JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING
October 23rd, 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.

Whitney Koelling with Administrative Resources Association presents the commissioners with a resolution for application submission and distribution of funds for the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program. The organization was not selected for the grant in quarter three and is requesting to apply for quarter four. The local match would be $60,000 and would come from the Opioid Settlement Funds. Shane made a motion to sign the resolution, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Nicci Lucas, Human Resources, presents two work from home requests. The office that the Soil & Water employees work in is housed in a federal building. The employees had to vacate their office when the shutdown began. The Board of Directors for Soil & Water has approved this request. Shane made a motion to approve the request, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. HR submits a travel request for the Clerk to attend the Election Administrative Conference. The expenses for this will be paid out of the general fund. Shane made a motion to approve the request, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. A travel request was submitted for the Veterans Service Officer to attend a District Conference. No expenses are expected but if any expenses occur, they would be paid out of the veteran's budget. Shane made a motion to approve, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Michelle with JC Animal Control is requesting permission to move forward with the purchase of new radios for the Animal Control vehicles. There was only one quote received for these radios because of the distance for other vendors. The EMS and Sheriffs department uses the same company and recommended them to Michelle. It is noted that approximately $5,000.00 is remaining in the bond for Animal Control due to the radios coming in 5,000.00 under what was requested. Shane made a motion to approve the quote at $10,100.00. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

The commissioners asked for multiple bids for the new Poultry barn. Several bids have come in, and the commissioners will present them.

1. **Skylar Sibley Concrete** - $110,500.00 ($35,500.00 for concrete only and $75,000.00 for building only)
2. **William Schwartz** – Pole Barn with concrete and no electric $270,000.00. Pole Barn without electric and without concrete $185,000.00.
3. **Reasonable Construction** – 60' x 100' barn $118,760.00 ($86,743.83 for building, $31,932.80 for concrete)

4. **Goins Home Improvement** – 60' x 100' pole building without concrete, $67,300.00.
5. **Nathan Wickey** – Building with concrete, no electric $230,000.00. Building without concrete and no electric $150,000.00.

Branham Construction - $150,308.40 ($92,750.00 for building, concrete $41,550.00, demo $6800.00. Demo to be subtracted because the county will handle demo.

Shane made a motion to accept all bids, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously. The bids will be reviewed and awarded in the next meeting on November 6, 2025.

Shepherd presented the Health Insurance Renewal to the commissioners. Shepherd noted a 12–12.5% increase to renew with current carrier/benefits; gross ~3.1 million, after contributions ~2.9 million; current after contributions ~2.872 million (figures discussed at a high level). The county has three options, Option 1: No changes (status quo). Option 2: Slight benefit changes (e.g., increased deductibles), possible elimination of wellness incentive, halving HSA deposits, to reduce cost modestly. Option 3: Consider return to Blue Access (not favored). The council's feedback was to fund the renewal with no changes. Shane made a motion to approve Option 1, no changes. Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Sherri with the county highway presented a commitment letter for CCMG that needs approved and signed. Shane made a motion to approve/sign the letter, Charlie seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

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

Shane made a motion to adjourn at 9:32 am, Charlie seconded, passed unanimously.

Sarah Abel
Sarah J. Abel, Auditor

Charlie St. John

Matt Sporleder
Matt Sporleder, President

Shane Boswell
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