

JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING

August 08, 2024, 9:00 A.M.

Annex Building

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

Human Resources presented several travel requests. The first one is for Jerry Shepherd, he had four different training events in his district. There is no cost to attendees, and he will be driving the EMA truck to these locations. Bob made a motion to approve the request, Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously. The next travel request is for the probation department. Travis, Chasity, Jalana, Corey and Shana will be attending the fall conference in September. The fees associated with this conference will be paid out of the Probation user fees. Bob made a motion to approve the request, Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously. The Clerk also has submitted a travel request to attend their district conference. The fees associated with his conference will be paid from the clerk's budget. Shane made a motion to approve, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously. The recorder handed Nicci a travel request right before the meeting started. The AIC conference will be in Vevay, and expenses will be paid out of the Elected Official training budget. Shane made a motion to approve the request, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

The county attorney has a few things to discuss. The first being a proposal for the section corner monumentation. The surveyor submitted this for approval by the commissioners. Shane made a motion to approve, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

The second is the amended sewer code ordinance. There were a few words (per acre) that needed to be removed. The county attorney was in agreement with the amended ordinance. Shane made a motion to approve the ordinance; Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Sandy Vance is requesting to be included in the 2025 budget for the Senior Resource Center. Sandy said that there is a great need for food/supplies. The available dates are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Matt told Sandy that the Senior Resource Center is in the 2025 budget. Sandy stated that she is grateful for any additional money because the cost of food has increased. Sandy asked that the commissioners stop in and see exactly what they do down at the center.

Jason Smith with the State EMS Office said that they have implemented a program for awarding special recognitions, and the staff at Jennings County EMS sent a request for Tracy Jones. The State EMS office presents Tracy with a Certificate of Appreciation for all her hard work and dedication to JC EMS. Tracy thanks the commissioners and council, and most of all her team! Matt thanked Tracy and told her she appreciated.

Shane made a motion to deny the request of Animal Control to be put under the jurisdiction of the Sheriff Department. Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Matt said that we are going to leave Animal Control the way it is.

Matt said that he has made visits to the Animal Control facility and there are several things that need to be done. If the residents of Jennings County are not going to step up and be responsible for the number of animals coming into the facility, unless you are just going to immediately euthanize

the animals, there is no space! Matt said he is not for that at all. Every animal deserves a chance. At some point something needs to be done out there. We need better ventilation for sure! Shane said he wished we could get the adoption fees lowered and Matt said that is what he was trying to do with the donation of \$10,000 from the county, but the council did not approve it.

Matt asks if anyone knows any organizations that can help with food for the Senior Resource Center to please let him know.

There was only one bid received for the 2015 Equinox. Matt opened the bid from Damon and Shelly Davers and they offered \$1250.00 for the Equinox. Bob made a motion to approve the bid of \$1250.00, Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Matt said to be sure to let the buyers know that we will need a cashier's check for \$1250.00.

Bob made a motion to approve the prior minutes. Shane 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 adjourn; Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously.



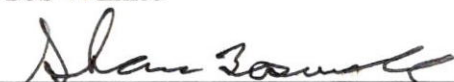
Sarah J. Abel, Auditor



Bob Wilhite



Matt Sporleder, President



Shane Boswell