

**MARSHALL COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 3, 2020**

The Board of Commissioners of Marshall County, Indiana, met for a regular meeting in the Commissioner's Meeting Room 203, 112 W. Jefferson Street, Plymouth, Indiana at 8:30 a.m., Monday, February 3, 2020. Present were Commissioners, Kevin Overmyer, President; Stan Klotz, Vice President and Mike Burroughs; County Attorney, James Clevenger; and County Auditor, Julie A. Fox. The meeting was opened, the Pledge of Allegiance was given and the business at hand was heard.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent Jason Peters presented a road bore from Precision Utilities Group at 14375 Nutmeg Road, between 14B Road and 14th Road, in Green Township, for customer requesting CenturyLink service. **Stan Klotz moved, second by Mike Burroughs, to approve the road bore from Precision Utilities Group at 14375 Nutmeg Road, between 14B Road and 14th Road, in Green Township, for customer requesting CenturyLink service. Motion carried 3-0.**

Superintendent Peters provided a department update stating 250 tons of patch will be purchased; millings are being obtained from 5C Road; stated bridge inspections were completed; provided a flood repair summary and stated that funding will be requested from Council for the flood repair.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Director Linda Rippy and Mike Miley provided the Quarterly Report and the 2020 Historical Society budget with \$42,360 in income and expenses of \$86,570; The Historical Society was again featured in Country Woman Magazine, Cookbook Classics; almost 10,000 visitors were received last year and had 6,000 volunteer hours; membership is at 480 with 57 out-of-state members. The annual dinner will be held in May with guest speaker Kristin Garvey, the topic will be Susan B. Anthony.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Old Business:

Jail Expansion Project: The project is on hold and have notified Betty Knight and the finance team. Will be meeting with IJC to review county programs on either March 4th or March 18th, Commissioner Klotz will coordinate the date and time.

Jail Lawsuits

ACLU Lawsuit: Attorney Clevenger submitted additional information to Betty Knight and Lisa Baron with the assistance of Sgt. Andrew Holcomb at the jail.

Damage Claim Lawsuits: No new case filings since the last Commissioner meeting. Holding at 21 cases.

House Bill 1346 – Jail Overcrowding: Commissioner Overmyer forwarded Attorney Clevenger a legislative summary from IACC of numerous bills filed in this year’s General Assembly. A bill requires the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute to receive data from Sheriffs concerning jail populations and statistics with the goal to develop incarceration alternatives to alleviate jail and prison overcrowding.

Solar Energy Regulations: Director Ty Adley and Plan Commission Counsel Derek Jones are meeting with the County Attorney next week to discuss zoning amendment regulations for small, residential systems and to discuss regulations for larger, commercial solar farm systems. Attorney Clevenger has also been in contact with a lawyer from Barnes & Thornburg concerning assistance on the regulations for larger systems, Barnes & Thornburg can present options for how Marshall County may want to address regulations on the large systems. The plan is to have the Plan Commission make a recommendation to the Commissioners early so that regulations may be enacted timely.

AUDITOR REPORT

January 21, 2020 minutes: Submitted for approval. **Stan Klotz moved, second by Mike Burroughs, to approve the Commissioner minutes of January 21, 2020. Motion carried 3-0.**

February monthly claims: **Mike Burroughs moved, second by Stan Klotz, to approve the February monthly claims as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

SHERIFF

Sheriff Hassel requested permission to apply for the Marine Patrol Assistance Grant, which provides funding for marine patrol on Lake Maxinkuckee. The grant period will begin May 22, 2020 and expire on September 29, 2020. It was discussed that the job description needs to be finalized.

Sheriff Hassel requested permission to apply for the FY2020 SAVE (Stop Arm Violation Enforcement) Grant through Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, which reimburses wages. The goal of the traffic safety grant is to prevent stop arm violations through high visibility enforcement by following school buses and stopping violators. The program will include two operational periods from March 15, 2020 through May 1, 2020 and August 1, 2020 through September 15, 2020.

Mike Burroughs moved, second by Stan Klotz, to allow Sheriff Hassel permission to apply for the Marine Patrol Assistance Grant. Motion carried 3-0.

Stan Klotz moved, second by Mike Burroughs, to allow Sheriff Hassel permission to apply for the FY2020 SAVE (Stop Arm Violation Enforcement) Grant. Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Hassel stated that Porter County would be able to take ten inmates and St. Joseph County may possibly be able to take inmates. The Sheriff will be working on establishing inter local agreements.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Commissioner Overmyer stated that they are close to approving the Clock Tower Plan and anticipate the project will be going out for bids the first of March.

Commissioner Klotz provided a Telamon update stating a letter was sent in regards to the final payment of invoices totaling \$16,287.40, a reduction was taken in the sum of \$1,167.50. A letter was also issued to Telamon regarding the type of bulb used in the stairwells.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the board **Mike Burroughs moved, second by Stan Klotz, to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 am. Motion carried 3-0.**

Kevin Overmyer, President

Stan Klotz, Vice President

Mike Burroughs, Member

ATTEST: _____
Julie A. Fox, Auditor