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THE MARTIN COUNTY

 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 19, 2017

MINUTES

The Martin County Commissioners convened in regular session Wednesday, July 19, 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 Commissioner Kevin R. Boyd. Also attending was Deputy Auditor Bev Terrell, County Attorney J. David Lett, Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent; Highway Clerk Terri Alcorn, Andy Ringwald, EMA/Civil Defense; Kathy Collins, Martin County Community Corrections; Greg Jones, SIDC; Tim Kinder, Martin County Alliance and Mary Lou Billings.

President George called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 5:32pm.

The minutes from regular meeting of July 5, 2017 were approved as submitted with a motion by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by President George. Commissioner Boyd abstained due to his absence.

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

Greg Jones from SIDC addressed the Commissioners asking for their continued support with a budget request increase and a letter supporting the reason for the increase. They are requesting $2,563 be placed in the Commissioners budget for 2018. The increase is for assistance in the Small Urban and Rural Transportation Planning Program in the amount of $2,500 to be funded by the additional MVH funds coming to the county. Jones gave an update on several ongoing and future projects.

Andy Ringwald, Civil Defense/EMA attended the recent DPC meeting. He updated the Commissioners on a project called First Net (a Federal Program) which will add towers to eliminate dead zones and provide county wide coverage of cellular service dedicated for use of emergency responders only.

Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent, updated the Commissioners on recent equipment damages. The damages included glass breakage on the mowing tractor which was caused by a dead tree and the wiring on the tri-axle catching fire. An insurance claim has been filed and repairs will follow the adjuster’s inspection. A discussion on DNR permits followed. Daviess County Highway Superintendent has requested the county aid in the repair of some of the West Boggs Park in connection with next year’s Community Crossings Grant. A discussion followed. The Commissioners all agreed they are willing to assist in the repairs but would like Superintendent Padgett to get a more specific amount. The department is having issues with road signs, cones, etc. going missing from road projects. The Commissioners advised Superintendent Padgett to discuss with Sheriff Roush and be more diligent in picking up the signs/cones each evening. A discussion on equipment and road repair followed. Auditor January Roush submitted a DLGF Estimated Miscellaneous Revenues Report for MVH and a discussion followed. Mary Lou Billings came before the Commissioners to discuss a culvert issue on East River Road adjourning her property. A discussion followed on how to repair the issue. All were in agreement that the issue needed to be addressed.

Kathy Collins, Community Corrections director, updated the Commissioners on the settlement amount from the responsible party’s insurance company involved in the accident with her department’s vehicle. With this amount and her board approval, the vehicle solution is favorable.

President George asked about the progress on the Animal Control Ordinance. Attorney Lett noted that time is needed to finish the request. The ordinance issue was tabled until further notice.

President George addressed the issue of installing the generator at the courthouse. Commissioner Gregory asked whether it is really needed for the courthouse at the estimated cost of installation and asked if it would be better suited for the highway department due to its size and capacity. A discussion followed. Kathy Collins noted that one reason for the courthouse to be protected from an outage is the computer servers’ sensitivity to high temperatures. Tim Kinder stated that damage can be caused to said servers at 80 degrees. Commissioner George tabled the issue for further discussion asking the Auditor to contact the outside IT person for an opinion.

County Attorney Dave Lett announced that our county’s Property and Casualty Insurance Company has asked for a Risk Management meeting to be scheduled and that attendance is mandatory for department heads and Commissioners. Pete Isom will have input in the meeting on Workers Compensation risk. The meeting is Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 9am. All Elected Officials/Department Heads are expected to attend or send someone in place of them.

Mr. Lett presented a six month contract for the development of a county website with ME Web Design for $1500 set-up, $120 per year Hosting fee and additional services at a rate of $30/hr. A motion to approve the contract providing that daily data input, such as meeting minutes, can be done by the Auditor and not cost the per-hour rate of the contactor was made by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by President George. Commissioner Boyd abstained due to conflict of interest.

President George announced that the Risk Management meeting is August 9, 2017 at 9am. The Courthouse will be closed Monday, September 4, 2017 for Labor Day and Budget Hearings are scheduled for September 5 and September 6.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm with a motion made by Commissioner Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Gregory. All were in favor and the motion passed. The next Commissioner’s meeting will be held Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 5:30pm.

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 January L. Roush, Martin County Auditor