

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

The Warren County Commissioners were sworn in for their first meeting of the month of September 2018 by Jill Reynolds, Deputy Clerk. Present for the meeting were Thomas Hetrick, Steve Eberly, Brian Jordan and Nancy Litzenberger. Also, in attendance are Jenny Hobaugh, Matt Herndon, Becky Ehler, Charity Shettle, Mike Shettle, Bev Morgan, Tom Buck – Reith Riley, Adam Hanthorne, Phil Astell.

1. The meeting was called to order by Steve Eberly, Commissioner President.
2. Steve Eberly, Commissioner led the pledge of allegiance.
3. Highway Department - Jenny Hobaugh, Highway Department Office Manager, officially opened bids for the Community Crossing Grant including 750S, 250N, 1150N and 1150S. There were 2 bids. Reith Riley bid was opened for 750S from 900W to State Line City for \$372,368.90; 1100S from State Road 63 to 900W for \$353,816.00; 1100S from 900W to 1100W for \$365,827.00; 250N from 225E to State Road 55 for \$123,620.33. The total bid for 4 locations is \$1,215,632.23 and all paperwork required for the Grant has been provided. Milestone Contractors bid was opened for 750S from 900W to State Line City for \$327,946.80; 1100S from State Road 63 to 900W for \$327,126.00; 1100 S form 900W to 1100W for \$326,527.20; 250N from 225E to State Road 55 for 126,920.80. The total bid for 4 locations is \$1,108,520.80 and all paperwork required for the Grant has been provided. The bridge #122 bids will be opened September 13th at 6:30 p.m. Eberly stated they would take the bids under advisement. Hobaugh explained that the maximum Grant that can be applied for is \$1,250,000.00 with \$1,000,000 from INDOT and \$250,000 from the County. Hobaugh stated that up until the 17th INDOT will review the bids, but after that date they will not review the bids. Eberly inquired about the LIT Special Distribution funds. Weston-Hubner, Auditor, explained that the funds cannot be used for bridges, but can be for roads and Grant matching. Eberly stated current balance is \$1,130,000 in Cumulative Bridge Fund and will have funds coming in at settlement if Bridge #122 not be accepted or included in the Grant. Hetrick inquired about New Bridge. Hobaugh stated that in 2019 an approximate amount is \$800,000. Hetrick stated that taking 1100S from State Road 63 to 900W of the Grant application then bridge #122 could be included. Jordan inquired about leaving all 4 roads in until we see what the bridge #122 will come in at so that INDOT can review the grant. Jordan stated that taking 1100S from State Road 63 to 900W out of the application that total would be \$781,394.80 from Milestone and \$861,816.23 from Reith Riley. Jordan inquired if we apply for more than the maximum limit, would INDOT not accept or approve only the maximum. Hobaugh explained that the application cannot exceed the maximum and the application, when turned in for review, will need to be complete in regards to the roads on the application. Herndon suggested applying per project putting 3 roads in and leaving the other out until the bridge bid comes in. Hetrick inquired about doing 1 mile rather than 2 miles of 1100W from SR 63 to 900W so that we can put all roads and bridge in. Brian Jordan made a motion to accept the Community Crossings 2019 bids from Milestone for \$1,108,520.80 knowing we may drop one road to make the Grant work with a second from Tom Hetrick, all voted in favor. Eberly thanked the bidders for bidding on items in Warren county. Herndon presented an estimate on bridge #94 and bridge #2 repair work from Newell construction as VS Engineering had suggested immediate repair. Bridge #2 concrete footing repair for \$49,800.00 and pile repair to replace timber piles for \$35,000.00. Eberly explained that these were discovered in the second-year bridge inspection. Cumulative Bridge and Stone budget have available funds. Jordan inquired about a complete bid. Herndon stated that this is the only bid that was submitted. Eberly suggested that with harvest this is an emergency repair to both bridges. Herndon stated that VS Engineering did not recommend closing the bridges, but each need immediate attention. Tom Hetrick made a motion to approve both repair bids from Cumulative Bridge with a second from Brian Jordan, all voted in favor. Herndon stated that chip and seal work on Grant Street, New Bridge, River Road and Cemetery Hill is finishing up. Eberly asked about River Road bridge being chip and sealed. Herndon stated that they will chip and seal the bridge. Jordan inquired about the repair of the chip box. Herndon stated that this is an older piece of equipment but it is working right now.
4. New Business –
 - A. Brian Jordan made a motion to approve the August 20, 2018 minutes with a second from Tom Hetrick, all voted in favor and the minutes were signed. Hetrick inquired about the Commissioner Minutes being posted on the website. Weston-Hubner illustrated the minutes and the agenda on the website. Hetrick explained to the public that the minutes on the website must be approved prior to posting.
 - B. Tom Hetrick made a motion to approve the August 20 thru September 4, 2018 claim dockets with a second from Brian Jordan, all voted in favor and the claim dockets were signed.
 - C. Tom Hetrick made a motion to approve the September 4, 2018 payroll dockets with a second from Brian Jordan, all voted in favor and the payroll dockets were signed.
 - D. Bev Morgan, Potawatomi Springs Park, explained the cleanup project was started 2.5 years ago. Morgan presented a compilation of information that she had investigated concerning the property. Morgan stated that she talked to a wonderful lady, Karen Brooks in the Zoning Department whom helped discover that the land is owned by Warren County. Morgan stated that the Kickapoo Cemetery cleanup project is now complete as well as the Potawatomi Springs is almost complete which has been cleaned up by many volunteers. Morgan stated that there are limestone rocks that she is asking for help with moving as well as the remainder to finish the project. All three Commissioners stated that they have all seen the excellent work being done. Hetrick inquired about the location of the limestone rocks. Morgan stated that they are located on the east side of the road and she would like artist to paint the rocks as well as put the horse trough back together. Jordan inquired about where the limestones would be placed. Hetrick questioned if the stones were placed back where they used to be then would this obstruct the road for farm equipment. Morgan stated she would like to have them placed close to the frog house which is below the road which she showed to the Commissioners picture of. Morgan is asking for advice and help as this is not a Park, but there is historical value. Hetrick asked Nancy Litzenberger, County Attorney, about the park board and wanted to see if they can get a picnic table for the park from Cicott. Litzenberger stated that the picnic tables belong to the County. Eberly stated that he called the DNR and they are not able to help us with this project. Jordan asked about the Eagle Scouts building a picnic table. Morgan asked if the County could move the stones and clear back the vegetation to the property line. Morgan suggested an “Adopt” program to keep it clean after the cleanup. Jordan stated that the highway department can move the blocks for her. Hobaugh stated that she will discuss this with

Herndon to have this put on the schedule. Adam Hanthorne volunteered to build and donate a picnic table. Charity Shettle gave information for a Benton Central Art Teacher that might be able to help with the art work on the limestones.

E. Hetrick inquired if Nancy Litzenberger, County Attorney could remain until Feb 1, 2019. Litzenberger stated that she will not be able to do this. Hetrick stated that after the election the new commissioner can help with choosing the replacement.

5. Elected Official/Department Head comments: Hobough asked for letters of support concerning the Recycling Grant program from the State Recycling Board stating that the County would only use the structure for the use of County Recycling. The State usually does not give funds for buildings as many times they are not used for the set reason. The decision will be made November 1, 2018. Hetrick stated that the original plans should remain. Hobough appreciated their support.


6. Comments from public: No Public Comment.


7. Brian Jordan presented cost upgrades for the dome area. The cost adjustment for the copper guttering replacement is \$75,336.00 and the copper flashing copper that will need to be replaced is \$11,362.00 and the cost to completely replace the dome clay tile and underlayment for \$117,248.00. Out of the \$203,946, Jordan is unsure of how much will be adjusted out of the original bid as this work would remove the items originally bid. Eberly read additional email from Arsee stating that they recommend replacing the dome roof and guttering which will save the dome. This would be approximately \$12,000 over the original bid. The clay tile can be used or simulated clay, but the actual clay tile will last longer. The clay tiles take 4 months to create so the dome would be repaired later. Hetrick stated that we need to fix the courthouse so he suggests to accept the replacement. Hetrick inquired about the decorative areas of the roof as well as water test for leaks of the Courthouse and Jail. Jordan stated that it has not been accomplished yet. The drains will be checked on the Courthouse as well as the jail. Jordan will request a bid and propose at the next meeting. Hetrick appreciates the work that Jordan has been doing on this project.

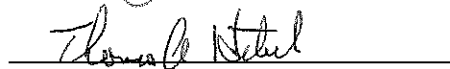
Next Commissioner meeting will be held September 17, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

There being no further business Brian Jordan made a motion to adjourn with a second from Tom Hetrick, all voted in favor.

ATTEST:


Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor


Steve Eberly, President


Tom Hetrick


W. Brian Jordan