

Commissioners' Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2023

[Play 718] Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Darlene Likens, Olivia Pratt and John Richwine.

Also Present: County Attorney Jeff Graham, Auditor Rick Gardner and Deputy Auditor Nicki Young

[Play 720] Approval of Minutes:

Motion: to approve February 21, 2023, regular meeting minutes as presented.

Moved: Olivia Pratt

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed, unanimously.

[Play 721] Approval of Claims:

Motion: to approve the claims as presented by the Auditor's office.

Moved: Darlene Likens

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 722] Appointments: Andrew Hanna, President of Community Corrections Advisory Board, requested appointment/reappointment of the following board members: Shane Ehrhart, Zaki Ali, Clayton Whitson, Ryan Mason, Scott Reske, Dianna Huddleston and Mark Hall.

Motion: to appoint/reappoint all proposed board members.

Moved: Olivia Pratt

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Amended Motion: to appoint/reappoint all proposed board members, excluding Ryan Mason.

Moved: Olivia Pratt

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 723] Jessica Bastin, County Engineer, presents four (4) proposals for ARPA funding which have been approved by the ARPA Leadership Team: Public Defenders' office request for appointment of temporary public defender for CHINS cases; Prosecutor's office request for digitization of case files; Prosecutor's request to modernize and digitize files involving misdemeanors and infractions from Anderson City Court and Elwood City Court; and Community Corrections' request for walkie talkie radios.

Motion: to approve all four (4) ARPA funding requests presented, so long they are contracted positions.

Moved: Olivia Pratt

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 724] Stephenie Mellinger, Director of Health Department, requests Commissioners to approve proposed ordinance adopting a schedule of fees for the Madison County Health Department so as to decrease the fee for background check required in tattoo ordinance to \$10.00.

Motion: to adopt on final reading Ordinance 2023-BC-O-04, an Ordinance Adopting a Fee Schedule of Fees for the Madison County Health Department.

Moved: Darlene Likens

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 725] Director Mellinger also presents to the Commissioners a proposed ordinance amending the Sewage Disposal Ordinance so as to increase the required bond from \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00.

Motion: to adopt on final reading Ordinance 2023-BC-O-05, an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2018-BC-O-10, an Ordinance Adopting a Madison County Sewage Disposal Ordinance.

Moved: Olivia Pratt

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 726] Lisa Cannon, IT Director, request the Board to approve a contract for services with Central Dispatch.

Motion: to approve contract for services between Madison County Information Technology Department and Madison County Central Dispatch.

Moved: Olivia Pratt

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 727] Jeff Graham, County Attorney, discusses ongoing negotiations for purchase of real estate upon which to construct new jail facility, and requests the Commissioners approve the filing of an eminent domain action to acquire said real estate, if that action becomes necessary.

[Play 728] Joe Stowers makes comment

[Play 730] Alice Flowers makes comment

Motion: to authorize the filing of an eminent domain lawsuit to acquire the property to construct new jail facility if an agreed purchase cannot be negotiated.

Moved: Olivia Pratt

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 729] Jeff Graham, County Attorney, requests approval to proceed with Request for Proposal for Construction Manager concerning new jail facility.

Motion: to authorize the County Attorney to proceed with the Request for Proposal for Construction Manager for new jail facility.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 731] Tom Ecker, County Administrator, indicates that pursuant to the 2023 Holiday Schedule, Veterans' Day was to be observed on Monday, November 13, 2023. Inasmuch as that is the deadline for payment of 2023 Fall taxes, it has been requested that Madison County change its observance to Friday, November 10, 2023.

Motion: to move Madison County's observance of Veterans' Day to Friday, November 10, 2023, but allow officials/supervisors work with employees who have already scheduled vacations and requested time off which includes Monday, November 13, 2023.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 732] County Attorney Graham indicates there are additional matters to be heard at the meeting. There are two (2) petitions for vacation of unimproved public ways which were included in advertisement for meeting. Also, there is a resolution that the Commissioners' requested concerning a presentation given at last meeting of the Commissioners.

[Play 733] Larry Strange, Planning Director, and Lee Wood of Lee Wood Land Surveying, present the request of Kevin and Rose Flook to vacate an unimproved alley adjacent to their property in Alexandria.

Motion: to continue this vacation request so as to allow the County Attorney sufficient time to draft a proposed Ordinance concerning this matter to be presented to the Commissioners at their next scheduled meeting.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 734] Planning Director Strange and Terry DeLong present Mr. DeLong's request to vacate an unimproved alley adjacent to his property in Summitville.

Motion: to continue this vacation request so as to allow the County Attorney sufficient time to draft a proposed Ordinance concerning this matter to be presented to the Commissioners at their next scheduled meeting.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 737] President Richwine reads into the record proposed Resolution 2023-BC-R-07.

Motion: adopting Resolution 2023-BC-R-07, a Resolution Declaring Support for Redwood Foundation Incorporated.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 738] Motion: to adjourn

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously.

Next Regular Commissioner's Meeting will be March 21, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.