

Owen County Commissioners
Minutes-July 19, 2021

Meeting was called to order by President Gary Burton.

Pledge of Allegiance was said, and Opening Prayer was led by Nick Carpenter.

Members Present: Gary Burton, Bob Curry. Dale Dubois came in at 6:20pm (at Sheriff Updates)

Attorney Jim Bryan and Sheila Reeves. Public Sign in sheet attached for permanent record.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Gary Burton. Motion carried 2-0.

Attorney Bryan reviewed the Claims Docket presented for a total amount of \$139,170.00. Further noted that State Board of Accounts is aware of the financial deficit that the General Fund is in, however the county has a duty to pay its bills. The General Fund Claims for this cycle was \$43169.90. Council has scheduled a meeting for July 20th and is expected to re-direct and move monies and not have a negative balance. A motion to approve the claims was made by Bob Curry, seconded by Gary Burton. Motion Carried 2-0.

Out of Cycle Claims were also present for signatures: Toshiba \$1567.18, Covid Clinics \$6243.54/6280.51, Utilities \$26.78, Visa \$1051.25/1823.12, and Stop Grant \$1763.00.

Attorney Bryan had reached out to IU Health Plans to review the proposed Healthy Plans Program to lock in County Insurance rates for a period of two years. Mr. Burton explained the Plan would require the County to provide an incentive to employees and the overall percentage would increase to 99% coverage. Attorney Bryan was still awaiting further notice from them. An update will be given at the next meeting.

911 Director-Kathleen Lamb presented a proposed License Agreement with Eastern Heights Utilities. They are requiring the County to carry a One-Million Dollar Insurance Policy. A motion to sign the Agreement; contingent upon obtaining an Insurance Policy and possibly confirming that the County Policy might already include the coverage under their umbrella was made by Bob Curry, seconded by Gary Burton. Motion carried 2-0 and Mr. Burton will sign if confirmed. She related that she does have the funds available if not covered under the County Policy. Ms. Lamb also related that they were having phone issues and had lost their administrative phone coverage for 4 hours today. Forthphaze is addressing the situation to update lines.

WTH Agreement Request for Transfinder and GIS to provide local geographic data for its School Transportation software to be used by Spencer-Owen Community Schools. No direct communication from the company had been received. A motion to table the request was made by Gary Burton; seconded by Bob Curry. Motion carried 3-0. Norm Warner offered to make contact with the Company as he will be speaking with them as they are to be working at the school with him, agreed for him to contact Attorney Bryan.

Clerk Lesliann Burton presented three quotes for the purchase of a State Required-Shredder for Title IVD. Quotes: Bedford-\$5884.26, Staples-\$5999.99, and Office Supple-\$6539.99. A motion to approve the lowest bid with Bedford for \$5884.26 was made by Gary Burton; seconded by Bob Curry. Motion carried 2-0.

Sheriff Hobbs gave a brief update; the new Chillers were in and thanked everyone for helping in the process and they were still waiting on the Cameras and Forthphaze. Attorney Bryan acknowledged that Letters of Request for the possibility of Housing Inmates as required per the new Jail Study had been received from the surrounding Counties except Putnam County. All Counties responded No they would not be able to house inmates except Greene County who would take up to 15 inmates. The requirements for a possible regional facility has been met as part of the Jail Feasibility Study.

Highway Superintendent Greg Melton gave an update from flood damage on Keith Rd., Surber Rd., Sandlick Rd., Bandy Rd., Dunn Rd., and Kelley Rd. and the stages of repair or replacement needed. He then requested

for the Commissioners to consider a Chip-Seal-\$14000 or Fog-\$27000 Repair to 1.1 mile on Truesdel to McFarren in order to save it. A motion to approve the Fog Seal was made by Gary Burton; seconded by Dale Dubois. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Melton explained that he had laid off an operator, hole patcher and laborer and getting ready to lose a part-time and a second driver had turned in a resignation. He requested permission to go to Council with a Freeze Exemption for a new Operator. A motion to approve was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Motion carried 3-0.

Lastly, Jack Waltrip with United Consulting presented the 2020 Bridge Inventory Books, noting the county has 112 Bridges and all are in compliance with the State.

A Special Events Application had been presented from REV-20 Music for use of the County Water and Electricity for their Christian Music Festival to be held on August 7th. A motion to allow the use and fees to be paid in the amount of \$25each was made by Gary Burton, seconded by Dale Dubois. Motion carried 3-0.

Attorney Bryan presented and read a new Ordinance 2021-12 for Establishing Commissioner and Council Districts. A motion to approve the Ordinance was made by Dale Dubois; seconded by Bob Curry. Carried 3-0.

Health Department-Christine McBride presented copies of Grants that have been received and awarded to Owen County for Covid Vaccine Administering, Covid Testing, PHEP and Annual Department Grants. She will be presenting them to the Council on July 20th.

Public Barron Barnet presented a booklet on Regionalism-Regional Governance and his concerns.

Attorney Bryan presented and read the Contract for Peter's Municipal Consulting who will be providing a Financial Plan to the Council. A motion to approve the Contract was made by Dale Dubois; seconded by Bob Curry. Motion carried 3-0. Next a Resolution 2021-22 was presented and read by Mr. Bryan, relating per SBOA request to have regarding hiring of Relatives, Contracts and Purchasing Procedures. A motion to approve was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Motion carried 3-0. A Copy will be provided to the Clerk.

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