



THE MARTIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
January 14, 2020
MINUTES

The Martin County Commissioners convened in regular session Tuesday, January 14, 2020 in the Commissioners' Room at the Courthouse located at 129 Main Street, Shoals, Indiana. Commissioners present were Paul R. George, Aaron C. Summers and Kevin R. Boyd. Also attending was Auditor Bobbie Abel, Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett, Terri Alcorn, Highway Clerk; Michael Guy; Cain Miller; Dale Miller; Lane Miller; Vickie Wathen, Census; Courtney Hughett, Martin County Journal; Josh Hughett, Animal Control Officer; Tim Hung, HWC; Monty Wolf, Director, EMA/Civil Defense.

President George called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 5:35 pm.

The minutes from the regular meeting of December 30, 2019 were approved as submitted with the motion by Commissioner Boyd and seconded by Commissioner George. All were in favor, motion passed. Commissioner Summers abstained.

Re-Organization transpired. A motion to reappoint Commissioner Paul George as President was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Summers. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion to reappoint Commissioner Kevin Boyd as Vice President was made by Commissioner Summers, seconded by Commissioner George. All in favor, motion passed.

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

Cain Miller, Dale Miller and Lane Miller approached the Commissioners about gaining access to the Vollmer tract of land which they are interested in purchasing via an old unmaintained county road. A discussion followed on options to gain access, one of them being the Millers contacting the surrounding land owners which they stated they have spoken with them. The road has not been used in over 35 years. Attorney Lett advised the Commissioners that they could not grant access. As was the case in May when they were approached regarding the same issue. The current owners or the purchaser will have to gain access through other means.

Courtney Hughett, Martin County Humane Society, submitted the Annual Financial Report for the Martin County Humane Society. They took in 233 dogs and 171 cats in 2019. They had a total of 265 adoptions. At year end they had 10 dogs and 29 cats still available for adoption. Commissioner George thanked them for all they do.

Monty Wolf, EMA/Civil Defense submitted questioners/worksheets for the Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting which takes place following the next Commissioners meeting on January 28, 2020. This plan is for emergencies and natural disasters. They are asking participants throughout the county to help come up with needs within Martin County to be included in the plan so when grants become available Martin County can apply for funding. This plan is required to receive FEMA help during emergent situations. The Hazard Mitigation Plan has been beneficial for grants which were received by both Shoals and Loogootee. If you have questions please contact Monty Wolf.

Michael Guy, requested the Highway Department ditch along County Road 950 South. He advised of flooding because of the ditches and where the road sits. The Commissioners and Superintendent Padgett stated they would add it to the list and ditch when time allows.

Vicki Wathen, Census, advised that the next meeting will be held at the Loogootee Library on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 5:30 pm. Ms. Wathen stated that they are currently placing posters

around Loogootee businesses and are in need of volunteers from Shoals to help. The 2020 Census Complete County Committee is seeking volunteers from Martin County Residents to participate in the planning, especially from the Shoals area. Vicki Wathen lives in Rutherford Township, help in the Shoals area would be greatly appreciated. The Kickoff for the Census is April 1, 2020. Mailings for the 2020 Census will go out in March. There is an opportunity for temporary employment during the Census.

Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent, submitted the bi-weekly work report. Updates on Bridges 58 and 68 were given. Bridge 58 will be funded via INDOT approval for Federal Aid. On bridge 68 quotes were submitted for Engineering costs and tabled. Padgett received information from the insurance company regarding reimbursement costs for the truck involved in an accident. It can be purchased from the Insurance Company for \$1,600.00 and the reimbursement for the truck will be \$35,405.00. A motion to purchase the wrecked truck from the Insurance Company was made by Commissioner Summers, seconded by Commissioner Boyd. All in favor, the motion passed. Quotes were submitted for the purchase of a new truck. A motion to approve the purchase of a replacement vehicle was made for an 08 International in the amount of \$42,500.00 contingent upon inspection was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Summers. All in favor, motion passed. A motion was made to place an ad for a Mechanic at the Highway Department was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Summers. All in favor, motion passed.

Tim Hunt, HWC, submitted the bridges and roads to be included in this round of Community Crossing Grant Funds. A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Summers. All in favor, motion passed. Bids for the CCMG 2019-2 will be opened at the next Commissioner meeting.

Josh Hughett, Animal Control Officer, gave the Sheriff's report. Currently there are 83 inmates with 22 being from Vigo County.

Bobbie Abel, Auditor, submitted a contract for Community Corrections for the continued services provided by HBM for maintenance of their copiers. A motion to approve the contract for the amount of \$515.00 was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Summers. All in favor, motion passed. Abel advised that the switch is going bad which operates several components, one being the security system for the doors. The Commissioners advised to proceed with the purchase of a new switch which will be \$400.00 to \$500.00. A motion was made to approve the purchase of the switch was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Summers. All in favor, motion passed.

Commissioner George gave the Veterans Service Officers report. Three trips were taken with three veterans helped. There were twenty inbound and twelve outbound calls made. Seven Veterans were helped and two meetings attended.

The Commissioners made and approved the following appointments:

SIDC, a motion to approve Kevin Boyd was made by Commissioner Summers, seconded by Commissioner George. All in favor, motion passed.

Alcoholic Beverage Board- Bill Shaw was reappointed.

Redevelopment Commissions-Commissioners George, Summers and Boyd were appointed.

Regional Mental Health Center Advisory Council- Kathy Collins was reappointed

County Attorney- J. David Lett was reappointed

Appointments were approved with a motion made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Summers. All in favor, motion passed

Custodian- John Jones was reappointed

Highway Superintended-Leo Padgett was reappointed

Highway Clerk- Terri Alcorn was reappointed

Appointments were approved with a motion made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Summers. All in favor, motion passed

Local Economic Development Commission- Dan Gregory was reappointed
Solid Waste- Commissioners George, Summers and Boyd were appointed
District Oversight Planning Committee- Commissioner George was reappointed
EMA Civil Defense Director- Monte Wolf was reappointed

Appointments were approved with a motion made by Commissioner Summers, seconded by Commissioner Boyd. All in favor, motion passed.

EMA Civil Defense Assistant Directors- Andy Ringwald and Mike Ringwald were reappointed with a motion made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Summers. All in favor, motion passed

Four Rivers RC&D Council- Kevin Boyd was reappointed
Disaster Planning Council-Casey Dearwester was reappointed
South Central Region 8 Workforce Board-Commissioners George, Summers and Boyd were appointed.

Appointments were approved with a motion made by Commissioner Summers, seconded by Commissioner Boyd. All in favor, motion passed.

Important Dates:

Courthouse Closed, January 20, 2020 Martin Luther King Day

Redevelopment Meeting, January 28, 2020 @ 5:00 pm.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Meeting January 28, 2020 following Commissioner Meeting

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm with a motion made by Commissioner Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Summers. All were in favor and the motion passed. The next Commissioner meeting will be held Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 5:30pm.