

JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING

April 25, 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.

Matt said that he was glad to see our meeting room full. Matt explained that we do have an agenda to follow, and he will work some people in to discuss the whiskey barrel storage. He asks for no sideline conversations because it is hard to conduct business with a lot of chatter. He also is asking for everyone to be courteous throughout the meeting.

Ellie Bright introduced some of the members of the Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council (JRAC). Andy Judd, Shana Richmond, Jason Judd, Pam Petry, JL Brewer, Travis Shepherd, Cody Low, Christina Crank, Ben Beatty, and Gleeda Lasher are all part of the JRAC team. Ellie provided some information about JRAC for the commissioners to review. Ellie submitted a draft of the five priority areas.

Priority 1: Treatment in jail beyond triage.

Priority 2: System Wide Re-entry planning

Priority 3: Crisis Intervention Training

Priority 4: Integrate Peers (Peer support)

Priority 5: Hire a grant writer.

Andy Judd stated that he has applied for many grants. Matt told him that any grants applied for need to be on file in the Auditor's office. Ellie (JRAC) is asking for \$100,000.00 of the Opioid Settlement funds. Matt is asking what expenditures are to come out of these settlement funds. Amy and Sarah to look at this fund and see what needs to be paid (ie. Coordinator position). Matt said that the commissioners are on board with helping JRAC. Matt said that Ellie helped with the lawsuit and helped the county to receive the settlement money, so he is okay with them overseeing all the funds. The commissioners are requesting that Ellie come back in two weeks with this additional information.

Ben Brabender from McGohan Brabender came to give the commissioners some information on insurance options for 2025. McGohan Brabender is one of the largest independent employee benefits brokerage firms in the region. They presented a quote to HR from Jefferson Health Plan on self-insured funding. Matt is not sure that the information they received on our policy last year is the correct information.

Avis McGovern with the County Park Board is asking the commissioners for a credit card for online purchases for the park. Avis explains that the park director will use his personal credit card and get reimbursed. Matt said that it is a bad idea that he uses his own personal card for this. Avis and Sarah will get together and discuss options.

Sherri is submitting an ordinance for no truck through traffic on base road during the closure. Sherri noticed an error on the ordinance so this will not be approved and will need to be resubmitted. Sherri also said that Bridge 2 on 900 W. will close April 29, 2024, through August 31, 2024. Also Bridge 66 on 190 E. will be closed June 3, 2024 through November 1, 2024. Shane stated, "Do you think we can close anything else?" Sherri replied, "We will be closing 800 N. soon."

Andy Judd submitted an ordinance to create a fund for the juvenile MRT program fees. Shane made a motion to approve the ordinance; Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Avis McGovern spoke on behalf of the residents near the recently purchased property that has been rezoned as industrial as the future whiskey barrel holding facility. Avis lives at Broomsage Ranch and is concerned, along with many other residents, about the environmental impact and the health impact. She is very concerned about her babies breathing the air and eating food that comes from the land. She feels totally blindsided and thinks that the decision to re-zone wasn't thought all the way through. Matt said that maybe steps need to be implemented for the future, along with changing the radius for up to 2 miles of the affected property. Notifications went out and no one showed up at the re-zoning meeting. A gentleman provided the letter that he received from APC and he says that it was very vague and didn't explain thoroughly. Matt stated that he wasn't aware of a mold and Avis corrected him and said it is a fungus, not a mold. The representative that came to the meeting said that he wants to be a good neighbor and if anyone has any issues, they can call him personally. He also said that he would pressure wash their homes if needed. The audience said that isn't good enough! A filtration system was discussed with the commissioners. Matt said that he will research it and see if they work. Shane said that he knows several people that live in Sunman and they do not complain about the whiskey barrel storage there. Avis is asking for the commissioners to consider if this was happening beside their farms. Marie read the names of the residents that received the letters, and stated no one came to any of the previous meetings. Marie said that people need to read their letters and read the paper. Marie asks for the residents to give this company the opportunity to be a good neighbor. This is out of the county's hands, and it is at the state level.

Nicci submitted a travel request for probation and the health department. Shane made a motion to approve the travel request, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Sarah submitted a travel request for herself and Amy Jump for a state called Auditors conference. Shane made a motion to approve, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

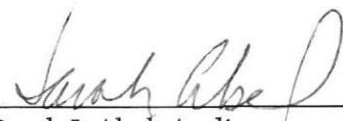
Sarah also asks the commissioners for permission to upgrade our financial system to allow for cloud-based storage of our accounts payable vouchers. Sarah told the commissioner that the cost is \$2000.00 per year. Shane made a motion to approve the upgrade, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

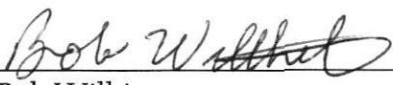
Shane made a motion to approve the quote from RTC for the new phone service. Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

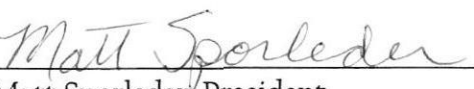
Bob made a motion to sign prior minutes, Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

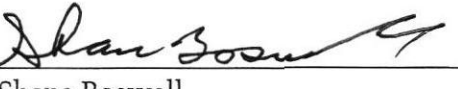
Bob made a motion to sign payroll and claims, Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

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


Sarah J. Abel, Auditor


Bob Wilhite


Matt Sporleder, President


Shane Boswell