EROSION REPAIR

PAYROLL DOCKET 3/12/2021

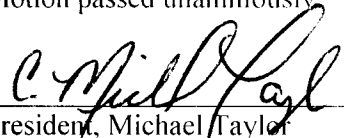
Motion: Approve payroll dockets. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Nathan Gabhart, Vice President, **Seconded by** Ron Arnold, Secretary.
Motion passed unanimously.

CLAIMS DOCKET 3/12/2021, 2/23/2021 Utility, & 3/12/2021 AT&T

Motion: Approve claim dockets. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Nathan Gabhart, Vice President, **Seconded by** Ron Arnold, Secretary.
Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

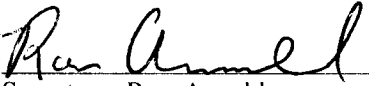
Motion: Approve to adjourn. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Nathan Gabhart, Vice President, **Seconded by** Ron Arnold, Secretary.
Motion passed unanimously.



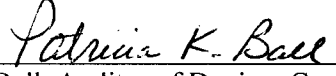
President, Michael Taylor

Absent

Vice President, Nathan Gabhart



Secretary, Ron Arnold

ATTEST: 

Patricia K. Ball, Auditor of Daviess County