

JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING

April 3, 2025, 6:00 P.M.

Annex Building

Matt Sporleder, Shane Boswell, and Charlie St. John were present. Matt opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

First up is the CCMG bid openings. Dave O'Mara is opened by Shane Boswell and All-Star Paving is opened by Charlie St. John. All-Star Paving is no bid due to time restraints. Dave O'Mara's bid is for \$1,797,596.28 for the entire project. The roads that are included in the bid are attached. Derek will look over the bid documents and report back to the commissioners.

Andy Judd came to the commissioners to update them on grants that the Probation Department has or will be applying for. Andy explains that they have applied for a JDAI (Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative) Grant. Currently there are 41 counties in the State of Indiana that are members of JDAI. Andy explains that they applied to become a JDAI county in 2024 and became a JDAI county in 2024. It automatically comes with a first-year grant of \$50,000.00 plus \$10,000.00 for expenses. The \$50,000.00 is to hire a JVAI coordinator. The JDAI coordinator will coordinate efforts to try and help kids and put programs into place in Jennings County. It is a three-and-a-half-year commitment from the Indiana Department of Corrections for this position, and an additional \$10,000 for start up supplies. Andy explains that at the end of three and a half years, the coordinator is cut off and they county just continues to build the program. The hopes are that at the end of the three and a half years, the program has been built up enough in Jennings County and the need for a full-time coordinator will not be needed. The MRT program is a program that is designed to help the kids that have Opposition Defiant Disorder and with this grant we are hoping to expand this program. Andy says that there is a population of kids that do not have parents, primarily to overdose, and are being raised by a family member. Andy says that they received a grant that he didn't realize was approved. The grant is a JPAR grant that the state piggybacked on another grant. He says that he asked for \$88,000 to put another probation officer and an adult probation officer to perform a specific task. That task would be to take adults that are on probation for substance abuse who have children and separate them into a certain group and supervise them intensely. Andy says that he applied for \$88,000 and they gave him \$140,000. Andy says that since the programs started in 2023, they have had only two kids get arrested for felonies, which is good for Jennings County he states.

Matt discusses the lease agreement between the Army and Jennings County. The Army will be leasing the fairgrounds on April 14 – May 24. They will not be utilizing any of the buildings. Shane made a motion to approve the lease for \$31794.00, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

The council presented a quote from Shoemaker for the commissioners to look at. Shoemaker presented a quote to provide and install tele-pole and surface raceway to the re-route microphone cabling from floor to ceiling and move existing audio rack to rear corner. Matt said that the cost of the quote is a big fat no from him. Shane asked if there were any other quotes, and only this one quote from Shoemaker was received. The commissioners would like to see two more quotes. Shoemaker installed the original system, and it is unsure if another company will do the work, or if

the warranty will be voided. Charlie made a motion to table the quote and discuss it with the council. Shane seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda, the commissioners discuss invoices for appraisals. Shane said that originally, he thought it was going to be paid from the Recycle budget. Shane made a motion to present the invoices to the council for funding. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Sherri with the highway states that all documents are in order and her recommendation is that the commissioners accept the bid from Dave O'Mara, in the amount of \$1,797,596.28. Shane made a motion to accept the bid from O'Mara, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Matt said that he would like an attachment to be included in the minutes that show all the roads on the bid.

The auditor is asking for a credit increase of \$3000.00 with German American for the credit cards. Shane made a motion to increase the credit limit to \$28,000.00, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. The auditor also talks to the commissioners about travel requests. Sarah is asking for the estimated charges portion of the travel request to be completed. Matt said that he has seen very few that have not completed that portion of the travel request. Nicci said that she doesn't know why it needs to be done like that as long as it's in the department head's budget. Shane made a motion that the department heads have the dollar amount filled out on the travel request, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

The auditor submitted two additional quotes to the commissioners for the sign at the fairgrounds. The original quote came from Heitz Sign Company, and we also received a quote from Green Sign, and Fast Signs. Matt asked if the sign would be up and running prior to the fair this year and the auditor responded that was her understanding. Matt says that Fast Signs are way too high. Matt said that Green Sign is the cheapest of the three quotes received, and it is for \$31,103.41 for 16 mm and everything included. Matt said that it is way more than he wanted to spend but is hoping that the county can recover some of the cost by renting the sign out. Charlie said that it is up to the other commissioners, and it is a no for him. Charlie said that it is too much money due to being on Highway 3. He does not see it paying for itself, in his opinion. Shane made a motion to approve the sign purchase from Green Sign in the amount of \$31,103.41. Passed on a 2-1 vote.

Shane went back to the travel request for a minute. He doesn't want to see that someone forgot to put a dollar amount on it and it not getting paid. Sarah said it is just an estimate.

Shane made a motion to approve prior minutes, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Shane made a motion to approve payroll and claims, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Charlie said that he wants to discuss applying a fine to people who drive through the flooded water in the Hayden bottoms. The road-closed when flooded signs are up but people just drive around them. Charlie said that the county has had five water rescues so far this year. Matt asked who brought this up and Charlie said that Kenny called and asked. Kenny said that he would like to see a portion of the fines to go to the fire department, or whomever goes on the rescue. Shane said that they would run it by Alex.

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

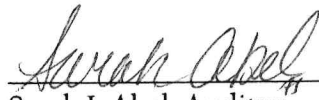
PROPOSAL

To the Board of Commissioners of Jennings County, State of Indiana; hereinafter referred to as Owner:

JENNINGS COUNTY 2025-1 CCMG PROJECT
S CO RD 550 W FROM CR 750 S TO COMMISKEY PIKE (CR 850 S)
W CO RD 150 N FROM CR 800 W TO CR 700 W
S CO RD 175 W FROM COMMISKEY PIKE (CR 850 S) TO NORTH .6 MILES
COMMISKEY PIKE (CR 115 W) FROM SR 3 TO CR 75 W
W CO RD 400 S FROM CR 700 W TO CR 375 S
W CO RD 375 S FROM CR 400 S TO CR 350 S
W CO RD 350 S FROM CR 375 S TO CR 550 W
S CO RD 550 W FROM CR 350 S TO CR 275 S
W CO RD 350 S FROM CR 900 W TO CR 775 W
W CO RD 175 N FROM CR 600 W TO CR 550 W
E CO RD 150 S FROM CR 450 E TO CR 600 E
W CO RD 260 N FROM CR 25 W (CR 20 W) TO TERMINUS
CEDAR RIDGE LN FROM CR 400 N TO TERMINUS
E CO RD 400 N FROM CR 150 E TO CEDAR RIDGE LN
E CO RD 550 N FROM CR 750 E TO CR 820 E
W CO RD 400 S FROM SR 3 TO EAST 1 MILE
S CO RD 200 E FROM SR 7 TO TERMINUS
E CO RD 700 S FROM CR 100 E TO BRIDGE 84
N CO RD 600 W (CR 500 W) FROM CR 300 N TO CR 500 N
W CO RD 500 N FROM CORPORATE LIMITS TO CR 800 W
E CO RD 900 N FROM CR 400 E TO CR 500 E
N CO RD 400 E FROM CR 650 N TO CR 850 N
BASE RD FROM BR 129 TO CR 800 N
JENINGS COUNTY, INDIANA

Pursuant to the legal notice that sealed bids for the above project would be received by the Board of Commissioners of County of Jennings.

The undersigned hereby tenders this bid to construct the work in accordance with the construction plans (drawings), specifications, and all authorized revisions for this contract which are on file in the office of the Jennings County Highway Department; and to furnish all necessary machinery, equipment, tools, labor and other means of construction and to furnish



Sarah J. Abel, Auditor



Matt Sporleder, President



Charlie St. John



Shane Boswell