

Owen County Commissioner's
Minutes-July 5, 2022

Meeting was called to order by President Gary Burton.

Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Prayer was given.

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

Public Sign in sheet attached for permanent record.

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

A financial review was given by Mr. Bryan to include a continued positive balance in the general fund. It also indicates budgets are being followed by departments and expected to remain so through the end of the year. Copies of monthly reports and summaries attached for permanent record.

A motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$230,218.58 was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Carried 3-0.

A motion to approve regular claims in the amount of \$598,654.08 with a transfer/correction for the highway claim 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 \$41,312.70 was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Carried 3-0.

Old Business-nothing presented.

New Business

County Recorder Loretta Foster presented a Contract with Fidler Technologies for services of the scanning of miscellaneous records. A motion to approve the Contract was made by Bob Curry, seconded by Dale Dubois. Carried 3-0.

MyPath Trail Project Manager Kyle gave a brief overview of the current projects and planned expansions. It included the next level trail grant from DNR for \$640000. They are looking into painting the memorial bridge to brighten up the area.

EMS Director Cris Lunsford related that he had reviewed the ambulance spec's and requested to move forward with the order. Mr. Bryan noted that only one bid had been received and approved. A motion to order was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Carried 3-0.

Highway Superintendent Greg Melton began by thanking his staff for all their support due to the recent loss of his dad. He also stated that the Sheriff's Department were a class act.

A Dust Control Ordinance 2022-012 was presented and read by Jim Bryan. The Ordinance will be effective January 1, 2023. A motion to approve the Ordinance was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Carried 3-0.

He related that he is still down seven part-time workers, two truck drivers, and two operators. Three call ins two of which are serious. One employee is possibly to retire and has no applications.

Next he requested permission to apply road asphalt on a repair between Blunk Road and Cooper Road.

Motion to approve was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Carried 3-0.

The Community Crossings Grant has been pushed out until for second round applications.

Resident Gail Horn presented questions/comments regarding the hazards on County Line Road. Specifically, why it has been redone a second time in one area and nothing on the end she was speaking of. She asked for them to please consider the road as it is one of the heaviest traveled in the county. Mr. Burton noted that it was in Mr. Curry's district and could be considered as part of the community crossings grant for 2024.

Sheriff Hobbs related that the cameras were out at the Jail, and he was needing to replace them immediately. He will use the Jail Lit Funds to pay for them.

Health Department Dr. Wells and Christine McBride presented a Lease Agreement with E&G Properties for a three-year agreement with option to extend with a one-time payment of \$43,200 for the Health Department.

The Health Department will be responsible for all utility bills, liability insurance, removal of ice/snow at 751 East Franklin Street, Spencer, IN. Per IC16-20-1-8 the board of health can enter into a contract to provide a suitable office. The Health Board is required to sign the agreement.

In addition, is the Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement that is necessary as the property belongs to family members of Dr. Wells. That form was presented filed and certified by the County Clerk as well.

Hendricks Deed-tabled as no one was present for discussion

Elected Officials-no comments were made

Attorney Comments

Mr. Bryan related that the commissioners would need to provide specifications for the East Wall Building at 86 E. Market St. (Health Dept.) Mr. Curry was to follow up with the project.

Auditor-Reminded elected/Dept present that their budgets were due by August third. Mr. Burton noted that he had provided copies of their budgets to the auditor already.

Ms. Reeves asked for out-of-cycle approval to pay the workman compensation bill that was due. Motion was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Carried 3-0.

Commissioner Comments- Mr. Burton related that he would be out for the next two meetings.

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