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THE MARTIN COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 29, 2017

MINUTES

The Martin County Commissioners convened in regular session Tuesday, August 29, 2017 in the Commissioner’s Room of the Courthouse located at 129 Main Street, Shoals, Indiana. Commissioners present were Paul R. George, Dan J. Gregory and Kevin R. Boyd. Also attending was Auditor January Roush, County Attorney J. David Lett, Clerk Gerald Montgomery, Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent; Highway Clerk Terri Alcorn, Kathy Collins, Martin County Community Corrections; Brent Roberts, BF&S; Andy Ringwald, Civil Defesne/EMA; Jenny Dearwester, SIDC; Don Anderson, Anderson Construction; Don Graber, Erin Cage and Jill Wadsworth, Loogootee Tribune.

President George called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 5:30pm.

The minutes from regular meeting of August 15, 2017 were approved as submitted with a motion by Commissioner Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Gregory. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Claims and Allowances were approved as submitted with the motion by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by Commissioner Boyd. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Jenny Dearwester, SIDC, was present for the opening of the final 2 bids needed for the Housing Rehabilitation Grant. County Attorney Lett opened the 2 bids received. Anderson Construction submitted bids for Project #113-$22,400 and Project #114-$25,250. KD Mendenhall Construction submitted bids for Project #113-$21,155 and for Project #114-$24,956. This brings the total number of homes to be rehabbed to 14. There are 3 homes completed and with the inspection to follow soon. Dearwester will review the bids and hope to award the next Commissioners meeting on September 12, 2017 and be able to sign contracts by the end of that week.

Clerk Gerald Montgomery re-submitted his request to change the election voting site in Loogootee from St. Johns Catholic Church Center to the Redemption Church. He received 9 responses from voters with 8 in favor of the move and 1 against. Clerk Montgomery went on to explain again why the need for the change. The Election Board and County Chairman are all in favor of the move. There were no comments from those present. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to keep the election voting site at the St. John Catholic Center. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. The Commissioners agreed to have the election voting site at the St. Johns Catholic Center one more time and then revisit the request.

Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent, submitted his 2-week work schedule. The County is expecting the Community Crossings Grants to be awarded next month. All equipment is ready to start the projects. President George signed paperwork on completion of the first Community Crossings Grant. The Commissioners reviewed 2 quotes for a snow plow and spreader bed. The Commissioners would like both quotes to include a stainless steel spreader bed. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to table the decision until both bids contained a stainless steel spreader bed. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Clark Power has completed the repairs on Gradall and it will be picked up later in the week. The Highway Department received the 5th wheel trailer this week.

Don Graber came before the Commissioners to discuss a water line to his property on Sorrells Lane. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve an agreement between him and the County stating that the County is not responsible for any future liabilities. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Brent Roberts, BF&S, submitted the County-Wide Bridge Inspection contract for signature. The Commissioners approved the contract at their June 20, 2017 meeting and have been waiting for final approval from INDOT.

Kathy Collins, Martin County Community Corrections Director, submitted a contracted for approval. The contract is between the Martin County Community Corrections and Erica Bratton which concerns the PBIS program at the Shoals Community Schools. County Attorney Lett reviewed the contract and with his corrections, had no objections to the contract. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve the PBIS Coach contract at $15,000 annually. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

There will be an Executive Session held Monday, September 18, 2017 at 8:30am to interview prospected health insurance agents.

Auditor Roush advised the Commissioners that several employees wanted a picnic table to be able to sit outside during lunch.

A short discussion on the generator followed.

Commissioner Gregory introduced Erin Cage, who is the Shoals High School Spanish Teacher.

The Courthouse will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2017 for Labor Day.

Budget Hearings will be held Tuesday, September 5, 2017 and Wednesday, September 6, 2017.

The Martin County Tax Sale will be held Wednesday, September 7, 2017 at 1:00pm in the Commissioners Room.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm with a motion made by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by Commissioner Boyd. All were in favor and the motion passed. The next Commissioner’s meeting will be held Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 5:30pm.

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Kevin R. Boyd

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January L. Roush, Martin County Auditor