

JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING

October 17, 2024, 9:00 A.M.

Annex Building

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

The Jennings County Health Department has a privacy related, confidential matter with the CDC that the commissioners need to vote on. Shane made a motion to approve the request, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Sherri with the County Highway Department presented a packet to the commissioners of three bridges that they want to apply for federal aid. The timeline for this is 2030. Shane made a motion to table, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously. The commissioners need time to review the packets and are asking that Sherri bring this back to the next meeting.

Sherri also is presenting two ordinances for the commissioner's review/approval. The first one is to eliminate two stop signs on 100 N. The highway department asked Cody Low (Sheriff's Department) to go out and assess this and he agreed that it would be okay to remove two of the six stop signs. There is a hill at one stop sign and people have complained about stopping on the hill, especially with a load. Matt said that he has never been an advocate for removing stop signs that have been in place for a long period of time. Bob made a motion to table this ordinance for one month, Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

The second ordinance is for a speed limit sign on 580 E. and 610 W. from US 50 to Base Road. This is the road that goes to the quarry. The ordinance is regulating the speed to 30 mph. Bob made a motion to approve the 30-mph ordinance, Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Shane said that a gentleman emailed him about the speed limit on the west side of O&M; this is where 250N. turns into 400W. The commissioners are going to have Cody Low assess the area to determine if the speed limit needs to be decreased.

Matt is requesting that Sherri sends out the employee that repairs/replaces the stop signs in the county. He said that there are several stop signs leaning, falling over, and faded. Matt wants the sign guy out everyday replacing and fixing these signs.

Matt asked HR if there was anything that needed to be addressed before approving the amended county owned vehicle policy. HR said the only feedback that she received back was from Cody Low, who stated that the sheriff was not happy with it as it is written. Matt asked if there was a particular part of the amended ordinance or if it was the whole thing. HR said it was one part that relates to the reserve officers. This section (H) says, reserve deputies and special deputies may not take-home county vehicles under any circumstances. Currently they drive them home and leave them at home. The problem is that some of them may only work a couple of hours a month, but they have a take home vehicle. Shane made a motion to table, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Sarah presented a travel request for herself and Amy Jump to attend the State called Auditor's conference in French Lick on October 23-25. Shane made a motion to approve the request, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Matt asked Sarah if she wanted to address the payroll issue on why some received their deposits on time and some didn't. Sarah said that they were still looking into it and had a meeting with the bank at 2:00 pm that day. She said that we would go over it in the next meeting.

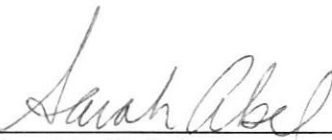
Shane made a motion to approve the prior minutes. Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

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

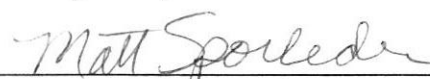
There was a fund raiser at the community building and the commissioners are wanting to reimburse the people that rented it. Shane made a motion to approve reimbursing the person the \$600.00 that had been paid for the rental. Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

2025 meeting dates and holidays were discussed. The commissioner meetings will possibly be in the evening for January 2025 through April 2025. On the holiday calendar for 2025, the election dates will need to be removed. Shane made a motion to approve the Holiday 2025 calendar except for the May 6th and November 4 dates. This will be brought back to commissioners in the next meeting to be signed.

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




 Sarah J. Abel, Auditor



 Matt Sporleder, President



 Bob Wilhite



 Shane Boswell