JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING July 24, 2025, 9:00 A.M. Annex Building

Matt Sporleder, Shane Boswell, Alex Zimmerman, and Charlie St. John were present. Matt opened the meeting at 9:00 am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

First on the agenda is the bid opening for the HVAC system for the courthouse. Shane opened the bid from Dunlap. There are two options to Dunlaps bid. Option #1 is \$385,000.00 and Option #2 is \$435,000.00. Option #1 would need to be completely winterized. Option #2 is a fully automated system. Charlie opens the bid from Koch Mechanical. The bid is for a fully automated system and is \$546,555.00. Shane made a motion to take the bids under advisement, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Maintenance will review the bids and bring his recommendation back later at the meeting.

Sherry Maschino with the county highway presents with a design exception for Bridge 29 to the commissioners for approval. The existing lane width is seven feet, and USI is asking for an exception of eight feet. Shane made a motion to approve the exception, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Rick Meade represents the Jennings County Active Transportation Committee. The committee consists of volunteers that meet monthly and are focused on safety and infrastructure improvements. The committee also assisted with the bike giveaway at the county fair. If anyone would like more information about the committee or would like to volunteer, they can contact Rick Meade.

Ian Godfrey with EMS tells the commissioners that the grant for new body armor was not awarded. The commissioners told Ian that if this was not awarded, to come back and they would see if they could help get this funded. The current equipment that EMS has is expired and needs updated. The quote that Ian has presented to the commissioners is for \$21, 600.02. Shane made a motion to approve, contingent on the council finding the funds. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

HR presents a travel request for the Extension office to travel to the Indianapolis State Fairgrounds. Any expense associated will come from their budget. Shane made a motion to approve the request, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. A travel request is also presented for the Prosecutors office to attend the 2025 Advocacy Training. Any cost associated will come out of their budget. Shane made a motion to approve, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. HR presents a work from home request to the commissioners. The commissioners would like more information before approving this request.

The recommendation is to award the HVAC bid to Dunlap Mechanical. Shane made motion to award the bid for Option #2 to Dunlap Mechanical, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Dylan Smock, with the Jennings County Sheriff's Department is asking to use the fairgrounds on August 2, 2025, for training. The time for this will be from 8 am. to 2 pm. Shane made a motion to approve, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Cody presents a grant application for Max Marcoux. There is no match needed, just approval to move forward with the grant. Shane made a motion to approve the grant for \$15,000. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Justin Fox presented to the commissioners a renewal contract for a maintenance agreement from Dunlap for the jail. The amount of the renewal is \$10,584.00 for the year. Shane made a motion to approve, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Alex drafted an ordinance to create a Vax Care non-reverting fund for the Health Department. Shane made a motion to approve the ordinance, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

The commissioners meeting is scheduled for October 9, which falls on fall break for Jennings County schools. This meeting will be moved to October 2, 2025.

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

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

Shane made a motion to adjourn at 9:42 am, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Sarah J. Abel, Auditor

Matt Sporleder, President

Charlie St. John

Shane Boswell