

Owen County Commissioners
Meeting Minutes-March 21, 2022

Meeting was called to order by President Gary Burton.

Pledge of allegiance was said, and opening prayer was given by Sam Hobbs.

Present: Gary Burton, Bob Curry, and Dale Dubois. Also, Attorney Jim Bryan and Auditor Sheila Reeves.

Public sign in sheet will be attached for permanent record.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dale Dubois; seconded by Bob Curry. Motion carried 3-0.

A brief financial review from Mr. Bryan relating that all major county funds have a positive balance at this time. A short review of the historical funds in the red that will need to be resolved, and the current positive balances and projections can allow everyone stay the course.

A motion was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois to approve the Payroll Docket in the amount of \$218,905.70. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois to approve the Regular Claims Docket in the amount of \$218,706.48. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois to approve the Utilities Claims in the amount of \$11,619.56. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois to approve the Toshiba Claims in the total amount of \$2,628.50. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois to approve the Covid Claims in the amount of \$5360.00. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois to approve the CASA Claim in the amount of \$3333.33. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois to approve Visa#1 in the amount of \$1733.11. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Dale Dubois; seconded by Bob Curry to approve Visa#2 in the amount of \$1302.47. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois to approve Visa#3 in the amount of \$148.59. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois to approve Visa#4 in the amount of \$583.82. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois to approve Visa#5 in the amount of \$1003.01. Motion carried 3-0.

A copy of the Payroll Docket, Claims Docket, Out-of-Cycle Claims and Monthly Financial Reports were provided for review and attached for permanent record.

Old Business

Following discussion regarding the ARPA Plan Appropriations, a final list for employee premium pay was presented in the amount of \$296,571.50. All three Commissioners signed the copy presented and noted that employees had all received their checks.

The Maintenance Superintendent position had been previously offered to a candidate that has now decided not to take the position. A motion to offer the position to Joe Gray was made by Gary Burton; seconded by Bob Curry. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Burton will contact the applicant.

New Business

IU Health Representatives Ron Remak and Brittany Doering presented the Annual Medical Review costs. A brief review of the Executive Summary and claims breakdown was given that included premiums paid, per member/per month plan costs, medical utilization, PCP utilization and miscellaneous number of employees on voluntary life/AD&D and AFLAC Plans. In general, all areas had decreased costs, and some can be contributed to the Proactive Clinic use. The Healthy Results Program that provides employees pre-screening for various conditions/diseases/medical issues allowed the County to lock in their rates for two years. This will be a continued plan offered to help maintain the rates and help keep insurance premiums to a minimal low cost. The reports are attached for permanent record.

The next Medical Report was provided by Proactive MD representatives BJ Williams and Charles Harris. The 2021 Annual Report provided a breakdown of various measures to give an overall total of employees using the clinic, types of diagnosis, labs, and medications. Based on the Service Charges and Chronic Conditions Savings less program costs provided and overall Net Savings of \$11,720 for the County. Continued outreach and program awareness projects are to be implemented.

CASA Program update was tabled, pending additional information from Director Beth Eaton.

Sheriff Hobbs had nothing to present. Mr. Burton and Mr. Hobbs both related that Dan Zuerner would be presenting a new Jail Plan with three possible options at the April 18th Commissioner Meeting.

EMS Director Cris Lunsford had requested for a Resolution to declare worthless property. Mr. Bryan presented and read Resolution 2022-004 declaring a television set serial number 1609GTC000791A00892 worthless. A motion to approve was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Motion carried 3-0.

He next had requested to surplus two Blackhawk Porto-Power hand operated hydraulic spreaders and one 10000PSI hand operated hydraulic tool with RAM attachments. After discussion it was determined that this was equipment that the County Highway could use so there was no need to create the Ordinance.

Highway Superintendent Greg Melton, Rachel Whiting and Dakota Gibbs was present.

Lutz Road-Mr. Melton had been contacted regarding the conditions of the Road. No Public was present for comment. A copy of the call logs was provided for record.

Mr. Burton asked that a weekly work schedule be provided for the patching of roads. Ms. Whiting will provide the reports.

A citizens request to reduce the speed on Braysville Road from 45mph to 35mph had been received. It was agreed to have Mr. Bryan write the Ordinance and present at the next meeting.

Towing Bid Packets-

Only one Bid Packet had been received from Blands Wrecker Service for Towing per the required Request for Proposals per IC5-22-9-3 and IC5-22-9-5. Following discussion by members it was decided to table to allow further review was made by Gary Burton; seconded by Bob Curry. Motion carried 3-0.

Bid Packets for Bridge#16 had been received from E3Bridge LLC and CLR Inc. by the deadline date and time. Mr. Bryan reviewed the requirements necessary for the bidding process per IC36-1-12-4.

Bid Packet-E3Bridge was opened and read by Mr. Bryan relating that it did not have the proper Packet Information that was required for bidding. A Quote only in the amount of \$76500 for an alternative choice of repairs was given. Mr. Melton noted they were given exact requirements and it seems a little fishy with bid.

Bid Packet-CLR was opened and reviewed/read by Mr. Bryan. All documents that were required per the bid packet instructions were included. A total amount of the bid was in the amount of \$180,870.00. Following discussion, a motion to accept the Bid from CLR Inc. for Bridge#16 was made by Gary Burton; seconded by Bob Curry. Motion carried 2-1against/Mr. Dubois.

Lastly, Mr. Melton provided a statement regarding Claims and billing issues from last year explaining the reasons why things had/hadn't been submitted. Letter attached for record.

Health Department Bids review process was explained by Mr. Bryan. It was tabled for further review of requesting proper bid packets for the type of work, projects, and costs to meet proper Indiana Code.

Elected Officials-No comments.

Public Comments-None

Attorney Comments-

Mr. Bryan reviewed that Insurance Forms had been received for various areas and was requesting of members if they wanted him to put them in the personnel policy format and available for distribution at the next meeting. Mr. Burton would like to have the Company go to individual departments to review the requirements.

Auditor Comments-Nothing further.

Commissioner Comments-

Mr. Burton asked members to consider hiring an Appraisal Company to assess the values of County owned properties on SR43 and the Armory Building to put them up for sale. He feels that they are not utilizing space properly and costs could be cut if they were to consider alternatives. They are also reviewing the contract with Kathleen's Gymnastics. A motion to allow Mr. Burton to contact companies to look at options was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Burton added that two companies was required for the process. In addition, the property on SR43 would have a stipulation that it would have to be developed with housing in a couple of years so that the county would benefit from taxes that it would generate.

He further added that the health board has decided to choose outside space for renting/leasing on their own. This would allow for the moving of the Veterans Office and Maintenance to the current EMA Building and the EMA moving up front. They should move forward for the best interests of the county.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dale Dubois; seconded by Bob Curry. Carried 3-0.