

Proceedings of the Regular Meeting

Clark County

October 18, 2019

The regular meeting of the County Board met October 18, 2019 at 8:00 A.M. and was called to Order by Chairman John Hammond. County Clerk Laura Lee led the pledge of allegiance. Bill Brown also said a prayer prior to the meeting.

ROLL CALL	8:00 A.M.
Rex Goble	District #1
Mike Brandenburg	District #2
Jim Bolin	District #3
John Hammond	District #4
Susan Guinnip	District #5
Todd Kuhn	District #6
Mike Parsons	District #7

The Clark County 4H presented the County Board with cupcakes and cookies. Junior Sarah Smallwood – Federation President talked about opportunities that 4-H has given her. She has been able to go to Conferences across the states, including Washington D.C. Member Aydan Wood told the board about going to camp at University of Illinois. Cartha Gustafson told the Board that they ended the year with 312 4-Her's. In the 20 years she has been with the Extension Office, this is one of the top years for students in 4-H. The group was accompanied by Cartha Gustafson and Susan Sloop – Youth Education Coordinator.

Motion by Mike Brandenburg and second by Rex Goble to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2019 Regular Board Meeting. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Susan Guinnip to approve the General Claims. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". With the exception of District #3 Board Member Jim Bolin who abstained. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Motion by Rex Goble and second by Mike Parsons to approve the County Highway Claims. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". With the exception of District #3 Board Member Jim Bolin who abstained. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

County Highway Engineer, Dallas Richardson, proceeded through his agenda. The HSIP Clarksville Road and Angling Road Projects are moving along in the right of way phase. Landowners that are affected by this project had letters sent to them. Either right of way or an easement will need to be completed. The Johnson and Casey Township Bridges are complete. Dirt work is done and has been seeded. The Johnson township bridge is still waiting on a power pole to be moved so a pipe can be installed. Pay estimates are complete and are working on close out. There is an Engineering Agreement Addendum for both the Casey and Johnson Township Bridge Project. HLR did the staking for the consultant and helped with the construction. They ended up doing a little more than what was estimated. The pay estimate went from \$6600 to \$8800. Dallas is asking for an Engineering Resolution Addendum for that project.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Mike Brandenburg voting to execute Addendum No. 1 to the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement Casey Township Section #19-03122-00-BR. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted. (See attached).

Highway Discussion continued: Hogue Town Project is moving forward. Dallas reported that for the Marshall Township Bridge project, he had to get "bat" Certified. The Indiana Bat is becoming endangered and if a bat can make habitat within 1000 feet of the structure you have to check on any habitat. 2019 Oil and Chip is completed. Mowing has started. Dallas said they are doing it a little differently this year. Started at Zion/Lower Park because by the time spring gets here it is too wet to mow. Black top will be made as soon as they can get to it. It is on their priority list. Dennison Road – Railroad crossing will be meeting with them next week. Dallas gave the board a sheet on Matching Money. This is a running project list for about 2 ½ years. To keep these projects going we need to have match money. This money is already included in the budget. Dallas is asking that the Treasurer write the Highway Department a Check for \$150,000.00 for these matching funds.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Susan Guinnip to accept all Office Reports for September 20, 2019. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". With the exception of District #2 Board Member Mike Brandenburg who abstained. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted. (See attached).

New Business: Aimee Martin with CJ's Daily Bread a nonprofit organization located at the Wesleyan Church in Marshall. She explained to the Board that it has been on her heart to provide meals to "Couch Kids". There are about 30 kids that do not have a permanent home and need to get a hot meal. She approached the Wesleyan Church about this project to see if she would be allowed to use the Church's kitchen. After a small remodel she got State approval. Aimee just wants to give back to the community. CJ's Daily Bread is dependent on donations. She is asking small business's for support. Her goal is for no one to go hungry. Board member Jim Bolin told her to talk to the Health Department. They have grant money to feed kids during the summer. The Church opened their doors last Monday and had 14 people come in. Out of the 14 that came in, 5 hungry kids were fed. The Board gave approval to donate \$1000 to help out this year. Chairman John Hammond asked Aimee to come back next September during budget meetings to request more funds to be given.

Motion by Rex Goble and second by Todd Kuhn to approve giving CJ's Daily Bread \$1000 donation and to re-address a donation amount the next year during budget time. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

New Business: Judge Resch and States Attorney Kyle Hudson brought to Clerk Lee's attention that the Good Friday Resolution was only for one year. So a new Resolution was made to state "for each year hereafter".

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Mike Parsons to approve Good Friday Resolution for this year and each year hereafter. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

New Business continued: Ambulance Pay Increase and Cot Purchase. Jason Wimbley asked the board for approval to purchase 5 new cots. Jason had budgeted the project for \$220,000.00. He has talked with 2 vendors, Stryker and Ferno. Stryker gave a cost of \$190,384.60 and Ferno came in at \$168,334.54 the original bid and after a second demo found a feature with a locking mechanism for the wheels at \$171,564.94. The Ferno cots can hold up to 800 pounds; will charge in the ambulance as well. These cots can be installed onsite. The cots they have now are 11 to 12 years old. They still

operate and have no issues. Jason asked the board who they wanted to go with, he was ok with either. The board gave approval to go with Ferno.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Mike Brandenburg to approve the purchase of buying 5 new cots from Ferno in the amount of \$171,564.94. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted. (See attached).

New Business continued: Ambulance Salary pay increase. Jason Wimbley asked for an increases for the following; Driver / Probationary Employee: \$50 per run / \$2 per hour on call; EMT Basic \$60 per run / \$2 per hour on call; EMT 1: \$70 per run / \$2 per hour on call; and Paramedics/PHRN: \$75 per run / \$2 per hour on call.

Motion by Mike Brandenburg and second by Susan Guinnip to approve Ambulance pay increases for the following; Driver / Probationary Employee \$50 per run / \$2 per hour on call; EMT Basic \$60 per run / \$2 per hour on call; EMT 1 \$70 per run / \$2 per hour on call and Paramedics / PHRN \$75 per run / \$2 per hour on call. This increase is effective immediately. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Motion by Jim Bolin and second by Rex Goble to freeze the Supervisor of Assessments pay at \$55,000. Increase the Coroner's salary \$1,500 each year to \$26,000. Maintain the Circuit Clerk's Salary at \$51,000 for year 1 thru 3 and \$52,500 the 4th year. This new salary pay scale will start on December 1, 2020. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Susan Guinnip to approve Resolution Regarding Appellate Prosecutors Continued Services and Annual fee to \$8,000. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Tom Green with ENGIE North America talked to the Board regarding a solar farm being installed south of Darwin, close to the Wabash River. His company was in hopes that a resolution would be signed by the County in support of the solar farm. After much discussion, it was decided to table the vote for the resolution until the November 15, 2019 meeting. More information from ENGIE will be sent out to help in making a decision about the resolution.

Public Comment: Warren LeFever reported to the Board that the Census. The State is having issues with getting Census workers in Clark County. Warren mentioned that there is a P-Tax list with lots of sales and taxes are going up. LeFever mentioned banning of Marijuana sales in Clark County. He stated that other cities and towns have already voted about banning any sales.

Old Business: There was no Old Business.

Committee Reports: Todd Kuhn told the board that Hardwood Renovations will be finishing the inside of the offices on the first floor during the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Motion by Todd Kuhn and second by Mike Brandenburg to approve Preceding Bills for September 2019. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Carol Holbert- Gave her Tentative Draft Budget FY 2020. The General Fund as of right now has an excess of \$186,000.00. She reported that there should only be a reserve of 1.5 times the prior expenditures. Carol feels good with the budget and will get with Clerk Lee to have put in the newspaper.

Motion by Mike Parsons and second by Todd Kuhn to approve One Day and Mileage Claims. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Motion by Susan Guinnip and second by Rex Goble that the meeting be adjourned until November 15, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. The Chairman put the question and upon the roll being taken all members present voted "aye". Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion adopted. The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dallas Richardson - County Engineer; Lisa Richey - Supervisor of Assessments; Bill Brown- Clark County Sheriff's Office; Dallas Richardson - County Engineer; Michelle Blankenship - Chief Probation Officer; Nancy Macey- Clark County Treasurer; Ami Shaw – Circuit Clerk; Gary Strohm - Marshall Advocate; Warren LeFever - Marshall Alderman; Jeff Pearce – Coroner; Jason Wimbley - Clark County Ambulance; Peggy Mills – Resident; Sara Smallwood – 4-H; Aydan Wood – 4-H; Cartha Gustafson – Clark County Extension Office; Susan Sloop – 4-H Youth Education Coordinator; Bill Keeney – ENGIE North America; Tome Green - ENGIE North America; Brandon Gahman - ENGIE North America; Carol Holbert – Auditor.