

## UNION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – APRIL 3, 2017

**PRESENT:** Paul Wiwi, David Woeste, Alan Alcorn, Daniel Taylor, Pam Tharp, Jennie Brown, Jeff Bowers, Dale Dishmond, 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 20th meeting. Alcorn seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

**911:** 911 Director Jennie Brown reported that the dispatch radios and equipment were being affected whenever the generator came on for its weekly test. After some discussion, Sheriff Dale Dishmond stated he would have an electrician look at the situation. It was also stated that there may be a maintenance contract for servicing the generator and perhaps they should be called.

Wiwi stated that he had been at the jail, and there was excessive heat in the room where the radio controls and equipment are located and properly venting or cooling that room should also be investigated.

**REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:** Kris Lacy and Melanie Caldwell presented the 2016 annual report for the Redevelopment Commission. They reviewed the figures from their report and answered questions.

**HIGHWAY DEPT:** Rob Coop from USI along with Highway Supervisor Jeff Bowers were present to discuss the bridge inspections contract. It seems that to be compliant with INDOT Bridge Inspections, 4 bridges in Union County now need to be inspected under the scour model on an annual basis. This would require additional inspections on those bridges and additional cost to the contract. Coop presented an amended contract dated April 3, 2017 which showed payments of \$71,206.89 for Phase I, \$73,521.04 for Phase II, and \$6,799.20 for Phase IIA. After further discussion, Woeste moved to accept the amended Bridge Inspection contract with USI. Alcorn seconded the motion and it carried 3-0 with the Commissioners then signing the amended contract.

Bowers said he is considering changing the pug mix procedure to pick it up at Morristown instead of them coming here to mix it which could save some money.

**AMBULANCE:** Brian Hathaway reported that they had 23 dispatches in their first 16 days on the job with an average response time of 7 minutes and most clients having some sort of insurance. He stated they are getting to know the county and addresses. He stated they are working well with dispatch and can now communicate with the College Corner Fire Department and others.

**SHERIFF:** Sheriff Dale Dishmond presented a proposed ordinance for an Inmate Work Program which would allow inmates sentenced to Union County to work on a voluntary basis outside the jail under certain requirements. It would also allow them to be paid under certain circumstances and establishes a Union County Sheriff's Work Program Fund to pay for expenses of the work details. The Commissioners were supportive of the program and asked that the ordinance be reviewed by the County Attorney before a final decision is made.

**MISC:** Alcorn reported that the Finance Committee had met and they felt funding for the ambulance service in 2017 could be met. They will be working on ambulance funding and employee insurance for 2018 in the next few months.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.