

BE IT REMEMBERED THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in the Henry County Courthouse Circuit Courtroom on Wednesday June 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Ed Tarantino, Bobbi Plummer, Steve Dellinger, Debbie Walker, Henry County Auditor, and Joel Harvey County Attorney.

Bobbi Plummer called the meeting to order with the pledge and prayer led by Ed Tarantino.

A motion was made by Steve Dellinger and seconded by Ed Tarantino to accept the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Steve Dellinger and seconded by Ed Tarantino to accept the claims. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Steve Dellinger and seconded by Ed Tarantino to accept the payroll. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Steve Dellinger and seconded by Ed Tarantino to approve the monthly reports from Weights and Measures, Henry County Clerk, and Henry County Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Steve Dellinger and seconded by Ed Tarantino to approve the food and beverage claim for Project #48 Henry County 200 in the amount of \$25,000 to 529 Promise Indiana. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Steve Dellinger and seconded by Ed Tarantino to approve the food and beverage claim for Project #40 Jordan Arena in the amount of \$12,690.00 to Quality Fabrication of Indiana. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Steve Dellinger and seconded by Ed Tarantino to approve the food and beverage claims for Project #46 Wilbur Wright Birthplace in the amount of \$9,567.03 to Smith's Carpet and Furniture. Motion carried unanimously.

Penny York gave an update on the EDC. The EDC had previously used CGI Communications to create a video for the county's webpage and they were unsure if they should renew the contract. The quality of the video was very good but it was also very expensive. Penny York stated that there is most-likely someone local that can produce a high-quality video for a fraction of the price. Bobbi Plummer and Ed Tarantino agreed that the EDC should try to find someone local to make the next video. A motion was made by Ed Tarantino and seconded by Steve Dellinger to not renew the contract with CGI Communications. Motion carried unanimously.

Bobbi Plummer announced that the County is looking into using an antique vault located under the stairs in the old courthouse for the placement of the contents of the time capsule, to prevent deterioration. Ed Tarantino stated that he thinks this is a great idea. Bobbi Plummer stated that there will be some sort of plaque or marker placed on the safe.

Bobbi Plummer announced that the Bi-Centennial is still in need of 701 people to register for the world record attempt at the Hoopla Festival on Saturday June, 25 at 1:00p.m. in the New Castle Fieldhouse.

Bobbi Plummer announced that she received a Certificate of Appreciation for Henry County Coroner from Indiana Donor Network. Bobbi thanks Stacey Guffey for his hard work in supporting tissue donation and commends him on receiving this certificate.

Todd Hiday introduced himself and asked the commissioners for permission to use the courthouse lawn on Friday, August 26th 2022 to have a brat luncheon hosted by Henry County GOP Club. The luncheon is to help raise funds for the republican party. Steve Dellinger made a motion to allow Henry County GOP Club to host a brat luncheon on Friday, August 26th 2022 on the lawn of the courthouse. Motion was seconded by Ed Tarantino and carried unanimously.

Stacey Guffey gave an update on a conference that himself and Brian Clark recently attended. He is concerned that Henry County does not have any kind of plan in place if we were to have any kind of tragedy that could lead to mass casualty. He suggested that we as a county come together and create a plan or have some sort of training exercises to be prepared if a disaster were to occur.

Joe Copeland handed out a map of bridges in Henry County and a paper that shows the cost of dump truck rental. He stated that it is becoming harder to get companies to send trucks when they need them due to the cost of everything increasing. Joe contacted Joel Harvey, county attorney, to see if there was a way to change the hourly rate that the companies originally bid and they came to the conclusion that it can be done through a change order. Joe is requesting increasing the hourly rate for each company to send trucks by \$20 an hour as shown on the paper he handed out.

Bobbi Plummer asked Joe Copeland if he is anticipating other bids that were put in for other projects raising their price as well. Joe answers that so far, no one else has said anything. Joe also stated that the cost of metal culverts has increased as well, but the company that the county uses to buy them has not said anything about prices going up yet. Steve Dellinger made a motion that was seconded by Ed Tarantino to approve an increase the hourly rate for each dump truck company by \$20 an hour. Motion carried unanimously.

Bobbi Plummer called Jeff Ray to the podium with Joe Copeland. She asked Jeff if the work for the Wilbur Wright Trails has been bid on yet. Jeff answers no, they are just now doing the surveying and will be doing design and engineering after the surveying is complete. Jeff states that right now he is focused on trying to get the best price for the four metal culverts that were requested in a previous meeting. Bobbi Plummer asked if two of the culverts will be funded by the next level grants and two of them will come from different funding. Jeff answered yes, that they have the funding now to be able to buy and install the culverts. Steve

Dellinger asked Jeff Ray to coordinate plans with Steve Rust to ensure they won't have to tear the culverts back out when drains need to be installed. Jeff Ray responded that he would get with Steve Rust. Steve Rust was at the meeting and voiced his concerns. Ed Tarantino made a motion to allow Wilbur Wright Trail to purchase the culverts needed through Henry County Highway Department. Motion was seconded by Steve Dellinger and carried unanimously.

Jeff Ray explained that Wilbur Wright Trail is putting in 5 additional spaces in the trail's parking lot on State Road 103. They expect to have this completed by mid-July.

Troy from the 4H association introduces himself. They recently walked through the park and found many problems that need to be fixed before the week of the fair. They gave a list of all these things to the park secretary and were basically told that there is no money to fix these issues. Troy has come to ask the commissioners for help in getting these things fixed so that they can have the 4H fair. Steve Dellinger expressed his frustration with the 4H association waiting until the last minute to bring these issues to the commissioner's attention. An argument ensues over who is responsible for fixing the 4H barns. Steve Rust came forward to suggest that he call a master electrician and ask him if he would be willing to donate some of his time to fix the major issues.

Bobbi Plummer read three new approvals for the Owner-Occupied Rehab Program. Steve Dellinger made a motion that was seconded by Ed Tarantino to accept the three additional approvals as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Dellinger made a motion that was seconded by Ed Tarantino to accept the Letter of Engagement from Baker Tilly from the Food and Beverage Bond. Motion carried unanimously.

Bobbi Plummer discussed the Indigent Counsel agreement between Capofari Law and Circuit Courts 2 & 3 that was signed by both judges.

Bobbi Plummer announced that Tim Welch has expressed interest in the open position of EMA Director, but it was brought to her attention that the job needs to be posted to the public for a period of time before appointing a recommendation. Steve Dellinger moved to open the job up to the public for no more than two weeks. Motion was seconded by Ed Tarantino and carried unanimously.

Bobbi Plummer read a letter from E & B Paving stating that any bids that they put in from July 2022 on will have a minimum increase of 4%. This will not affect any of the bids that they have already been awarded this year.

Bobbi Plummer announced that they received the signed contract from Mr. Andrew McGlory for the sale of the Annex Building. There will be a meeting on Tuesday June 28th 2022 to discuss clearing out the building.

Bobbi Plummer announced that New Castle EMS received a grant for roughly \$440,000.00 from the Indiana State Department of Health for their Community Paramedicine Program, so they will be expanding that program.

Steve Dellinger moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Ed Tarantino and carried unanimously.




Bobbi Plummer President



Steve Dellinger, Vice President



Ed Tarantino, Member

ATTEST:

 Debra G. Walker, Auditor