

UNION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – NOVEMBER 7, 2016

PRESENT: Paul Wiwi, David Woeste, Alan Alcorn, Pam Tharp, Matt Snyder, 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 October 17 meeting. Alcorn seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

INSURANCE: Tyler Vanderpool of RMD-Patti Insurance was present to discuss the county's medical insurance plan for 2017. He presented the renewal figures which came to a 22% increase. He gave 3 options which involved increase in deductible and out of pocket expenses to get the increase down to 10 to 15 %. He said he would take our plan to market and see if a better and more cost effective plan was available. After more discussion, Alcorn moved to make the effective date 10-1-2017 for next year so that more firm figures are available for budget preparation. Woeste seconded the motion and it carried 3-0. The Commissioners also decided to hear presentations from the 3 health insurance providers bidding for next year's health coverage on November 15 beginning at 9:00 AM.

BROWNSVILLE STREET LIGHTS: The Commissioners signed an Ordinance establishing the Brownsville Street Light Fund to pay for street lights in Brownsville. Each parcel in Brownsville will be assessed a \$10 per year assessment to fund the street lights. The assessment will appear on the 2017 tax statements.

BATH SPRINGS ROAD: The Commissioners signed an Ordinance establishing a 35 mph speed limit on Bath Springs Road. This has been advertised twice and no one appeared to speak against it. The ordinance takes effect immediately.

AMBULANCE REPORT: Nathan St. Clair presented the October Ambulance Report which showed 57 runs for the month. He stated monthly runs are down between 15 and 20 per month compared to last year.

DEPARTMENT HEADS: The Commissioners met with Department Heads: Dog Warden Rick Hill, Veterans Service Officer Bobby Myers, EMA Director Jim Franklin, 911 Director Jennie Brown, Highway Supervisor Jeff Bowers, Transfer Station Manager Cecil Dake, and Courthouse Custodian Justin Dake. All reported that things were going well in their various departments and each was willing to be appointed for another year.

Cecil Dake stated that the transfer station building needed roof repair. Bowers stated there was metal roofing material left from a highway building and the Commissioners told Dake to get someone to put it on.

EMA Director Jim Franklin presented an update on the mitigation plan for emergencies for the county and the Commissioners signed the updated plan.

911 Director Jennie Brown said that recruiting and training of new dispatchers is going well and she plans to go to 12 hour shifts when she has enough trained. The Commissioners signed the CJIS Management Control Agreement for 911.

The Auditor reported that County Attorney James Williams was also agreeable to be appointed for another year.

HIGHWAY DEPT: The Commissioners reported that paving has been completed by O'Mara on Dunlapsville and Scratch Gravel Roads and the other three roads would not be completed until spring. Striping, which is part of the contract, still needs to be done on Dunlaosville Road and the Commissioners are seeking bids to possibly stripe Nine Mile Road also. Highway employees are berming roads now.

SHERIFF: Sheriff Dale Dishmond presented the annual jail inspection report which continued to show overcrowding and under staffing but also stated that the jail was in the best condition it has been in for awhile. He stated that he would soon be ordering another car and the ones from the Oxford police department were working well. He thanked the Commissioners for their support of the pay raises for 2017 and stated it was a boost for morale in the department.

MISC: None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Attest _____, Auditor