

UNION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS –FEBRUARY 22, 2016

Present: Paul Wiwi, David Woeste, Alan Alcorn, Matt Snyder, Pam Tharp, Dale Dishmond, Shaun Tudor, Alvin Day, Jim Williams, and Gene Sanford

Wiwi called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Woeste moved to approve the minutes of the February 1 meeting. Alcorn seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

HEALTH DEPT: Ron Parker and Jeff Mathews were present to discuss the failing phone system at the Health Department which also includes Area Plan and EMA. They presented proposals for new systems from ETC for \$6,000 and Robinson Communications for \$8,400. They also presented a plan from ETC called the Virtual Voice phone system which would include the installation of a new system, repairs and upgrades for an increase in the monthly bill of less than \$75 over a 4 year contract. After some discussion, Alcorn moved to accept the ETC Virtual Voice phone system. Woeste seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

DRAINAGE BOARD: Wiwi convened the Drainage Board and heard a report from Surveyor Ted Young concerning ditch work done in 2015. Work was done on the Lohrey ditch through the Ronnie Myers farm, the Quick ditch through the Logue, McMechan, and Felton farms and the Tri County ditch through the Portwood properties in West College Corner. He stated he hoped to do more work in 2016 on the Quick ditch, the Gavin ditch and, some drainage work on homes in Billingsville that drain into the Ardery ditch.

HIGHWAY DEPT: Highway Supervisor Jeff Bowers reported that he had received bids for repair of the cement floor at the Highway garage. The bids are Paul Durham \$3,180, Mike Stanton \$7,600, and H&H Paving \$4,400. After some discussion, Woeste moved to accept the Durham bid of \$3,180. Alcorn seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

Bowers stated he is waiting on tonnage bids for the possible paving projects for the year. He also stated that the county roads are breaking up with the early thawing this year and distributed frost law ordinances from other Indiana counties. Lengthy discussion of the frost laws followed with County Attorney Williams suggesting a public meeting for input and discussion before the ordinance is considered.

HEALTH DEPT: Alvin Day and Jeff Mathews discussed the proposed Drug Treatment Program being considered for Union County to treat heroin and opiate addiction. Meetings have been held with the Court, Prosecutor, Probation, Law Enforcement, Health Navigators, the county Health Department, and Centerstone Counseling Services to treat both court ordered and private individual treatment. They are working through insurance costs and coverage and need to look at county malpractice coverage for those county health department employees involved in the treatment plans. Since the health clinic has closed it was thought the money budgeted for malpractice coverage there could be shifted to this program. After lengthy discussion, Alcorn moved to support the treatment program if the malpractice issue could be resolved. Woeste seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

COURTHOUSE LAWN CARE: The Commissioners received bids for Lawn Treatment at the Courthouse. Bids were R&M Outdoors \$148.20 and Get Green Lawn Care \$152.00. After some discussion, Alcorn moved to accept the R&M bid of \$148.20. Woeste seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

MISC: The Commissioners accepted the lone bid of Steve Bolser of \$502 for the 2005 old ambulance formerly used by the Coroner.

The Commissioners approved the request from the Children's Bureau to place pinwheels on the Courthouse lawn in April in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

County Attorney Williams stated he is still working on the sanitation drainage problem caused by the US 27 Project in Cottage Grove.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Attest _____, Auditor

