

Owen County Commissioner's
Minutes-July 18, 2022

Meeting was opened by Vice-President Bob Curry.

Pledge of Allegiance was said, and opening Prayer was given by Sheriff Hobbs.

Members Present: Bob Curry and Dale Dubois. Absent Gary Burton Also present was Attorney Jim Bryan and Auditor Sheila Reeves.

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

A motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$250,341.39 was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Motion carried 2-0.

A motion to approve regular claims in the amount of \$249,484.90 was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Motion carried 2-0.

A motion to approve out-of-cycle claims in the amount of \$51,838.55 was made by Dale Dubois; seconded by Bob Curry. Motion carried 2-0.

A financial summary was given by Mr. Bryan noting the positive balances in all the major funds. He reminded Departments that Budget Hearings that budgets are due in. He also related the continued concern over the financial status of the economy and the possible recession impact on gas, oil, food, utilities for the county.

Old Business-none

New Business- Agenda Items were changed and are given in the order taken.

Prosecutor Don VanDerMoere and Investigator Dan McBride presented a Grant/Contract from Internet Crimes Against Children request in the amount of \$4750 for job related duties and the need for a new gaming computer with a large memory capability. A motion to approve was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Motion carried 2-0. Also noted was that it was a reimbursable grant.

Sheriff Hobbs related that he had not received any camera quotes at this time.

Highway Superintendent Greg Melton began with a review of Road Projects including 43 to County Line Rd. and Hardscrabble Rd.

A citizen had installed a non-standard culvert pipe themself on Pump Station Road without permission; Mr. Melton requested to be allowed to repair the pipe and get road back to standard. A motion was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois to allow the repair. Motion carried 2-0.

Work on Boat Dock Road has been going on for the last 60 days with sewage problems. He asked permission to be allowed to place five culvert pipes to make the drainage work, and has the pipes in stock. A motion to allow was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Carried 2-0.

Mr. Melton had received two bids for the Hauser Road-Wooden Bridge Project as the Bridge had been declared an emergency under IC36-1-12-9. Mr. Bryan opened and read aloud each quote. Fender Excavating LLC presented a bid of \$25000 and Andy Naanes presented a bid of \$21500. Mr. Elton related that he had met with both bidders to review the project requirements. A motion to accept the low bidder of \$21500 with Andy Naanes was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Motion carried 2-0. The project is due to be completed by August.

Mr. Curry asked about a driveway on Pottersville Road, Melton related that they had gotten a permit today.

EMS Director Cris Lunsford related that he had sent out three requests for repair quotes/estimates to Raymond's Auto & Truck Repair, Danville Auto Service and Daniels Towing. Only one reply had been received.

Mr. Bryan read/referenced County Ordinance 2019-0031, 2018-002 and IC 5-22-8-3 that allowed for the repairs. A motion to accept the bid from Danville Auto in the amount of \$5623.30 was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Motion carried 2-0.

Elected Officials' Comments-none

Public Comment

Barron Barnett presented information and his opinion about the Comprehensive Plan.

Jeff Marks related that he has been reviewing the Codified Ordinances and asking about 2021 Ordinances that are not yet in the books. Ms. Reeves related that she has been in contact with American Legal to get those processed. She informed him that all Ordinances for 2021 and 2022 to date were in binders in her office and available for review anytime.

Nate Stewart inquired about the process of having a block party. It was determined that he was asking about Town Streets and was directed to their board.

Victor Vaillette asked about the switching of the Voter Registration and Building-Mapping Offices and who approved it and concern for secure ballots. Mr. Curry related that the two departments agreed to it. Mr. Vaillette asked when was that decision made; Mr. Curry related that he had received a call from Gary Burton last week. Mr. Vaillette then commented they were making decisions/doing business outside of meetings and should not be done by private phone calls. He further asked if he had received a call from either office. Mr. Curry replied no and that they are not elected offices and ended the discussion with it's done.

Attorney Comments-none

Auditor Comments-none

Commissioner Comments-nothing further.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Carried 2-0.