

Owen County Commissioners
Minutes-November 15, 2021

Meeting was called to order by President, Gary Burton.

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

Roll was called; Members present Gary Burton, Bob Curry, and Dale Dubois. Also present was Attorney Jim Bryan and Auditor Sheila Reeves. Public sign in sheet attached for permanent record.

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

Mr. Bryan gave a financial review with the current Fund Balances still utilizing the LIT and Riverboat Funds for all General Fund Claims less payroll. He feels were close but need to hold the line to be able to balance at the end of the year. For 2022 Budgets we will still need to be watching expenditures in the County General to maintain through the spring settlement, noting that Sheriff, EMS, 911, Highway and some others have their own Funds/Cash Balances to maintain. The current County General Fund Balance was still a negative amount of \$-163635, Riverboat is \$328613, and LIT Edit is \$542467.

A motion to approve the Regular Claim Docket in the amount of \$410271.62 was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Carried 3-0.

A motion to approve the Out of Cycle Claims in the amount of \$6075 was made by Dale Dubois; seconded by Bob Curry. Carried 3-0.

A motion to approve the Payroll Docket in the amount of \$227867.96 was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Carried 3-0.

Ms. Reeves explained that SBOA has related that payroll must be approved by the Commissioners also. Copies of the monthly Financial Reports were provided for review.

Old Business

Assessor Kenny Anderson related that he had exhausted all avenues of advertising for hiring an employee. He had received some applications and will conduct interviews.

An Addendum had been presented and reviewed by Mr. Bryan to add \$11500 for Tyler Technologies to complete the new construction permits. A motion to approve the Addendum was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Carried 3-0.

A new Contract for 2022 was presented for Tyler Technologies. A motion to table the contract for further review by the Attorney was made by Gary Burton; seconded by Dale Dubois. Carried 3-0.

MyPath Representative-Mark Rogers had previously requested for the Commissioners to donate from the County an old Bridge that is not being used. Mr. Bryan had researched the possible options for the process. Per Code a County can make a donation to a non-profit Organization such as this. It was decided that the Hancock School Road Bridge will meet their needs. A Resolution for the transfer will be presented at the next meeting on 12/06/21.

New Business

Two Planning and Zoning requests were presented that have been approved by the Plan Commission.

Richard Lorenz representing Mr. Waggoner on the first Ordinance 2021-039 explained that he was asking to re-zone 51 acres at 8375 S. US Hwy 231, Worthington. from Agricultural to Multi Family Residential to create a thirty-two-acre site for recreational vehicles. Mr. Bryan confirmed with P&Z Director Suzanne Simmerman that all processes have been done with advertising and notices to adjacent property owners had been sent, signs placed at the property and that no written letters for and/or against had been received, and certified copies to

the Auditor. There was no public comment made. Following Mr. Bryan reading the Ordinance a motion to approve the Rezone was made by Dale Dubois; seconded by Bob Curry. Motion carried 3-0.

Pathway LLC-Ron Walker and Bill Bates (Representatives for Cook Housing) were present for P&Z Ordinance 2021-040 to re-zone from Agricultural to Multi-Family to develop a Housing Addition on a 62-acre parcel on Texas Pike-Parcel #60-10-20-200-310.000-027 with approximately 80 homes. Mr. Bryan confirmed with Ms. Simmerman that all procedural requirements had been met with Advertising, notice to adjacent owners, signs placed and certified copies to the Auditor. Only one written letter of a property owner Against had been received from Nancy Sparks relating her concerns and was read in the meeting. A letter of support had been provided from Boston Scientific. Commissioner Burton asked whether this housing would be sold to people other than Cook employees. Mr. Walker replied that the goal was to sell housing to Cook employees. He also related that maybe later it might become available with a listing service. No properties would be allowed to become rental properties and if they wanted to sell in the first three years that Cook would buy them back. Following Mr. Bryan reading the Ordinance a motion to approve the Rezone was made by Dale Dubois; seconded by Bob Curry. Motion carried 3-0. Both Ordinances will be made permanent record in both the Auditors Office and Planning & Zoning Department.

Highway Superintendent Greg Melton began with the repairs needed in the "S" curve on County Line Rd at Wolf Mountain. He asked for the Road to be Closed November 22nd-24th. A motion to allow the closure was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Carried 3-0.

The next request came from John & Barb Meyers to reduce the Speed Limits on County Line Road and Ramona Road to 30mph and put-up children at play signs due to heavy truck traffic. A motion to place the signs was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Carried 3-0. Mr. Bryan will prepare the Speed Limit Ordinances to present at the next meeting on December 6th.

He then related that he was to pick-up the Road Widener and that it would be on loan for three weeks.

He then informed members that Bridge #198 was off the National Historical Registry and that future consideration to close the road on Green County side.

Next Ms. Reeves related that no RFP's had been received except a letter from RQAW that Mr. Bryan had relating that they were not interested. It was agreed to be placed on the December 6th Agenda.

He next presented that the 2022 Community Crossings Grant Roads had been selected by each of the Members from their Districts. Steubenville Road, Keith Road to 246, ad Splinter Ridge-Stutz Road if money is leftover in Mr. Dubois' District. Cedar Lane, Porter Ridge, and a portion of Concord in Mr. Curry's District. Fidler Road in its entirety in Mr. Burton's District. A motion to submit as presented was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Carried 3-0.

Mr. Bryan then reviewed the Highway Funds Balances relating the balances are on track to be positive amounts. Bills pending are for the Community Crossings, Plow Trucks as well as payroll for the remainder of the year. Mr. Burton thanked everyone for their hard work in monitoring and maintaining the funds. Mr. Melton stated it has been much easier with real data. Mr. Burton asked that Wheel Tax Funds be deposited in a timely manner; Ms. Reeves will monitor.

Next Mr. Melton related that he had received notice that the two Kenworth Plow Trucks were in. The amounts for the Truck Leases were \$322220 with interest of \$32695 for a Total of \$364915 over a five-year loan with option to buy. Also noted was that a 10% late fee of \$7872 would be charged if more than ten days late, stressed not to be late! The trucks are to be insured for one-million dollars. All documents are to be re-dated for 11/15/2021 for Palmer and Paacar Financial and review by Mr. Bryan. A current fee of \$50000 is due at the time of signing and will be paid out-of-cycle and payments will then made one year after that date for all other payments. A motion to approve the payment of \$50000 out-of-cycle was made by Mr. Curry; seconded By Mr. Dubois. Carried 3-0. In addition to allow Mr. Burton to sign all paperwork necessary to complete the process was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Burton noted that these trucks had already been budgeted for. All Paperwork will be kept in a special file in the Auditors Office.

Mr. Melton also mentioned that he's like for them to consider future purchase for the light trucks be used vehicles as the daily work is extremely rough on them and he felt this would be a better option.

Sheriff Hobbs only gave an update on the continued settling of the floors and that they are filling them with hydraulic cement as well as doing the work themselves. He had no other items.

EMS Director Cris Lunsford related that last year that they had 3013 runs; and had just hit 3000 and expects to exceed that total for 2021.

He then related that he had Additional Funds advertised in the amount of \$10000 for the repair of the ambulance. The ambulance was ready for pick-up and asked for consideration to pay for it from other funds and then re-imburse when approved. Mr. Bryan stated that this was not possible and that he should reach out to the Company and request for delivery with the payment to be made when funds were received. Mr. Bryan offered to contact them as well. Mr. Lunsford will call them on Tuesday. A motion was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois to pay the claim out of cycle when funds were approved. Carried 3-0.

Mr. Bryan presented and read Resolution 2021-028 for the Commissioners' Meeting Dates for 2022. The Ordinance gave all meeting dates as well as the due dates for all meeting agenda items to be submitted by noon on Wednesdays prior to the date of scheduled meetings. A motion to approve the Ordinance was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Carried 3-0. Mr. Burton thanked Ms. Reeves for getting them their packet information in a timely manner.

A second Resolution was presented for their consideration regarding Department Head Appointments. It was agreed that they will remain two-year appointments and presented at the next meeting.

911 Dispatch Coordinator Kathleen Lamb related that currently she has all ten of her positions filled however, Training will take time bring them up to functioning solely on consoles. She will be presenting her request again in December to Council for raises for her staff. Mr. Curry thanked her and said great job to her and her staff!

Health Department-Christine McBride presented a letter from Dr. Wells relating to the condition of the Building. The letter asked that Cares Act monies be used to pay for the expenses of the opening of the building that includes keys, increase in utility bills etc. Further noted was that she will not request any payments for the use of the corporation building at 9 Crane Ave.

Ms. McBride did relate that she was told to look into Dr. Wells Building for a possible location due to structure concerns. Mr. Burton stated that she was only asked to look into the location; that he did not give permission to move there and that he nor any other members have had conversation with the Wells. A copy of the Engineers Report-Keeler-Webb Associates was provided for review, saying that the structure is safe, but it is pending if it is considered a Historical Site. An email had been received that they can use the Nazarene Church for Vaccine Administration Only, No Testing. An update will be given at the next meeting. Mr. Burton related that he is still trying to identify possible locations.

Public-Jeff Marks asked for clarifications on the Phazer Scale that had been previously discussed and How roads are selected/voted on. Mr. Melton and Mr. Burton explained these are State regulations and ratings to meet qualifications to be approved. Mr. Melton keeps the scale updated regularly.

No additional comments from the Attorney-Mr. Bryan.

Ms. Reeves related that SBOA is still present and reviewing both the 2019/2020 years. Noted was that there are over 31 Funds that must be entered into LOW/Gateway that have been omitted both years in the AFR. Commissioner Curry and Dubois had nothing further.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Curry; seconded by Mr. Dubois.