

UNION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – MARCH 19, 2018

PRESENT: Paul Wiwi, David Woeste, Pam Tharp, Marissa Lane, Jim Crouch, Jeff Adams, Alvin Day, Jenny Brown, 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 March 5th meeting. Alcorn seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

COURTHOUSE TEMPERATURE CONTROL SYSTEM: Courthouse Custodian Justin Dake presented a new estimate from Culy for \$8,849.00 which would repair what needs to be fixed plus a new computer to drive the system. After some discussion, the Commissioners asked Dake to get a more detailed breakdown of the bid.

CEMETERY REPAIR: Melissa Spillers and her sisters appeared to get permission to make repairs and clean up the Drook cemetery located at the east edge of Liberty off US 27 South. She stated the parents and sister of Civil War General Ambrose Burnside are buried there and they have taken classes on tombstone maintenance and repair. Also some brush and fence lines need to be cleaned up. The Commissioners stated they had no opposition to their work but since it is now a township cemetery they need to contact Center township trustee Matt Ruess. They also suggested contacting the Sheriff to see if some inmates could be used in the clean-up.

INNKEEPER’S TAX: Treasurer Linda Rosenberger reviewed the start-up of the Innkeepers tax and stated that it is going well. One individual was scheduled to appear before the Commissioners to discuss the tax, but he failed to appear.

COMMISSIONERS TAX CERTIFICATE SALE: The Auditor stated there are 11 campground lots at Heritage Hills Campground which have been on the tax sale for several years and are accumulating additional back taxes, penalties, and sewer liens. SRI, who conducts our yearly tax sales, proposed having a certificate sale and have scheduled it for May 29. The Commissioners need to set a beginning bid for the lots and if they are sold the back taxes and sewer liens could be waived which would make them more attractive for sale and return them to the tax rolls. Recorder Lavinia Brookshire stated her concern of losing the fees for lien removal. After some discussion, it was decided to postpone the price decision and try to resolve the lien question before proceeding.

HIGHWAY DEPT: Highway Supervisor Jeff Bowers reported the beams for Bridge 22 should arrive this week for installation. He stated they are working on grading County Road 250 West off Byrd Road for an upcoming farm sale and are still working to get a small bridge on Contreras Road built.

HEALTH DEPT: After some discussion, Woeste moved to appoint Nurse Practitioner Katie Marker to the Union County Health Board to replace Jeff Rhonemus DDS. Alcorn seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: The Auditor reported that HB 1263 has passed the state legislature which allows Union County to use funds in the Special Purpose Tax Fund to finance, construct, acquire, improve, renovate equip or operate the jail or other correctional facility in addition to the current use of funding Courthouse repair and maintenance.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Attest _____, Auditor