

BE IT REMEMBERED THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in the Henry County Courthouse Circuit Courtroom, on Wednesday August 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Ed Tarantino, Steve Dellinger, Debra Walker, Henry County Auditor and Martin Shields, County Attorney. Bobbi Plummer attended the meeting via Zoom.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge and a Prayer let by Ed Tarantino.

A motion was made by Steve Dellinger and seconded by Bobbi Plummer to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Steve Dellinger and seconded by Bobbi Plummer to approve payroll as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Steve Dellinger and seconded by Bobbi Plummer to approve claims as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Penny York gave an update on the EDC. The EPA Grant is running out and they will be decided in the next month if they will reapply for it. Penny also stated that she will be working more with the Tourism portion of the EDC.

Christy Ragle explained how she has been doing research and development for the new brand for Henry County for the EDC. They have developed a new brand "Henry County Destination Development", which is now the new Visitors Bureau which is now a part of the EDC. She presented the new logo to the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Steve Dellinger to approve the renewal contract with Humana. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Steve Dellinger to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Cadiz for patch material. Motion carried unanimously.

Angela Cox gave an update on COVID and how schools are handling the situation.

Joe Copeland informed the Commissioners that INDOT will be doing a project on 103 from New Castle North. He has a letter responding to the unofficial detour the Commissioners need to review. The unofficial detours will be State Road 38 and State Road 36.

A motion was made by Steve Dellinger and seconded by Bobbi Plummer to approve the Letter of Unofficial Detour. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Copeland presented an estimate for a super structure for Bridge 136. \$119,280.00 from E&H Bridge & Grating.

A motion was made by Steve Dellinger and seconded by Bobbi Plummer to accept the quote from E&H Bridge & Grating for the super structure for Bridge 136. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff McCorkle stated that no new prisoners will be housed at any other facility at this time, due to one positive case at the jail. This person has been isolated from the other inmates and all precautions are being taken.

Tracie Harrison gave an update on upcoming events at Memorial Park.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Steve Dellinger to approve the 2022 Holiday Schedule as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Steve Dellinger to form a committee to help make recommendations for the ARP money. The committee will consist of: All 3 Commissioners, Ed Tarantino, Bobbi Plummer and Steve Dellinger; Councilmen Kenon Gray and Susan Huhn; Auditor Debbie Walker and Treasurer Bill Upchurch. Motion carried unanimously.

Bobbi Plummer suggested forming a committee of employees to help review the county employee policy.

A motion as made by Ed Tarantino and seconded by Steve Dellinger to table the forming of the committee for the county employee policy until they had talked with some of the Department Heads. Motion carried 2/0, Bobbi Plummer voting Nay.

Alley Sexton, Project Developer for NextEra gave an update on the Greensboro Solar Project. Matt Johnson stated that only 4/10 of 1% of farmland in Henry County would be effected by this project. The project is located west of the Duke substation in Greensboro. They will host an Open House to get the word out the public to let this is being proposed. Brandon King, local farmer questioned how they handled crop damage. He had several acres damaged and has not yet heard back from them as to when he would be reimbursed, he also questioned how many local people would be hired to maintain. There will 1-2 renewable technicians between Henry County and surrounding Counties. Jason Masters questioned how they would handle cut tile and fiber. He also asked how they negotiated contracts and if they were all equal. JR Martin also expressed his concerns.

Travis Weik asked it would be possible to change one of the restrooms at the Veterans Museum to a storage room. They are seeking grants to do this remodel.

A motion was made by Ed Tarantino and seconded by Steve Dellinger to table the request for the Veterans Museum so they could do some more research on it. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Steve Dellinger to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Ed Tarantino, President

Bobbi Plummer, Vice President

Steve Dellinger, Member

Attested by: Debra G. Walker, Auditor