

UNION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – DECEMBER 19, 2016

PRESENT: Paul Wiwi, David Woeste, Alan Alcorn, Pam Tharp, Jim Crouch, 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 December 12 meeting. Alcorn seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

2017 EDIT PLAN: The 2017 EDIT Plan was presented for consideration. The beginning balance for 2017 will be \$70,653.44 with estimated receipts for 2017 being \$238,708.00. Expenses for 2017 are:

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| UC Development Corp. | \$ 34,500.00 |
| UC Transit | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Ambulance Service | \$210,000.00 |
| WUR Coordinator | \$ 6,000.00 |
| Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Comm. | \$ 3,500.00 |
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| | \$ 264,000.00 |

This would leave \$45,361.44 of undesignated monies for 2017. After some discussion, Woeste moved to approve the 2017 EDIT Plan. Alcorn seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

2017 APPOINTMENTS: Alcorn moved to appoint the following for 2017: James Williams as County Attorney, Jeff Bowers as County Highway Supervisor, Jennie Brown as 911 Director, Cecil Dake as Transfer Station Manager, Justin Dake as Courthouse Custodian, Rick Hill as Dog Warden, and Robert Myers as Veterans Service Officer. Woeste seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

REDEVELOPMENT BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Woeste moved to re-appoint Kris Lacy, James Tilton, Diane Bourne, and Melanie Caldwell, to 1 year appointments to the Redevelopment Board effective January 1, 2017. Wiwi seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT: After some discussion on maintenance of other county buildings, Woeste moved to approve the \$3,186.27 contract from Culy Mechanical Electrical LLC to provide and replace filters in the air and heat system for the Courthouse in 2017. Alcorn seconded the motion and it carried 2-1 with Alcorn opposed.

OPTIONAL INSURANCE: The Commissioners discussed the optional insurance programs as presented at the previous meeting by Tom Gentz of Advantage Group. Woeste then moved to allow Advantage Group to handle the optional insurance programs for Union County in 2017. Alcorn seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

HIGHWAY: Highway Supervisor Jeff Bowers presented a letter from INDOT asking for an extension of time for bid letting on the contract for Bridge #22 on Old Brownsville Road. The Commissioners signed the agreement for the extension. Bowers also stated that he had received a letter from INDOT stating that county should get the INDOT match of \$536,000 for the Community Crossings grant around January 12, 2017.

INSURANCE: Diane Bourne of RMD Patti insurance and Mac Keasling of Midwest Insurance Professionals presented insurance quotes for property, liability, and workman's comp insurance for the county for 2017. The RMD quote was \$105,815 and the Midwest quote was \$102,715. Lengthy discussion then followed to determine that the quotes involved the same coverages. It was also proposed to separate the bids for workman's comp from the rest of the insurance. It was finally determined that the Midwest bid was about \$1,500 less than RMD for the total package. Alcorn moved to keep the bid packages together and accept the Midwest bid of \$102,715 which included accident coverage for the reserve officers. Woeste seconded the motion and it carried 2-1 with Wiwi opposed.

MISC: The Auditor read a letter from County Attorney James Williams stating that the State Appellant Court had overturned the ruling of the trial court and granted Union County status in its appeal of damage done to septic systems in Cottage Grove during the US 27 project. This decision can still be appealed by INDOT but it is a first step victory for Union County.

Due to the New Year's holiday, the next Commissioners meeting will be on Tuesday January 3, 2017 at 8:30 AM.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Attest _____, Auditor