

Owen County Board of Commissioners
Minutes-December 19, 2022

Meeting was called to order by President Gary Burton.

Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Board Members Present: Gary Burton, Bob Curry, and Joel Lowe.

Also, present Attorney Dana Kerr and Auditor Sheila Reeves.

Public Sign in sheet attached for permanent record.

A motion to approve the minutes from 12/05/22 was made by Curry; seconded by Lowe. Carried 3-0.

A motion to approve the minutes from 12/08/22 Highway Meeting was made by Curry; seconded by Lowe. Carried 3-0.

A copy of the LOW Monthly Financial Report for all Funds was provided for review.

A motion to approve the Claims Docket-\$375,232.82 was made by Curry; seconded by Lowe. Carried 3-0.

A motion to approve Payroll-\$238,936.85 was made by Curry; seconded by Lowe. Carried 3-0.

A motion to approve Out of Cycle Claims-\$22,330.53 was made by Lowe; seconded by Curry. Carried 3-0.

Burton related that they were going to take agenda out of order and add the appointment of Chad Van Rynn to the BZA Board. Motion made by Curry; seconded by Lowe. Carried 3-0.

Old Business

Ronda Stogsdill was present to discuss a proposal from BBP Water Corporation requesting Owen County ARPA Funds in the amount of \$250,000, which will also be matched by the Town of Spencer and BBP for Water Projects identified in letter. (attached) A motion to approve the request was made by Burton; seconded by Curry. Motion carried 3-0. BBP will present the request for approval to the County Council.

New Business

Sheriff Sam Hobbs gave a brief update on the progress on the Courthouse *Security* List of Requests made. Hobbs then noting this was also his last official meeting as Sheriff and intends to stay involved with the County and will be back. Commissioners thanked him for his service and wished him good luck and a Merry Christmas.

EMS Director Cris Lunsford presented the only Bid that had been received from Penn Care for a new Ambulance that contained three options. After reviewing the proposals, a motion was made by Burton; seconded by Curry to accept Option#1 at a cost of \$203,542. Carried 3-0.

He next presented a quote from Stryker Medical for a Defibrillator in the amount of \$34,590.45. After further review from Lunsford and recommended changes; A motion was made by Lowe; seconded by Curry to approve the purchase in the amount of \$25,068.50. Carried 3-0. Quote with changes is available for review.

David Meihls with ADA Consulting of Indiana, LLC had provided an On-Call ADA Facility Evaluations and Consultation Services that proposes to establish, create, and provide and ADA Transition Plan for the County ensuring all 13 points of compliance for Title II Entities and provide a Title VI Implementation Plan in an amount not to exceed Six Thousand Dollars. On call services, staff training with all departments with an estimated completion timeline of one and a half years. (Copy of the Contract Proposal available) At this time Sheila Reeves was named the ADA Compliance Coordinator. A motion to approve the proposal was made by Curry; seconded by Lowe. Carried 3-0. Curry asked is the Health and Soil & Water Buildings were included in the contract. Kerr is to look into them both.

Highway Department-Greg Melton and Chad Walker began by providing copies of the 2023 County Highway Annual Road Maintenance and Improvement Plan. (Copy available) The Plan was briefly reviewed and will be

signed at the next meeting. A motion to approve Mr. Melton's proposal as stated regarding the Hot/Cold Mix, Chip & Seal, and Asphalt Road Projects listed in the Plan was made by Curry; seconded by Lowe. Carried 3-0. An overview was given for the Community Crossings 2022 Awards will be resurfaced in 2023 for Fidler Road-tower to Combes, Concord Road, and Steubenville Road-Keith Road to State Road 246. 2023 Community Crossings Resurface will include Fidler Combes to Jones, Pea Ridge, and Beech Church from Denmark to State Road 157. Burton noting that other funds will be available to work on other roads. A motion to approve the 2023 Crossings Projects was made by Curry; seconded by Lowe. Carried 3-0.

Melton then noted that he is two short of having a full crew and has two out with serious illnesses. Burton and Lowe both wanted it acknowledged that funds were available, roads were getting better, district three/Lowe residents noticing the differences in improvements being made with Melton thanking them for support.

Melton then communicated that the Amish Community keeps growing and is asking for review of ordinances and enforcements pertaining to county roads. Attorney Kerr will look into other counties and possible options. He noted that they have Salt coming in today and sand in the barn. Wasatch Lake Road repairs were due to start, and Franklin Road is progressing.

2023 Materials Bids- A motion to accept all bids for Category#6 was made by Lowe; seconded by Curry. Carried 3-0. A motion to accept all bids for Category#2 was made by Curry; seconded by Lowe. Carried 3-0. A motion to accept bids presented for Categories #3 & #4 was made by Lowe; seconded by Curry. Carried 3-0. Categories #5 & #6 from Co-Alliance were already accepted at the previous meeting.

Auditor Meeting Recording System was tabled to make sure the proposed system program was compatible with the current IT System and YouTube recording system.

Mr. Kerr reviewed a copy of the Toshiba Maintenance Contract that lists seven printers that are not part of and/or included in the agreement. Those Printers/Departments will be responsible for paying their own costs in the amount of \$323/month. A motion to approve the Agreement was made by Curry; seconded by Lowe. Carried 3-0.

No Public Comments were made.

No further Auditor Comments were made.

No further Attorney Comments were made.

Commissioner Comments-

A lot of negativity throughout the year, have a positive outlook for the new year and new projects.

Also related was that they will be keeping YouTube for the Publics benefit.

A Merry Christmas was given to all!

A motion to adjourn was made by Burton; seconded by Curry. Carried 3-0.