



THE MARTIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
October 6, 2020
MINUTES

The Martin County Commissioners convened in regular session Tuesday, October 6, 2020 in the Commissioners' Room at the Courthouse located at 129 Main Street, Shoals, Indiana. Commissioners present were President, Paul R. George, Commissioner Kevin Boyd and Commissioner Aaron Summers. Also attending was Auditor, Bobbie Abel; Attorney David Lett; Tiffany Whaley, EMS Director Martin County EMS; Jason Monday, Director Air Evac; John Gott, Program Director Air Evac Life Team; Dave Sutton, April Sutton, Dena Held, County Extension Director Purdue Extension; Tim Hunt DB Manager HWC Engineering; Millie Brown, Trustee Lost River Township; Terri Alcorn, Administration Assistant Martin County Highway; Adam Greene; Sheriff Travis Roush; Brian Cornelisse Site LogicIQ; Dr. Del Jarman, Site LogicIQ; attending virtually were: Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent; Lori Carrico, Treasurer; Andy Ringwald, EMA; Monty Wolf, Director EMA; Sierra Rutledge, Shoals Town Treasurer, Kathy Collins, Director Community Corrections.

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

The minutes from the regular meeting of September 22, 2020 were approved with a motion made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Summers. All in favor, motion passed.

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

John Gott, Air Evac and Jason Monday, Director Air Evac approached the Commissioners about the service that Air Evac provides for the County. Air Evac is currently the closed air ambulance service to Martin County. There is currently 30% of Martin County Residents who participate in the Air Evac Policy that is offered to anyone. A discussion followed about Air Evac and their response time. They receive an average of 30-35 calls a year in Martin County. They also have early response. If a call comes into the 911 emergency center before it is determined that they are needed they are alerted. Melissa Sorrells, Dispatch Commander stated they would call the closest available unit no matter what, and right now it is Air Evac unless they have been placed on another call. A discussion followed.

Dr. Del Jarman, Site Logic IQ; a Facilities Management Company, shared with the Commissioners about their company and what services they could provide the County. They have completed a long term facilities maintenance plan for the Shoals Community Schools and will be presenting that at their meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2020 and invited anyone to attend that meeting. They can provide a long term facilities maintenance plan for Martin County which they can help implement. The Commissioners expressed interest and thanked them for attending.

Leo Padgett, Highway Superintendent, submitted the bi-weekly report. Padgett reported that the traffic on Asbell Road had improved. The State says it will be another month for the construction taking place on Highway 150.

Tim Hunt, HWC, advised that the erosion control project should be complete this week. Bridge 58 will have an inspection with INDOT this week. A discussion followed about the next round of Community Crossings Grant monies. After a discussion on pros and cons it was decided to proceed with an application in the next round of grants being offered. The Commissioners do not want to miss out on any opportunity at this time.

Leo Padgett, Superintendent, continued highway discussions. He stated that the Town of Crane had contacted him about installing signs for them. Padgett informed them of who the county orders signs through. Crane will purchase the signs and reimburse the Highway Department for installation. The highway department will install on days with inclement weather so as not to detract from

current projects. Applications for the opening at the highway were discussed. A concerned citizen called about the dust being created by traffic due to Lark Ranch. Dave Sutton, attendee advised that he didn't feel the county should address the dust issue due to it being a tourist attraction. It was determined that the County could not do anything about the dust. Padgett advised that Deputy Keller took a report of damage done by a land owner along Boyd Hollow Lane. Phone lines were exposed.

Tiffany Whaley, Director EMS, submitted a quarterly run report for Martin County EMS. The total number of runs from January 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020 were seven hundred and fifty one. Quarterly runs from July through September were two hundred fifty eight. Average response times is ten minutes eleven seconds.

Dena Held, County Extension Director Purdue, presented flyers on the many programs that the 4-H Extension office has available. Indiana 4-H Disease Detectives Operation Outbreak, Wednesdays, November 4, 2020- December 23, 2020 via Zoom. The Clover Gaming Spark Club, Mondays 5-7 pm beginning October 18 running through the end of November. Contact the Extension Office for more details. 4-H enrollment is open October 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

President Paul George proclaimed October 4- October 10 National 4-H Week for Martin County, Indiana. The Proclamation was read out loud. 4-H is America's largest youth development organization. It has helped more than 200 youth in Martin County. National 4-H week showcases the incredible experiences that 4-H offers. They have 600,000 volunteers and 3,500 professionals who mentor the youth.

Attorney Lett, advised that the Commissioners still have one vacancy to appoint on the Convention/Tourism Board. President George asked about the mobile home on 450 which is turned over. Attorney Lett stated contact has been made.

Bobbie Abel, Auditor, advised that confirmation had been received on the Multi Hazard Plan for Martin County submission to FEMA. Auditor Abel stated that she had been contacted about a vacancy left by former Commissioner Dan Gregory on the White River Coordination Board. Abel will follow up on the vacancy and determine if there are any others which need to be addressed.

Important Dates:

Safety Meeting, Wednesday, October 21, 2020

The Courthouse will be closed on Monday, October 12, 2020 for Columbus Day.

Redevelopment Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 4:45pm.

Martin County Solid Waste Meeting October 20, 2020 following Redevelopment Meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm with a motion made by Commissioner Summers and seconded by Commissioner Boyd. All were in favor and the motion passed. The next Commissioner meeting will be held Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at approximately 5:30pm. Attendance in person and/or by zoom meeting can be scheduled with the Auditor's Office.

Paul R. George

Aaron C. Summers

Kevin R. Boyd

ATTEST: _____
Bobbie Abel, Martin County Auditor