

**DAVIESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, December 14, 2021
Daviness County Commissioners Room, Daviness County Government Center
Washington, Indiana**

The Daviess County Commissioners met Tuesday December 14, 2021, at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Room of the Daviess County Government Center.

Roll Call.

Present: Nathan Gabhart, Vice President, Ron Arnold, Secretary.

Absent: Michael Taylor, President.

Doug Wadsworth with New Hope Christian Church gave the opening prayer.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Diana Snyder, Daviess County Community Corrections Director, came before the Commissioners with a request to replace security cameras and system at the Community Corrections building. Currently the security cameras have been out since September 2021. Ms. Snyder stated that IT Director Dale Quakenbush estimated the cost to replace the security system to be approximately \$300.00-\$400.00. Also, the water heater needs replaced in the Community Corrections building. The water heater has been out for a while. The last item Ms. Snyder requested from the Commissioners is assistance in paying for the licensing fee for the Office 365 program. In the budget early this year Community Corrections requested to get the Microsoft Office 365 program and was denied at that time but today she is asking the Commissioners to reconsider to help assist in paying for Community Corrections to have this and be updated to the same system as the rest of the county. A total of ten computers would need this installed at \$2,460.04. The Honorable Judge Greg Smith, Daviess County Circuit Court Judge, spoke on behalf of Community Corrections stating that Community Corrections is all grant funded. There isn't funding allocated or budgeted from the County General fund for these items. Community Corrections uses the money from work release program and with COVID individuals are unable to participate in the work release program and therefore that program does not have the funds to cover these items. The Commissioners approve to pay for the security cameras and water heater. The Commissioners agree to cover 6 months of licensing for the Microsoft Office 365 program and Community Corrections will continue to look at variables to keep self-sustaining this payment after the initial 6 months payment.

Motion: Approve the security cameras and the hot water heater to be funded out of the Commissioners' building fund and approve to fund 6 months of Microsoft Office 365 licensing for Community Corrections out of a fund chosen by the Council, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ron Arnold, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.

STATEHOUSE CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENT

Patty Ball, Daviess County Auditor, acknowledged and thanked Cindy Barber, Daviess County Purdue Extension Community Development Educator, Mrs. Peachee, Washington Community Schools Art Teacher, and Mr. Fuhrman, Project Lead the Way teacher at Washington Community High School, and Luis Santiago, Daviess County Purdue Extension Director, for making and delivering the Daviess County ornament for the State tree. Mrs. Jennifer Peachee & Mr. Joe Furman made the beautiful Daviess County ornament for the Indiana Statehouse Christmas tree. The First Lady's theme for 2021 is "92 reasons to

Celebrate”, focusing on the 92 counties featuring the places, people, or something special about each county to be highlighted. The Commissioners thanked them all for representing the county well and delivering this ornament on behalf of Daviess County

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Motion: Approve, **Action:** Approve minutes as presented, **Moved by** Ron Arnold, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, Vice President.
Motion passed unanimously.

NOTICE OF ASPHALT BIDS 2021-2022

Chris Winkler, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, read the 2021-2022 Notice of Receiving Bids for Asphalt. Notice is hereby given that the Board of Daviess County Commissioners will receive sealed bids for paving various county roads. Bids will be accepted until 8:30 A.M. E.D.S.T., December 28, 2021, at the Daviess County Auditor’s Office, located at 300 E Hefron St, Washington IN 47501. Bids will be opened, during the scheduled Commissioners’ Meeting, on December 28, 2021, in the Commissioners’ room, Daviess County Government Center, Washington IN. Bid opening will also be streamed live via Daviess County’s YouTube channel. See the link to view online at daviess.org. **Document**

HIGHWAY

HIGHWAY MEETING

No Highway meeting.

LPA CLAIM VOUCHERS

Chris Winkler, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, presented the Commissioners with three LPA Claim Vouchers. The first LPA claim voucher from Lochmueller is for Construction Engineering, Construction Inspection on Cannelburg Road Phase 4 & 5 in the amount of \$37,882.37 with 80% reimbursable at \$30,305.90. The second LPA claim voucher from Lochmueller is for Construction Engineering, Construction Inspection on Cannelburg Road phase 4 & 5 bridge #134 in the amount of \$15,958.18 with 80% reimbursable at \$12,766.54. The third LPA claim voucher is from SJCA for Preliminary Engineering, County wide bridge inspection & reinspection of bridges phase 2 in the amount of \$1,945.96 with 80% reimbursable at \$1,556.77. **Document Document Document**

Motion: Approve all 3 claim vouchers. LPA claim voucher from Lochmueller is for Construction Engineering, Construction Inspection on Cannelburg Road Phase 4 & 5 in the amount of \$37,882.37 with 80% reimbursable at \$30,305.90. LPA claim voucher from Lochmueller for Construction Engineering, Construction Inspection on Cannelburg Road phase 4 & 5 bridge #134 in the amount of \$15,958.18 with 80% reimbursable at \$12,766.54. LPA claim voucher is from SJCA for Preliminary Engineering, County wide bridge inspection & reinspection of bridges phase 2 in the amount of \$1,945.96 with 80% reimbursable at \$1,556.77., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ron Arnold, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, Vice President.
Motion passed unanimously.

DAVIESS COUNTY ASSET MANAGEMENT APPROVAL LETTERS

Chris Winkler, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, presented the Commissioners with two Daviess County Asset Management Approval Letters. One approval letter for the 2021 Pavement Asset Management Plan and the other approval letter was for 2021 Bridge Asset Management Plan. Daviess County submitted Asset Management Plans and has met all the criteria required from the INDOT (Indiana

Department Of transportation.) This approval letter is for use for the 2022 Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG) Program's application. **Document**

GUTTER BIDS FOR HIGHWAY GARAGE

Chris Winkler, Daviess County Highway Department Supervisor, presented the Commissioners with three bids for guttering on the Highway Department Garage. The current guttering has rotted away and needs to be replaced. The lowest bid received was from Knepp's Aluminum, LLC at \$2,450.00.

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Motion: Approve, **Action:** Approve Knepp's Aluminum, LLC to replace the guttering at the Highway Department Garage in the amount of \$2,450.00, **Moved by** Ron Arnold, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.

PROJECT UPDATES

Chris Winkler, Daviess County Highway Department Supervisor, came before the Commissioners with project updates. The Cannelburg road project is still on hold as stated in the last meeting.

A project slated for 2022 is the 4-H parking lot. At the July 9, 2019, Commissioners meeting the 4-H came before the Commissioners and started discussions on the county's assistance on the expansion and paving of the 4-H parking lot area. Initially it was estimated for this paving project to cost \$80,000.00 and to do a thin layer surface over the base. The base is not sufficient currently, there needs to be a base of 2 inches added and asphalt over the top of that for two parking lot areas. The update on the total cost of this project is \$120,000.00 for material. Mr. Winkler stated it will be cheaper to do both parking lots at the same time while they are there instead of coming back later for the second parking and working on it at two separate times. This project would take approximately one week to complete. This would cost approximately \$18,000.00 in labor and the equipment would cost approximately \$50,000.00. This would be the total cost of \$180,000.00 to complete this project entirely. Commissioner Nathan Gabhart stated that the City of Washington, the Daviess County Economic Foundation and the County have all verbally agreed to split the \$120,000.00 cost. Commissioner Ron Arnold stated that the cost for the labor and equipment needs to be figured out. Mr. Winkler suggested Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney possibly drawing up an agreement since this project is inside the county to give permission to use the equipment or the equipment has to be charged to the county. The county would still have the labor bill that has not been addressed on being split between the County, Daviess County Economic Foundation and the County. Commissioner Nathan Gabhart suggested going back to the 4-H board asking them to pay for \$18,000.00 in labor since the rest will be covered. Commissioners agreed that they support the project it is just a matter of getting the details completed before starting the project. Commissioners asked County Attorney Grant Swartzentruber to get Commissioners an answer on whether the equipment has to be billed out.

The West Boggs paving project is complete. Mr. Winkler stated that he has the check and dropping it off at the Auditors Office for the West Boggs portion they agreed to pay. Commissioners stated there was positive feedback with this project and commended the Highway Department on a good job.

FARM LEASE #3

Invitation for bids for farm lease #3. Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, stated that this will go out this week. There are no changes to the lease.

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Motion: Approve Farm Lease #3 advertisement for bid to be awarded at the December 28, 2021, Commissioner's meeting, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ron Arnold, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, Vice President.
Motion passed unanimously.

2022 BUGGY FEES

Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, stated that the Buggy plate fees were put in place to create a process and apply fees to offset the damages to the county roads, created by horse and buggy use. Commissioner Gabhart stated that the Commissioners meet annually with the Amish Committee to discuss and explain fees. The Commissioners are set to meet with the Amish Committee to go over cost and expense in January 2022. Due to the meeting being after the deadline for the 2022 fee to apply Commissioners agree to keep the buggy plate fees the same at \$75.00 for 2022. When Commissioners and the Amish Committee meet in January 2022, they will discuss the rates for 2023.

Motion: Keep the buggy plate fee the same for 2022 at \$75.00, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ron Arnold, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, Vice President.
Motion passed unanimously.

RTC COMMUNICATIONS-LETTER OF SUPPORT

RTC Communications, is seeking support for the Indiana Next Level Connection III broadband grant program application. This grant is to help support rural fiber application in this highly competitive grant. This letter of support would provide an opportunity to express confidence in RTC Communications in their commitment to high-quality broadband infrastructure in the Daviess County rural community.

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Motion: Approve, **Action:** Approve RTC Communications Letter of Support, **Moved by** Ron Arnold, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, Vice President.
Motion passed unanimously.

CENTRAL DISPATCH ORDINANCE

Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, presented an Ordinance to Establish and Operate a Central Dispatch in Daviess County. Mr. Swartzentruber stated that item #4 on the ordinance is in question. Julie Berry, Central Dispatch Coordinator, stated that some dispatch employees have some concerns with insurance to cover the gaps in coverage when they transfer from a City of Washington employee to a Daviess County employee on the Central Dispatch. There are four employees transferring that are from the City of Washington dispatch. Ms. Berry stated she has concerns especially with COVID with her employees going without coverage and taking that risk with the gap in coverage while switching over for the county's coverage. Commissioner Gabhart stated the Central Dispatch Committee is meeting this afternoon and will go over some of these details but would like for it to not hold up progress and moving forward. The Commissioners request on item #4 of the ordinance for it to be changed from shall to may. "The County shall credit the employees with the number of years worked for the City and such employees may carry over unused vacation and sick days but shall thereafter receive benefits and salary offered by Daviess County and shall abide by all personnel policies of the County." Commissioners and County Attorney will confirm with the City of Washington to ensure this is what they would like as well.

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Motion: Approve the Ordinance to Establish and Operate a Central Dispatch in Daviess County as amended., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ron Arnold, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, Vice President.
Motion passed unanimously.

CENTRAL DISPATCH CREDIT CARD

Julie Berry, Central Dispatch Coordinator, requested credit cards for the Central Dispatch staff. Commissioner Nathan Gabhart stated that typically credit cards are for department heads. Ms. Berry stated that the credit card would be used for meals and hotels while on travel for trainings. Commissioner Gabhart suggested to wait to give Central Dispatch staff beside Ms. Berry to see how often it is needed for other staff members. If it is a quarterly occurrence that staff is needing credit cards for training, then it might be useful to have more but to start with have Julie Berry be the card holder. Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, will amend the resolution to include Julie Berry as a credit card holder.

Motion: Approve Central Dispatch credit card, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ron Arnold, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.

DAVIESS COUNTY ATTORNEY CONTRACT

Daviess County Commissioners would like to table this today and bring it back to the December 28, 2021, Commissioner's meeting.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

14 BOND ISSUE

Daviess County Commissioners would like to table this item until Commissioner Michael Taylor can be present at the meeting. Table this until the December 28, 2021, Commissioner's meeting.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Ron Arnold, Daviess County Commissioner, requested an Executive Session set regarding the GPC Bond. Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney and Patty Ball, Daviess County Auditor, will get the Executive Session set up.

DAVIESS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT

Daviess County Commissioners would like to table this item until Commissioner Michael Taylor can be present at the meeting. Table this until the December 28, 2021, Commissioner's meeting.

Motion: Table and move to December 28, 2021, Commissioner meeting, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Ron Arnold, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.

WHITE RIVER ALLIANCE

Ron Arnold, Daviess County Commissioner, stated that Darin Holder, Daviess County Council, has agreed to be on the White River Military Alliance board.

Motion: Approve Darin Holder for the White River Military Alliance board, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ron Arnold, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.

NACo LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Patty Ball, Daviess County Auditor, stated that she completed the NACo Leadership Academy last year. The NACo High Performance Leadership Academy is a flexible, 100% online program that focuses on essential leadership skill development for leaders and high-potentials-Anyone that wants be a more

effective leader for their team, county, and community. The Daviess County price is \$1,645.00 per participant. Auditor Patty Ball stated she was able to obtain a scholarship for her session last year which did not cost the county anything. Auditor Ball also stated that this program is a several hours a week commitment. Commissioner Ron Arnold suggested sending out an email to see if there were any county employees that would have any interest in this program. If there is interest Commissioners will evaluate based off the interest shown.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT REGISTRATION

Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, presented the Commissioners with a Settlement Overview to local political subdivisions: Important Information About the National Opioid Settlement. Subdivisions Must Submit Signed Documentation to Participate. The deadline for participation to maximize settlement benefits is January 2, 2022. "Two proposed nationwide settlement agreements ("Settlements") have been reached that would resolve all opioid litigation brought by states and local political subdivisions against three large pharmaceutical distributors, McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen ("Distributors"), and one manufacturer, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and its parent company Johnson & Johnson. The Settlements require the Distributors and Janssen to pay billions of dollars to abate the opioid epidemic." In the past the Daviess County did not participate in this lawsuit but there is now a settlement, and the money has been awarded. Daviess County now has to decide whether the county will participate in this settlement. Mr. Swartzentruber advises that the county participate in this settlement. Document

Motion: Approve for Daviess County to participate in the National Opioid Settlement, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ron Arnold, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, Vice President.
Motion passed unanimously.

PAYROLL DOCKET 12/3/2021 & 12/17/2021

Motion: , **Action:** Approve Payroll Docket as presented, **Moved by** Ron Arnold, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, Vice President.
Motion passed unanimously.

CLAIMS DOCKET 11/19/2021, 11/30/2021, 11/30/2021 Utility, 12/3/2021, 12/7/2021, & 12/14/2021, 12/17/2021

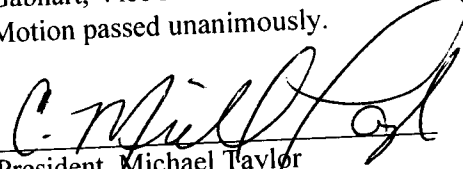
Motion: , **Action:** Approve Claims Docket as presented, **Moved by** Ron Arnold, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, Vice President.
Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION


a. CFO/CAFO APPLICATION-BROODER HUB-CR 1400N & STATE ROAD 58

ADJOURN


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



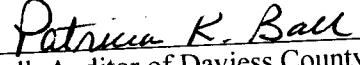
President, Michael Taylor



Secretary, Ron Arnold



Vice President, Nathan Gabhart

ATTEST: 

Patricia K. Ball, Auditor of Daviess County