

Owen County Commissioners
Minutes-October 18, 2021

Meeting was called to order President Gary Burton.

Pledge to Allegiance was said and Opening Prayer was given by Sam Hobbs.

Roll was called and Public Signed in. Attached for permanent record.

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

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

Mr. Bryan reviewed copies of the monthly Financial Report noting the funds with negative balances down to only ten. The General Fund was negative \$207497.15. A comparison chart was provided for review and will be attached for permanent record.

A Claims Docket was presented in the amount of \$351052.12 and Out of Cycle for \$8262.66. A motion to approve the Claims was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Motion carried 3-0. Also noted was a signature sheet for a prior claim that had not been signed for the Storage Units, signed as well.

Old Business

Pending Dormant Funds were reviewed, and it was agreed to hold the funds pending the general fund deficit outcome until the December Meeting. A motion to hold them was made by Dale Dubois; seconded by Bob Curry. Motion carried 3-0.

New Business

Assessor Kenny Anderson was present to open and review Reassessment Bid Contracts. Only one Bid from Tyler Technologies had been received. Mr. Bryan offered that it had been published both in the Evening World and Herald Times. Specs were available for pickup. He opened the package and reviewed the information enclosed, a quote of \$45830 was the bid amount. At this time, it was decided to table the decision of the Contract o allow Mr. Anderson to review the proposal. A motion was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Anderson also informed members that he would be losing a second employee as he had submitted his notice. He asked members to consider exploring a contract in place of the employee. Following discussion it was agreed to advertise the position until further evaluating could be done. If the position salary was comparable to outsources it could possible be considered. A motion to advertise was made by Gary Burton; seconded by Bob Curry. Motion carried 3-0.

Highway Superintendent Greg Melton related that Milestone would be finishing Steubenville Road on Tuesday and would then be moving to Culross and Walden on the 25th.

He was trying some new product on Bethesda Road, and it is a much slower process and hoped to be done by Wednesday.

Next he informed members that the 2022 Road Plan was due by November 15th and that they would need to get with him to review the roads of choice on their districts.

Mr. Melton presented pictures of the new Amish School on Beech Church Road and a request to place signs for buggies and children at play. Signs will be placed 500 feet on each side Beech Church and Denmark Road. Bridges #16 Rocky Hill Road, #44 Wasatch Lake Road, and #189 Surber Road were briefly discussed.

Mr. Burton presented and gave the second reading of Speed Ordinances for 30 mile an hour limit. Ordinance #2021-23 for Adel Road, no motion was made to approve the Ordinance. A motion to approve Ordinance #2021-24-Steubenville Road and #2021-25-Culross Road was made by Gary Burton. Both died for a lack of a second. Ordinance #2021-26-Walden Road did not receive a motion.

Ordinance #2021-27 to amend #2019-0012 establishing the Installation of Driveway Culverts Section Seven and Section 9. No culverts will be installed or replaced for any private owners. A motion to approve the Ordinance was made by Dale Dubois; seconded by Bob Curry. Motion carried 3-0. Copy attached for record.

New Ordinances for Speed Limits at forty miles an hour was presented and read. Ordinance 2021-28 Adel Road was approved with a motion made by Dale Dubois; seconded by Bob Curry. Motion carried 3-0. A motion to approve Ordinance 2021-29 Steubenville Road was made by Dale Dubois; seconded by Bob Curry. Motion failed without a unanimous vote: 2-1/Burton. A motion to approve 2021-30 Culross Road was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Motion failed without a unanimous vote: 2-1/Burton, and 2021-31 Walden Road motion was made by Dale Dubois; seconded by Bob Curry. Motion failed without a unanimous vote: 2-1/Burton. Ordinance #29-30-31 will be presented and read the required second time at the next meeting on November 1st. Mr. Burton asked of them both had they driven the roads; both replied yes. His concern was for the safety of the public! Sheriff Hobbs acknowledged the concerns and offered that with the new E-ticket Program they have that speeding is being addressed and allows officers to issue tickets at the time of stops, adding that Freeman Road is being heavily monitored. Lastly was from public Bill Greenwood regarding Oberholtzer Road. He had previously requested for repairs to be done and knew of the financial situation that the County was in. Unfortunately, funds are still limited but he was to get with Mr. Dubois; and Mr. Melton did state that the road had been graded and new stone as of today. Mr. Melton and Mr. Burton both thanked him and his neighbors for helping where they can.

Sheriff Hobbs had nothing further to present.

EMS Director Cris Lunsford had nothing to present.

No Elected Officials had anything to present.

No Public Comments were made.

Attorney Bryan had nothing further.

Ms. Reeves requested for a Letter of Approval to remove herself from the Peoples State Bank Checking Accounts for both the Health & Building Department. A motion to approve the letter was made by Dale Dubois; seconded by Bob Curry. Motion carried 3-0.

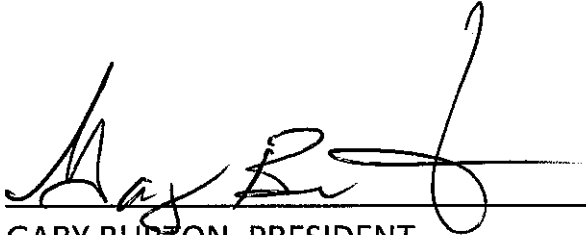
Commissioner's Curry and Dubois had nothing further.

Commissioner Burton related that he has spoken with Gordon Flesch regarding a "Time Management System" utilizing current equipment that the county already has. A one-time fee of \$25000 would be charged if agreed upon. He will provide further updates.

No other business came before the Board.

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

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GARY BURTON, PRESIDENT



BOB CURRY, VICE PRESIDENT



DALE DUBOIS, MEMBER

ATTEST: 

SHEILA REEVES, AUDITOR