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THE MARTIN COUNTY

 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 5, 2017

MINUTES

The Martin County Commissioners convened in regular session Wednesday, July 5, 2017 in the Commissioner’s Room of the Courthouse located at 129 Main Street, Shoals, Indiana. Commissioners present were Paul R. George and Dan J. Gregory. Commissioner Kevin R. Boyd was unable to attend. Also attending was Auditor January Roush, County Attorney J. David Lett, Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent; Highway Clerk Terri Alcorn, Andy Ringwald, EMA/Civil Defense; Kathy Collins, Martin County Community Corrections; Clerk Gerald Montgomery, Sheriff Travis Roush, Surveyor Nathan Hoffman, Josh Hughett, Animal Control Officer and Courtney Hughett, Martin County Journal and Humane Society.

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

The minutes from regular meeting of June 20, 2017 were approved as submitted with a motion by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by President George.

The Claims and Allowances were approved as submitted with the motion by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by President George.

Courtney Hughett, Humane Society, submitted the quarterly report and the 2016 financial report. She informed the Commissioners of an issue regarding the stray hold for animals picked up by the Animal Control Officer. The current ordinance states that the Humane Society should hold stray dogs/cats for 5 days, Hughett would like it decreased to 3 due to the amount of strays they are receiving. County Attorney Lett and Hughett will review the current ordinance to see if other matters need to be addressed and submit at next meeting.

Clerk Gerald Montgomery submitted a proposal for new election equipment. The county currently leases voting machine equipment from GBS for $40,000 each election year. The new election equipment can be purchased from ES&S for $70,575 and has a 15 year life span. Clerk Montgomery explained the difference between the two different kinds of election equipment. There are funds available in Cum Voting for the purchase. This fund can only be used to lease or purchase election equipment. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the purchase of the election equipment from ES&S for $70,575 pending Council approval. President George made the second.

Surveyor Nathan Hoffman came before the Commissioners to request a Full-Time Deputy. He currently has 2 Part-Timer Deputies and is requesting that they be replaced with one Full-Time Deputy in 2018. The Full-Time Deputy will be paid from the CEDIT Fund which is governed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the request for a Full-Time Deputy Surveyor in the 2018 budget pending Council approval. President George made the second.

Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the master natural gas agreement with Constellation NewEnergy-Gas Division. President George made the second.

Federated Insurance informed the county that as of December 31, 2017, they will no longer be offering health insurance coverage. A brief discussion followed.

The generator for the Courthouse will be discussed at the next meeting when Commissioner Boyd is present.

Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2017-11, An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances for Martin County Indiana and Declaring an Emergency. President George made the second.

Sheriff Travis Roush reported that he currently has 68 inmates, 2 out-of-county and 2 DOC. The new bed installation is complete and awaiting an official increase in capacity from the Jail Inspector.

Kathy Collins, Community Corrections Director, discussed the upcoming training on Trauma Care on July 28th at Westgate. She also expressed her appreciation to the Sheriff and his Reserve Program. The Security System has been installed at the Community Corrections building.

Andy Ringwald, Civil Defense/EMA, met with DNR concerning flooding problem areas. He will be attending a D10 meeting in a few weeks.

Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent, submitted his two-week work schedule. A discussion on concerning a taxpayer paying 50/50 of a chip-n-seal project followed. Due to the expense of repairing the old Gradall, Superintendent Padgett found a Gradall with 1300 miles on it for $36,000. The repairs to the old Gradall will cost $20,000 and the company repairing can’t guarantee it will be fixed. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to purchase the 2007 Gradall XL3100 pending funding availability. President George made the second. A discussion on a Bellgrade Road addition transpired.

Community Corrections Director Collins informed the Commissioners of a vehicle accident involving her road crew supervisor. The county vehicle was totaled but her employee received no injuries. The county employee was not a fault.

County Attorney Lett reviewed bridge inspection contract and recommended the Commissioners approve. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the bridge inspection contract with BF&S for $272,000. President George made the second. The county will be reimbursed 80% of the contract from INDOT.

President George gave the June Veteran Service Officer Report.

Auditor Roush gave a tax sale update. The tax sale will be held September 7, 2017 at 1pm in the Commissioners Room.

Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the Indiana Housing and Community Development Grant Drawdown #1 in the amount of $25,491.89. President George made the second.

Due the Martin County 4-H Fair Auction, Commissioner Gregory made a motion to re-schedule the Redevelopment Commission and Commissioners meeting from Tuesday, July 18 to Wednesday, July 19th. President George made the second.

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the Commissioners budgets for 2018.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm with a motion made by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by President George. The next Commissioner’s meeting will be held Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 5:30pm.

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 January L. Roush, Martin County Auditor