

UNION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – NOVEMBER 6, 2017

PRESENT: Paul Wiwi, David Woeste, Alan Alcorn, Pam Tharp, John Estridge, Marissa Lane, Jim Crouch, Richard Blank, Jeff Adams, Dale Dishmond, Chris Rosenberger, 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 October 16th meeting. Alcorn seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

COURTHOUSE REPAIRS: Trevor Hoog appeared and stated that he should finish the Courthouse repairs by week's end. He asked the Commissioners about repairs on the outside landings of the Courthouse. To replace the outdoor carpeting would be \$1,000 for both ends of the Courthouse and to resurface with a concrete resurfacing product would be \$1,500. After some discussion, Woeste moved to complete the project with the concrete resurfacing product. Alcorn seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

AMBULANCE REPORT: Brian Hathaway of Spirit presented the monthly ambulance report for October which showed 60 dispatches with 61 patient encounters. There were two mutual aid requests from Richmond fire. There were 37 transports during the month with 15 to Oxford, 21 to Richmond 1 to Connersville and 1 to a funeral home. Of the 37 transports, all but 8 had some sort of insurance.

ENERGY SAVINGS: A representative from Duke Energy presented a potential savings plan for jail energy by going to LED lighting. He has also surveyed the Courthouse but did not have final figures. After some discussion, the Commissioners agreed to meet with him at their next meeting where he would have savings estimates for all county buildings.

INNKEEPER'S TAX: Discussion of the Innkeeper's tax was held with the proposed Ordinance and statute for review. It seems the tax money collected can only be used for tourism functions and a Commission needs to be established by the Commissioners to oversee these funds. Since the purpose of the fund had been to help finance the ambulance service, it seems this may not be possible. A public hearing will be held concerning the Innkeeper's Tax at the next County Council meeting and Commissioners were encouraged to review the statute and Ordinance before attending the public hearing. Alcorn moved to table any decision on the matter until after that hearing. Woeste seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

MEDICARE INSURANCE STIPEND: The Commissioners reviewed an Ordinance allowing a stipend in lieu of Health Insurance for county employees voluntarily opting to receive Medicare. The Ordinance would offer Union County employees 65 years and older a discretionary \$400 monthly stipend in lieu of health insurance in order to purchase a Medicare Supplement policy of their choice. This would be effective January 1, 2018 and the stipends would be in place for calendar year 2018 only and will be reevaluated annually. After some discussion, Woeste moved to approve the Ordinance. Alcorn seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

MISC: The Commissioners agreed to accept bids for renting the County Farm and Highway supply bids for December 4th and Property Insurance and Liability bids for December 18th.

The Commissioners signed Nepotism and Contract Disclosure Statements for 2017.

The Commissioners signed a GIS agreement for WTH.

The Commissioners agreed to meet with appointed Department Heads at their next meeting on November 20th.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Attest _____, Auditor