

**UNION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – DECEMBER 5, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Paul Wiwi, David Woeste, Alan Alcorn, Pam Tharp, Matt Snyder, Jim Crouch, Jeff Bowers, Jeff Mathews, 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 November 21 meeting. Wiwi seconded the motion and it carried 2-0.

**AREA PLAN:** Jeff Mathews asked the Commissioners for permission to close the Courthouse for the County Christmas party on December 16 at the 4-H building from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. After some discussion the Commissioners agreed to have the party from 11:00 -12:30 and close the Courthouse from 11:30 to 12:30.

**AMBULANCE REPORT:** Representatives from St. Clair ambulance presented the monthly report for November which showed 49 calls for Union County. He reported there was one delayed response and one run was transferred to Fayette County as there was no truck available here.

**COURTHOUSE AWARD:** Wiwi displayed a plaque presented to the County as one of the 10 most beautiful Courthouses in Indiana as judged by a Rotary Club panel from Plainfield, Indiana. He stated that he and Tim Williams and Richard Blank from County Council attended the awards ceremony in Plainfield on November 30 to receive the plaque.

**HIGHWAY DEPT:** Highway Supervisor Jeff Bowers and the Commissioners opened bids for Highway Department materials for 2017. Union County Co-Op was the only bidder for gas/oil and lubricants and their bid was accepted. Marathon, Rohe, Hot Mix Inc., Asphalt Materials, and Terry Asphalt submitted bids for asphalt emulsion bituminous materials with all bids being accepted. IMI, CGS, New Point Stone, Barrett Paving, and US Aggregates submitted bids for gravel with all bids being accepted. Milestone, Rohe, and Hot Mix Inc. submitted bids for paving material with all bids being accepted.

Bowers then presented the LPA Consulting Contract with USI for Bridge #22 which the Commissioners signed.

**EASTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:** Jeff Plasterer brought the Economic Development Plan for the Region and reviewed the Goals with the Commissioners. He also introduced David Terrell from Ball State, who discussed the Readiness Initiative of the Planning Council which includes a survey to be completed in each county. Plasterer stated he had discussed the survey with local Economic Development Director Melissa Browning and she was willing to complete it. The Commissioners approved this arrangement. He also stated that the county assessment for the Commission's cost would be 30 cents per person in 2017 and possibly 40 cents per person in 2018.

**HEALTH INSURANCE:** Since some of the insurance figures were not available, the previously planned insurance presentations are being done today. Tyler Vanderpool of RMD Insurance stated that he had taken the policy to market and United Healthcare was the best fully insured plan available which included a 13% increase in premiums with increases in doctor visits and out of pocket maximums for employees.

Warren McDonald of Health SuperVision of West Chester, Ohio was unable to present due to illness.

Eric Dreyfus of APEX Benefits in Indianapolis presented a partially self-insured plan which lowered the county cost with the same level of employee cost participation as is currently done. Lengthy discussion followed with the Commissioners deciding to postpone their decision until a special meeting scheduled for 9:00 AM Monday December 12 where Warren McDonald would present his presentation and the Commissioners would have time to research the partially self-insured presentation.

**MISC:** Holly Wilhelm presented a Life Insurance program from Liberty National for additional life insurance for county employees at their own cost. Commissioners took it under advisement as the additional insurance programs will be considered for continuance at a later date.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Attest \_\_\_\_\_, Auditor