

JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING

October 31, 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.

Tim Hunt, representing the City of North Vernon, with some road inventory changes that they would like to request from the county. Currently there is a section of 4th street that is in between the bypass and the cemetery that is controlled by the county inventory. Included in the county inventory is also a small section of Curry Drive and County Road 250. In addition to these areas, there is about a 1,300-foot strip of 5th Street, inside the bypass that is also controlled by the county. The City of North Vernon and the development of the quarry project would like to entertain, if the commissioners approve, to take these roads under the city control. In taking control of these roads, the city will maintain some sidewalks and upgrade them as they see fit, while developing the quarry project. Shane made a motion to approve the request and turn these roads over to the state. Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Nicci presented two travel requests. The first request is from Andy Judd. Andy and one of his employees are at a JDAI conference. The cost for this conference will come out of Probation user fees. Shane made a motion to approve the request, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously. The second travel request is for Stacy Lane in the Extension office. It is a one-day conference and will be paid out of the Extension office's budget. Shane made a motion to approve the request, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Nicci presented the clinic service agreement to the commissioners for approval. Nicci has sent this agreement to the county attorney for review. Matt asked Nicci to bullet point items because he has not had time to look at the agreement. The clinic transition will be going from the We Care clinic to the Schneck clinic. With this change we will be going from a one site location to a three-site location. One location will be in North Vernon and the other two locations will be in Seymour. The county employees will have access to the clinic seven days a week. The employees will still be able to have routine blood work completed, and there also will be a dispensary available to the employees. Schneck will also provide x-rays at all locations. Schneck will also provide joint injections as part of their services. Schneck came in at less money than the We Care renewal. The school corporation has the majority interest and have decided to go with Schneck. Nicci said that Schneck is still in the process of building the pharmaceutical list. Matt said that he does not feel comfortable deciding without all the information in hand. Schneck will also be open to the public but have said that the county employees would get priority. Matt asked if there was a way to negotiate with the We Care clinic. Nicci said that she doesn't feel that there will not be enough employees to keep the clinic open full time. Shane made a motion to grant Schneck the access to the information they need to finish building the agreement. Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Once Nicci has the finished product, then she can bring it back for review.

Sherri with the county highway department is telling the commissioners that Crystal Glades subdivision would like for the county to take over Oaks Drive. Sherri said that her and Brian went and looked at it and it isn't a bad road. This is the only road left in Crystal Glades that does not

belong to the county. The county attorney asks if there is a process or if there will need to be a petition? Matt asks; "So, you are just asking for a preliminary, would you take it today?" Matt wants to know if there are any underlining issues that he isn't aware of. Shane does not have a problem with taking over Oaks Drive. Shane made a motion to accept the road, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Derek submitted an authorization to proceed form for an annual amount not to exceed \$40,000.00. This is an agreement we enter with them every year. The services will be at an hourly rate but will not exceed \$40,000.00 annually.

The Auditor received an ordinance from the city that shows they annexed four parcels into the city. Per Alex, no action needed from the commissioners.

Sherri brought up the Federal Aid for the three bridges that was discussed in the last meeting. Shane said that he thinks we need to proceed. Shane said that we need to apply for all three and hope for the best! Shane made the motion to allow Sherri to apply for all three, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Britt is asking for the commissioners blessing and signatures to enter into a contract with WTH to pursue some grant funding. The grant is 100% and no match is needed. Britt explains that if they apply for the grant, we don't owe them any money until the grant is awarded, and it is covered by the grant. This grant would be the mapping data to next generation standards. Britt explains that it is an important project, and we would need to do it eventually. Matt asked about cost and Britt said \$28,420.00, but it is 100% funded. Matt explains that there is a process when applying for grants and that Britt is very good about keeping us informed. Matt says that this is the process that should be done. Shane made a motion to approve Britt's request, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Marie with APC is asking permission to hire a replacement in her office. One of the clerks in her office will be retiring December 27th so Marie would like to get the position advertised now. Shane made a motion to approve the request, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

The Auditor is asking the commissioners for their approval to hire a replacement for her office. One of her staff has submitted their notice. Shane made a motion to approve the request, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

The commissioners have a pay increase request that the Auditor's office included in their packet. The county attorney said that the request did not need to come to the commissioners. The Park has their own board, so they are a separate entity.

Alex presents the amended sewer ordinance hopefully for the last time. There were some grammatical errors that needed corrected. Shane made a motion to approve the ordinance, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

HR and Alex have submitted an ordinance for approval by the commissioners and it has been tabled several times. The changes to this ordinance would prevent reserve deputies from a take home vehicle. Matt asked the sheriff if he wanted to weigh in on these changes. Sheriff said that he didn't know what the advantage or disadvantage is. Matt said that obviously there would be a cost

savings. Nicci said that it would also be a decrease in liability with the insurance company. Matt said that it would reduce the counties exposure, Sheriff said he disagrees with that. Sheriff says that we have had more damage with cars being used than cars being parked. The sheriff said that out of 15 reserve deputies, maybe 7 of them have take home cars. For a reserve to take home a vehicle, they must meet the requirement of 30 hours per month. Shane made a motion to allow three reserve deputies to have a take home vehicle. Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Cody says that the speed limit on east O&M of 40 mph is not too fast. Bob made a motion to leave the stop signs, Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Sheriff is talking about the no truck ordinance and asked if the ordinance stated where the fines should be deposited into. The Auditors office told him that the money from the fines is deposited into his garage and motor account.

Sheriff said from 585 & 610, to Hwy 50, there is a 20-mph speed limit sign. He said that there is no ordinance that says the speed limit should be 20-mph. It is a one way at the tracks that heads to the quarry. The other way the speed limit is 55-mph. He thinks that an ordinance needs to be created, and the road needs to be marked correctly. Sheriff said that 30-mph would probably be the right number. Sheriff brings up another road; airport road headed north; the speed limit is 35-mph. The city owns a part of the road, and their speed limit sign shows 40-mph. The sheriff would just like for this to be consistent, and he could not find an ordinance on this.

Sheriff is also asking for all the DOC money that comes into the county to be placed into a non-reverting fund that can be used for medical and/or food.

Shane made a motion to approve the Holiday calendar for 2025, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

The Auditor explains Operation Green Light to the commissioners. Our county will show support for veterans by lighting our buildings green from November 4-11, 2024. By shining a green light, county governments and our residents will let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated and supported. Shane made a motion to support Operation Green Light, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Alex asked the commissioners for authorization to proceed with the sale of the 2001 F350 Chassis. Shane made a motion to allow Alex to proceed, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

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

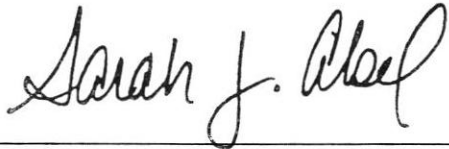
Bob made a motion to sign payroll and claims, Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Britt Burgmeier was appointed as a designee for JRAC.


Following up from the last meeting, the Auditor explains that her office and the Treasurer met with the bank. There were changes that had taken affect on the bank side. The Auditor will be sending out an alert, via text, to all the department heads. This is for the department heads that

do not see their email after hours. Matt said, is this is regarding payroll, and the Auditor said, yes, the payroll issue. A new process was put into place so this should never happen again.

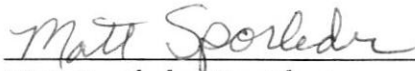
Bob made a motion to adjourn; Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously.



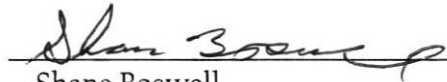
Sarah J. Abel, Auditor



Bob Wilhite



Matt Sporleder, President



Shane Boswell