

## JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING

May 23, 2024, 9:00 A.M.

Annex Building

Matt Sporleder, Shane Boswell, and Bob Wilhite were present. Matt Sporleder opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nicci came with some good news for the commissioners. The counties cyber insurance binder came back, and the premium reduced from \$23000 to \$15,523.63. Nicci said that this is from the hard work that Eagle Point put into implementing new things.

Nicci presents a travel request for the clerk to a state called meeting. Shane made a motion to approve, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Nicci also presents a travel request for Andy Judd. Andy, Judge Bright and Magistrate Doran will attend a conference in California. The fees will come from probation user fees. Shane made a motion to approve the request, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

There is also a standing request for 2024 for the Health Department to attend state training at Ivy Tech in Madison. Shane made a motion to approve this request, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Probation is seeking a part time position. This is an already funded position, and they will not need any additional appropriations for this. Andy has applied for a grant to turn this position into a full-time position. Shane made a motion to approve, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Animal Control reached out about the use of county owned vehicles for personal use. Nicci had reached out to insurance and our policy does not restrict passengers, but it does increase our exposure to incidents and adds extra liability to the county. They recommend we do not allow it, but it is up to the commissioners to make the decision. In our handbook it only allows sheriff's deputies to use the vehicle for personal use. Shane made a motion to table this discussion, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously. The counties' part time maintenance position was supposed to only be for 3 months. He has been in this position for 18 months now and he hasn't received any additional compensation. Shane said he feels like we owe him a raise. Alex said we will schedule an executive session for after the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Sherri with the county highway brings an unofficial detour agreement for the commissioners to approve and sign. Sherri said that she found out they will not be closing Highway 7 right now.

Shane made a motion to sign the agreement, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

There is also an ordinance presented for a three way stop at 750 South and 550 West. Bob made a motion to approve the ordinance, Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

There is also an ordinance amending the original to prohibit truck traffic on county road 50 east. There will be a fine of up to \$500.00 for violating this ordinance. Shane made a motion to approve the ordinance; Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Jack Monroe wants to discuss the closure of the Queensville iron bridge. He has elderly parents and elderly in laws, and he said that it will be catastrophic trying to get to their homes. Matt said that Mr. Bradshaw has performed an assessment of what it will take to repair the bridge. Matt explains that the bridge will be repaired in four days.

Michelle with Animal Control submits a bid to commissioners for new kennels. The current kennels are rusted and in need of repair/replacement. Shane asked if they had been to council yet, and Michelle stated that she would be on the agenda for the June meeting.

Shane made a motion to approve contingent to the council finding the funding. Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Animal Control is also asking about access control for the doors. Sarah gave the commissioners an estimate from Shoemaker and from Randy Taggert. Shane made a motion to table, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Matt said that they need to quote apples to apples.

Sarah was presented with the request from an individual to rent the show arena for a circus. Alex asked if they sent a contract or a rental agreement. Sarah said the first intent was to get permission first. Matt said that he doesn't believe this would draw a good crowd. There is only one pony and they do not have much to offer. Shane made a motion to deny this request, Bob seconded the motion.

The Auditor submits a quote to the commissioners for a new copier for her office. The current copier is 8 years old and there have been numerous issues with it. The new copier will have a cost savings of \$793.00 per year. We will also get a second black and white copier free, with a maintenance agreement. Shane made a motion to approve, contingent on the council finding the funding for it. Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Sarah also presents a quote to the commissioners for three additional cameras. The quote is \$412.00 and that includes the trade in value for our old system. The sheriff has also told Sarah that we would need to place no trespassing signs at the community building. With the support from the military in leasing the fairground property, we have the funding for some upgrades. Sarah is currently looking at a replacement LED sign at the community building, carpet removal/replacement at the community building, and a redesign of the back server room. Shane made a motion to approve the additional cameras, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Shane also approved the purchase of the LED sign, but not to exceed \$5000.00. Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Shane said he is ok with making the improvements so that it is more appealing for people to use it. Shane made a motion to approve up to \$3800.00 on the flooring, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Matt would like to look at the back room and see what it is going to take for the remodel, so this will be tabled until the next meeting.

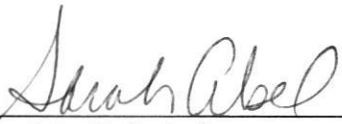
Shane said that he drove through the county park and that the NO Climbing Signs had not been put up. We ordered these signs, and they were given to Jim Reeves to put up. Under the direction of Matt, Jim gave these signs to Mr. Martin. Shane states, "Do they not think we are serious?" Alex to work on this issue.

Alex presents the JNRU ordinance that will direct the highway to start with a survey so that it can come out of the JNRU property. Matt asks who will be paying for the survey. Matt said they will accept the road, but any cost incurred will be the responsibility of JNRU. Shane made a motion to table the ordinance, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously. There is also an ordinance for the highway to survey the property that the council approved. Before the appraisals are done, the county needs to get the survey completed. Shane made a motion to approve the ordinance; Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

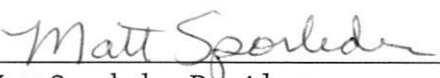
The senior employment program that had been previously tabled was discussed in the meeting. This is a 55 and older training opportunity and the federal government will provide the wages for up to four years. Bob made a motion to approve, Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

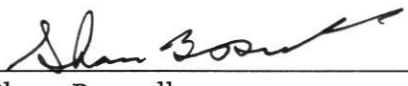
Matt approved a one-time donation of \$500.00 for the Dolly Parton Library. Shane made a motion to approve the donation, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Bob made a motion to sign prior minutes, Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously.  
Bob made a motion to sign payroll and claims, Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously.  
Shane made a motion to adjourn; Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

  
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Sarah J. Abel, Auditor

  
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Bob Wilhite

  
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Matt Sporleder, President

  
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