

**DAVIESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

**Daviess County Commissioners Room, Daviess County Government Center
Washington, Indiana**

The Daviess County Commissioners met Tuesday October 26, 2021, at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Room of the Daviess County Government Center.

Roll Call.

Present: Michael Taylor, President, Ron Arnold, Secretary.

Absent: Nathan Gabhart, Vice President

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

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Motion: Approve, **Action:** Approve minutes as presented, **Moved by** Ron Arnold, Secretary, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, President.

Motion passed unanimously.

HIGHWAY

HIGHWAY MEETING

Michael Taylor, Daviess County Commissioner President, stated that there was a Highway meeting at the Daviess County Highway Department this morning 10/26/2021 at 7:30 AM. Chris Winkler, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, Ron Arnold, Daviess County Commissioner, and Michael Taylor, Daviess County Commissioner were present for the meeting. General matters that were discussed were Farbest Road Improvement, 5 Year Road Improvement Plan, General Road Maintenance, 700 N Tiling, and 750 N Cost Share. **Document**

PROJECT UPDATES

Chris Winkler, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, came before the Commissioners with a few Highway Department project updates. On Cannelburg Road they are finished setting the arch structure that is replacing the bridge just north of Cannelburg. Next there will be subgrade treatment done around the arch structure. The cement stabilization will start next week north of 200 N to stabilize that area. After the cement stabilization is complete, with weather permitting there will be gravel added to that section. Once the gravel has been placed the next step will be paving operations. The paving operation is anticipated to start in mid-November as long as the weather cooperates.

2022 ANNUAL BIDS

Chris Winkler, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, and Patty Ball, Daviess County Auditor, opened sealed bids that were submitted for the 2022 Highway Annual bids. The sealed bids were for the Daviess County Highway Department for supplies, materials, and work for the maintenance of equipment, roads, and bridges for the year 2022. All bids are taken under advisement at this time. Fifteen bids total were submitted. **Document**

1. US Aggregate-Bid Bond
2. JJ's Concrete Construction, LLC-Cashier's Check

3. Rejuvtec, Inc.-Bid Bond
4. J Kemp, Inc.-Cashier's Check
5. Great Lakes Chloride, Inc.- Bid Bond
6. Busler Enterprises-check on file
7. Jones and Sons, Inc.-Cashier's Check
8. Asphalt Materials, Inc.-Bid Bond
9. Rogers Group, Inc.- Bid Bond
10. Calcar Paving-Bid Bond
11. Cave Quarries, Inc.-Bid Bond
12. Civil Supply-Bid Bond
13. E&B Paving, LLC-No check on file-No bid bond (This will be pulled)
14. Milestone-Bid Bond
15. Civilcon-Bid Bond

Motion: Approve, **Action:** To take bids under advisement, **Moved by** Ron Arnold, Secretary, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, President.
Motion passed unanimously.

JANSSEN AND SPAANS ENGINEERING-LEO RUMSCHLAG

Leo Rumschlag, Senior Project Manager with Janssen and Spaans Engineering, Inc., came before the Commissioners to introduce the engineering company regarding bridge and road design, and bridge and road inspection for the highway department. Mr. Rumschlag stated he is asking Commissioners for consideration with Daviess County Highway projects. **Document**

HEALTH DEPARTMENT LHD WORKFORCE GRANT-KELLIE STREETER

Kellie Streeter, Daviess County Health Department Administrator, came before the Commissioners regarding the Health Department LHD (Local Health Department) Workforce grant. This grant is to sustain/hire staffing at the health department to support COVID-19 programs and school-based health programs. Daviess County will receive \$220,000.00 per year for 2 years beginning in 2022 with this grant. The LHD COVID-19 Response Workforce Supplemental funding requirements are based on population tier, the IDOH (Indiana Department of Health) will provide funding to hire additional staff (minimum 1-maximum 7) to support continued COVID-19 response efforts in k-12 schools within the jurisdiction. The initial grant will be one year in length with the option to extend an additional year for a total of two years. Required Deliverables: 1. Hire COVID-19 School Liaison personnel 2. Ensure all schools in the jurisdiction are reporting in the K-12 IDOH School Portal on a weekly basis (while in session). 3. Complete School Public Health Needs Assessment for each School District within 60 days of contract execution.

Currently the Daviess County Health Department is handling the workforce. Ms. Streeter stated that they are considering the current three healthcare nurses on staff and dedicate each of them to a specific school district and make them the school liaison nurses. There would be additional salaries involved under this grant proposal. From the yearly grant money of \$220,000.00 a year they are looking to use \$120,000.00 in salaries with \$40,000.00 in benefits, and the remaining \$60,000.00 in equipment and supplies.

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The Health Department would like to request for the Health Department to remain open on Veterans Day 11/11/2021, which is a county holiday to help with distributing vaccines. COVID-19 testing has been steady in the Health Department and the third dose of the vaccine has kept them very busy. Remaining open on 11/11/2021 would enable the Health Department to distribute vaccines and boosters with less

traffic and allow people that have Veterans Day off to come into the Health Department for vaccines. They will use grant money to compensate employee salaries for that day.

Motion: Approve, **Action:** Approve the Local Health Department Workforce grant in the amount of \$220,000 per year for the next two years starting in 2022. Also approve for the Health Department to stay open and work on 11/11/2021, Veterans Day, for COVID-19 vaccinations, **Moved by** Ron Arnold, Secretary, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, President.

Motion passed unanimously.

UMR COVID-19 COST SHARE WAIVER UPDATE

On October 15, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services extended the national public health emergency. As a result, UMR is extending the initial end date for cost share waiver and other COVID-19 benefit options to the date of service January 15, 2022.

Motion: Approve, **Action:** Approve UMR COVID-19 Cost Share Waiver end date extension of January 15, 2022, **Moved by** Ron Arnold, Secretary, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, President.

Motion passed unanimously.

DAVIESS COUNTY UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

Patty Ball, Daviess County Auditor, spoke for Jamie Chapman, Daviess County Treasurer and head of the United Way Campaign for Daviess County employees, to request permission from Commissioners to move ahead with the Daviess County United Way campaign. Jamie Chapman, Rosetta Newton, Emily Burton, and Brenda Parsons are co-chairing this campaign which will start October 28, 2021 and run through November 30, 2021. **Document**

Motion: Approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ron Arnold, Secretary, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, President.

Motion passed unanimously.

IMAGING OFFICE SYSTEMS CONTRACT-JANICE WILLIAMS

Janice Williams, Daviess County Clerk, presented the Commissioners with a contract from Imaging Office Systems. This is an annual contract for the hardware maintenance support and microfilm scanner. The contract is in the amount of \$1000.00. This amount did go up \$25.00 from the previous year.

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Motion: Approve, **Action:** Approve the contract for Imaging Office Systems in the amount of \$1,000.00, **Moved by** Ron Arnold, Secretary, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, President.

Motion passed unanimously.

2022 APPROVED CHARITABLE DONATION AMOUNTS

Motion: Table until the November 9, 2021 Commissioners meeting, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Ron Arnold, Secretary, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, President.

Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Ray Peyton, Daviess County citizen, came before the Commissioners with concerns of a dog problem in his neighborhood in Veale Township. Mr. Peyton stated he has a neighbor that has a dog kennel next to his house that is loud all hours of the day and night. His neighbor is within 500 feet of his house and has over 15 dogs. He has spoken personally to the neighbor about the issue, and it seemed to make the situation worse. The Sheriff Department was asked to speak to the neighbor, and they talked to the neighbor but there is no ordinance due to this residence being outside of the city limits so the Sheriff Department cannot enforce anything. Commissioners agreed that they see the quality-of-life issues and

they will have the County Attorney, Grant Swartzentruber, look into a possible Ordinance to address this issue.

Micah Manning, Daviess County citizen, came before the Commissioners regarding a road problem on Alexander Hill Road. She is asking to have this possibly widened and blacktopped. The road is approximately 0.6 miles. Ms. Manning stated there is a lot of elderly that have residence on this road and the road is very narrow and dangerous. Currently this road is a gravel road, and it is muddy during certain weather conditions. Ms. Manning previously provided a petition to the Highway Department with the area residents' signatures. Chris Winkler, Highway Department Supervisor, stated that he did receive the petition and stated the reason the road is narrow is due to the right of way with property owners along the way. Commissioners asked Highway Supervisor Chris Winkler to get a plan of what is needed to make this road safe. Mr. Winkler stated that he drove this road to look into what could possibly be done and is currently looking into what they can do help the road condition. Commissioner Michael Taylor stated that Commissioners and Mr. Winkler could possibly have a meeting with the residents on this road regarding easements and cost share.

Gary Allison, Daviess County Sheriff, stated that panic buttons were installed in the Government Center and Courthouse this week. The connection for Community Corrections to have working buttons does not reach, so they are looking into hardware to add to the system to have them connected as well.

PAYROLL DOCKET 10/22/2021

Motion: Approve, **Action:** Approve payroll docket, **Moved by** Ron Arnold, Secretary, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, President.
Motion passed unanimously.

CLAIMS DOCKET 10/29/2021, UTILITYS 10/12/2021 & 10/21/2021, COURT 11/1/2021, HIGHWAY 11/1/2021

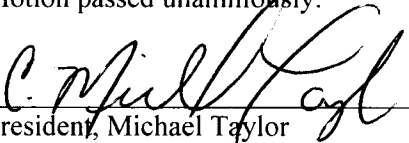
Motion: Approve, **Action:** Approve claims docket, **Moved by** Ron Arnold, Secretary, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, President.
Motion passed unanimously.

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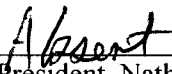
- a. **DAVISS COUNTY BOARD OF AVIATION COMMISSIONERS 9/9/2021 MINUTES & 10/14/2021 MONTHLY MANAGER'S REPORT**
- b. **DAVISS-MARTIN JOINT COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD 9/14/2021**

ADJOURN


Motion: Approve to adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Ron Arnold, Secretary, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, President.
Motion passed unanimously.



President, Michael Taylor



Vice President, Nathan Gabhart



Secretary, Ron Arnold

ATTEST: 

Patricia K. Ball, Auditor of Daviess County