

JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING

February 8, at 6:00 PM

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

Mayor of Vernon, Wayne Zamora has received a matching grant for a new restroom facility at the playground behind the Vernon gym. This will be great for the sporting events that take place at the Vernon gym. Wayne is asking for financial support for this project. Wayne has personally matched \$1700.00 in alumni donations. Wayne has also met with the Jennings County Community Foundation. The total dollar amount for the project is \$24000.00 and Wayne is asking the county to contribute \$7200.00. Matt asked if we (county) would be able to use TIF funds for this? Wayne will set up a meeting with the TIF board and see if that is an option. Matt stated that if the county TIF can not help, to come back to the commissioners.

Wayne also told the commissioners that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony in mid-April for Eco Park campground.

Nicci submitted two requests to work from home. Shane made a motion to approve the requests, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Nicci also presented the policy for the ID cards/Access request form. Bob made a motion to table this until the Feb. 22 meeting; Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Nicci also discussed with the commissioners the parking for county employees on the day of the eclipse. She asked commissioners if we planned on remaining open on that day and commissioners said yes. Parking for the county employees will be arranged for that day.

Dan Brookbank came before the commissioners and explained that he was having issues with his printer/copier. The copier he currently has is at least 15 years old and they no longer make replacement parts for it. Shane made a motion to approve the purchase of a new copier; Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Dan will need to go before the county council to get the funds approved.

Sherri with the county highway brought a contract for Bridge #29. Shane made a motion to sign the contract, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

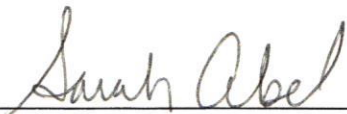
Sherri also presented to the commissioners a quote for repairing the GradAll. The first quote came in at \$122,000 but this is not all the repairs that are needed. A new GradAll will cost around \$450,000.00 so Matt mentioned looking around and seeing what they could find used. Sherri also received a quote for \$115,000 to buy a 2014 Paver with 1500 hours on it. Shane made a motion to approve the paver purchase, if we can get \$40 - \$50,000 out of the current paver. Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Sarah submitted the Kart contract to the commissioners. Alex has reviewed the contract and approves. Shane made a motion to sign the contract, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Deanna Monday with Spark of Kindness came to ask the commissioners if they would waive the fees at the community building in December. For the people who are unaware of this organization: The Spark of Kindness Toy Giveaway is a non-profit organization based in Jennings County. The mission of the giveaway is to help families in Jennings County so that their children can have a nice Christmas. Christmas of 2023, they were able to help 222 families with over 550 children. They would be setting up at the community building December 11-14, 2024. Shane made a motion to waive the fees; Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

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

Bob made a motion to table the appointments for the Animal Control Board, Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

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



Sarah J. Abel, Auditor



Bob Wilhite



Matt Sporleder, President



Shane Boswell