

# JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING

June 6, 2024, 9:00 A.M.

Annex Building

Matt Sporleder, Shane Boswell, and Bob Willhite were present. Matt Sporleder opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The start of this meeting had no audio or video due to technical issues. At approximately 9:15 our IT team had fixed the issue.

Nicci presented a blanket travel request for the Health Department to travel to Jackson, Jefferson, Bartholomew, Ripley, and Marion Counties. This travel request is for education and training. Shane made a motion to approve the request, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Mark Dove discusses the 50 East construction with the commissioners. Mark is concerned about emergency vehicles having access to the road. Shane explained that the road was temporarily closed due to safety issues, but they would be opening the road back up only for emergency travel! Shane said that the State put the county in a bad position.

Amy Thompson is requesting a credit card through German American Bank. She is asking for a credit limit of \$2000.00. She has been using her personal credit card for county purchases. The clerk stated that the bill wasn't paid by the Auditor's office, and it is her credit that is on the line when the bill isn't paid. She has received \$40.00 in late fees and \$17.36 in interest charges and is asking that the county pay the fees, or she can pay them, and the county can reimburse her. Matt said that the county can pay the fees incurred contingent on Alex talking to The State Board of Accounts. Shane made a motion to approve the credit card, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously. The clerk also told the commissioners that she saw the Auditor's new job posting on Indeed. She said that the job description shows food provided and her office does not have food provided. Nicci, with HR explains that it was a mistake and has been fixed.

Steve Graham from Wayside Inn said that in 2023 they provided shelter to 159 residents. 2023 was the most successful year that Wayside Inn has had in over 10 years. There are four volunteers that live upstairs, and these residents are also past residents of the inn. Steve will be asking the county for \$8700.00 for the year 2025. Wayside has applied for grants, but they may or may not get these grants. Steve is hoping to have the funding for a permanent director. Matt recommends that they ask the council for \$10000.00 to help in the loss of the United Way Grant. Bob made a motion to approve contingent on council, Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Ashley with the Auditor's office explains that there were a lot of claims along with the election pay that had to be completed and that is why the Clerk's credit card payment was mailed out late. She said that she takes full responsibility for the payment being late. She mailed the check out on April 30<sup>th</sup> for \$130.03. The credit card company had not received the payment and Ashley is working with the treasurer's office to see if the check had been cashed. The claim was received in the Auditor's office on May 14<sup>th</sup> and sent a check out for payment on May 28. Ashley submitted the previous payment of \$130.03 with this new invoice received. Ashley said that when the clerk and her first deputy came into the office, she made them aware that the payment was going out that same day. The clerk said that they were going back to their office and making a payment online. Ashley explains to the commissioners that she has been trying to set up electronic payments for the credit cards because of

the mail being slow. The credit card in question is the clerk's personal credit card and Ashley cannot gain access to it. The clerk said that the late fee is \$40.00, and the interest charges are \$17.36, totaling \$57.36. The clerk asked the commissioners if she could go online and make the payment and be reimbursed from the county or obtain the ACH information for the county and pay it that way. Matt said his theory was to let the Auditor's office and Amy figure it out. Matt would rather the county pay it and not the clerk personally. The clerk asked Ashley if she could come over to her office and get the payments made.

Matt said that the late fees will be taken care of, or he will pay it out of his own pocket.

Sarah submitted a quote to the commissioners for an upgrade for our LOW software. There is an upgrade to our current software that will allow department heads to pull their own ledgers and a remote claim entry that will allow the department heads to enter the claims. The Auditors office would approve or deny the claim. Alex asked if there had been a discussion with the department heads doing this prior to this meeting. Sarah will discuss this with the department heads in the next department head meeting. Shane made a motion to table, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Sarah also submitted a quote for keyless entry at the Animal Control building. Shane made a motion to approve, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Matt asked if the sign would be ready by fair week and Sarah explained that it would not be ready.

Alex presented an ordinance for the health department that amends the Jennings County sewer code. Alex has reviewed and he is suggesting that the commissioners adopt the ordinance. Shane made a motion to approve the ordinance; Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Peggy has asked the commissioners for approval to spend money from their COVID reimbursement fund to supply lunch on July 18<sup>th</sup> for the Indiana Health Commissioner, Dr. Lindsay Weaver. Matt said that he thinks that is a great idea. Shane made a motion to approve, Bob seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

There is an ordinance that will allow the county to take over a road that JNRU owns. This ordinance has been tabled multiple times. A survey will need to be completed and the county will not pay for this survey. If JNRU wants the county to take possession of the road, they will pay for the survey.

Mary explains to the commissioners that her office is having trouble with their keycards.

Michelle asked the commissioners about the county vehicle policy that was tabled in the last meeting. Matt explains that they are working on a policy but do not have it completed yet.

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.

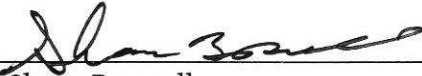
SIPRC sent a letter asking the commissioner to continue to be partners with the county. The 2025 cost will be \$11045.00 for the fiscal year 2025.

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

  
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Sarah J. Abel, Auditor

  
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