



THE MARTIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
January 28, 2020
MINUTES

The Martin County Commissioners convened in regular session Tuesday, January 28, 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; Josh Hughett, Martin County Journal; Tim Hunt, HWC; Monty Wolf, Director, EMA/Civil Defense; Greg Hamilton; Brent Roberts, BF&S; Jim Hamby, Fire Chief Shoals; Kim Showalter; Terry Hoopingarner; Rich Wherry; Mary Smith; Garry Smith; Cindy Fuhrman; Mike Wade; Gerald Montgomery, Clerk; John Earl; Jerry Lee Earl; Justin Webb, Milestone; Jon Haulk; Adam Greene; Todd Eckart, Shoals Town Marshall; Stephen Going, E&B Paving; Andy Ringwald, Deputy Director EMA; Kathy Collins, Director Community Corrections, Rhonda Rumble, SIDC; Maryanne Cardwell and Jim Sparks, Polis Center.

President George called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 5:34 pm.

The minutes from the regular meeting of January 14, 2020 were approved as submitted with the motion by Commission Summers and seconded by Commissioner Boyd. All were in favor, motion passed.

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

Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent, submitted the bi-weekly work report. Equipment was discussed. Community Crossings application is complete and submitted. Brooks Bridge study needs to be completed as soon as possible. Quotes for the study were submitted and tabled to be discussed in an Executive session to be held before the next Commissioner meeting. Brent Roberts, BF&S submitted the County Wide Bridge Inventory, Phase 2 Inspection Findings. A discussion followed and no major changes were made to the inventory since the last inspection cycle.

Terry Hoopingarner and Rich Wherry approached the Commissioners about Peggy Hollow Road and the condition that it is in. A discussion followed regarding rock size and a grader blade possibly going too deep in areas. Commissioner George advised when the State makes repairs along Highway 150 that the millings can possibly be placed in areas along Peggy Hollow Road.

Mike Wade, asked the Commissioners if there was anything they could do regarding the conditions along Walnut Street in Loogootee. Attorney Lett advised that it is within the City Limits of Loogootee and he will need to approach the Mayor or the Council about the Walnut Street. Commissioner George stated he will try to contact the Mayor. The Commissioners advised that they do not have any authority over the City of Loogootee roads.

Leo Padgett and County Attorney Lett opened the submitted bids for the following projects:
Bridge 69 bid submitted by CLR in the amount of \$320,550.00 for DES#1902457
Bridge 92 bid submitted by CLR in the amount of \$226,110.00 for DES#1902360
County Roads Overlay for DES#1902241 bids submitted by:
E&B Paving in the amount of \$202,872.50 and Milestone in the amount of \$187,606.00
The bids apparent low bidder was announced and a motion to approve subject to review was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Summers. All in favor the motion passed.

Gerald Montgomery, Clerk, submitted a contract for approval. A motion to approve the contract PDF Complete for absentee ballot count machine in the amount of \$5,980.00 was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Summers. All in favor, motion passed. Commissioner George requested that Attorney Lett draw an ordinance that would remove the drug screening for election workers.

Josh Hughett, Animal Control Officer, gave the Sheriff Report. Currently there are seventy-seven inmates with fourteen being from Vigo County.

Kathy Collins, Director Community Corrections, advised the Commissioner about a trip to the State House that was taken with the Martin County Leadership program. Martin County had 7 members who went along with Daviess County Leadership participants. They met with Representative Lindauer and Senator Bassler. Collins stated a couple of the participants were present to hear HB 433 when presented to Committee by Senator Bassler regarding the Martin County Cabins along the river. The House Bill was voted through to be heard on the Senate floor.

Greg Hamilton, Martin County 2A, approached the Commissioner and advised that there are concerned citizens regarding 2A. Hamilton stated, at a future date he will submit an ordinance request to the Commissioners to make Martin County a sanctuary county. He submitted an example which another County had passed. Mr. Hamilton invited the Commissioners to a meeting which will be held on February 12, 2020 @ 7:00 pm at the Martin County Fairgrounds to hear local concerns.

John and Jerry Lee Earl requested that brush cutting be done along Red School Road and the possible placing of durapatch. The Commissioners asked John Haulk who was present to address the issue.

Bobbie Abel, Auditor, presented an appointment for the Health Department. A motion to reappoint Jim Lauck to the health department board was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Summers. All in favor, motion passed. Also, submitted was the Health Department annual report. Abel requested that the Courthouse internet speeds be increased. The contract with Newwave will be \$306.48 per month. A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Summers. All in favor, motion passed.

Monty Wolf, EMA/Civil Defense brought the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan before the Commissioners and participants from several jurisdictions throughout Martin County to update the plan. The representatives included Shoals and Loogootee Schools, Volunteer Fire departments, the Mayor of Loogootee's office, Shoals Town Board, the Health Department and SIDC. The plan encompasses the potential for hazards within the County and the needs in several locations. For example safe rooms within the schools, the need of generators in multiple locations, emergency training and flood issues faced by Martin County. The attendees of the meeting are counted towards the In Kind match that Martin County must meet. The monetary value is \$25.00 per hour per meeting participant. Surveys were completed and the old plan was updated as to projects completed, projects still in the works and projects that the County has a need for. Maryanne Cardwell and Jim Sparks from the Polis Center guided the updating of the plan.

Important Dates:

Safety Meeting Wednesday, February 12, 2020 @ 9:00 am

Martin County Commission on Public Records will meet February 18, 2020 @ 10:30 am

Courthouse closed Monday, February 20, 2020 for Presidents Day

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 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, February 11, 2020 at 5:30pm.