

UNION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS –MARCH 7, 2016

Present: Paul Wiwi, David Woeste, Alan Alcorn, Matt Snyder, Pam Tharp, Dale Dishmond, Shaun Tudor, Alvin Day, Jim Crouch, Jeff Mathews, Jack Heeter, Jeff Bowers, 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 February 22 meeting. Alcorn seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

EMS REPORT: John Foy of St. Clair Ambulance presented the EMS report for February which reflected 55 runs. He also introduced Troy Brown who is the new assistant for Union County. He also stated that they have a new ambulance in Union County which makes a total of 3 and it is helping with their Ohio runs which have been increasing.

HIGHWAY DEPT: Highway Supervisor Jeff Bowers reported that he had taken 3 pieces of equipment to Abernathy's Spring Auction to be held soon. He stated that the roads are breaking up due to thawing and the crews are out patching when possible. He also stated that he would schedule Nine Mile and Salem Road for sealing this summer.

HEALTH DEPT: Alvin Day and Jeff Mathews updated the proposed Drug Treatment Program being considered for Union County to treat heroin and opiate addiction. They have given the first bridge and Vivitrol shot to a client and are working with the Health Board on protocols. They stated they have applied for grants to help pay for treatment and Union County residents would have priority in receiving treatment.

Thelma Chandler from Centerstone later stated that they now have counseling services available for these clients and would be willing to provide transportation to Connersville or Richmond for counseling services. She also stated that they would provide the service in Union County if there are 6 clients.

SHERIFF: Dishmond reported that the department had purchased 3 vehicles from the Oxford Police Department at their recent auction. The cost was about \$8,300 and they came pretty well equipped but there would be painting, new tires and some other minor work needed. He would be approaching County Council for the additional funds needed. He stated he would be taking 4 older vehicles out of use and after some discussion, the Commissioners decided that they would sell them through a bid procedure in the near future. He stated there are currently 15 prisoners housed at the jail.

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COURTHOUSE LAWN CARE: Due to inconsistencies in the prior bids, the Commissioners reopened bids for lawn care for both the Courthouse and the jail. Get Green Lawn Care bid \$152.00 for both and R & M Outdoors bid \$214.70. After some discussion, Alcorn moved to accept the Get Green bid. Woeste seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

MISC: Tom Hart appeared to seek a barking dog ordinance for the county. After some discussion, the Commissioners decided to talk to his neighbors and discuss it again at the next meeting.

The Commissioners stated that they were considering April 29 and 30 for free days at the landfill and there would be more information to come.

The Commissioners discussed the proposed frost ordinance that had appeared in the paper and stated there would be a public meeting on the subject on March 15 at 7:00 PM at the Courthouse.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.