

**BE IT REMEMBERED THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met in the Henry County Courthouse Circuit Courtroom, on Wednesday January 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Ed Tarantino, Bobbi Plummer, Steve Dellinger, Debra Walker, Henry County Auditor and Joel Harvey County Attorney.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge and a Prayer led by Ed Tarantino.

A motion was made by Ed Tarantino and seconded by Steve Dellinger to appoint Bobbi Plummer as the President of the Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ed Tarantino and seconded by Bobbi Plummer to appoint Steve Dellinger as Vice President. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Steve Dellinger and seconded by Ed Tarantino to approve the minutes of the December meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Steve Dellinger and seconded by Ed Tarantino to approve claims as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Steve Dellinger and seconded by Ed Tarantino to approve payroll as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Penny York gave an EDC update. The Shell Building is almost done and they are working on several leads on the building. There is not a lot of new development with the READI Program, but are still working on applications.

A motion was made by Steve Dellinger and seconded by Ed Tarantino to approve the following Bonds:

Susan VanHoy – Knightstown Wayne Township Deputy Clerk - \$30,000.00

Susan VanHoy –Wayne Township Trustee - \$30,000.00

Vaneca Montgomery-Mt. Summit Water Utilities - \$15,000.00

Vaneca Montgomery- Treasurer Prairie Township-\$30,000.00

Paul Janssen-Henry County Hospital-\$100,000.00

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ed Tarantino and seconded by Steve Dellinger to appoint Nancy Cook to the New Castle/Henry County Public Library. Motion carried unanimously.

Bobbi Plummer stated that there is an opening on the Food and Beverage Committee. Anyone interested in the position please contact the Commissioner's Office.

A motion was made by Steve Dellinger and seconded by Ed Tarantino to accept the following reports:

2022 Annual Sheriff's Report

IDEM – Notice of Public Comment – New Castle Stainless Plate LLC

INDOT – Des. No. 1702918 Small Structure on US 36, approximately 9.73 miles east of Madison

Henry County Line in Henry County

Motion carried unanimously.

A quote was received for the water damage in the basement of the Masonic Building. The estimate to repair the damages are \$2,824.21

A motion was made by Steve Dellinger and seconded by Ed Tarantino to approve the repairs at the Masonic Building. Motion carried unanimously.

Debbie Walker read a statement from Angela Cox regarding COVID cases in Henry County.

Joe Copeland gave an update on the Highway Department. He is working on projects to put into the Community Crossing Grant. He asked the Commissioners if they had any suggestions they would like to see done with these funds please let him know.

Rita Fisher gave an update on Memorial Park.

Andy Ebert from Shirley Volunteer Fire Department presented a letter signed by Southwest District Ambulance, Shirley Volunteer Fire Department, New Castle/Henry County EMS, Kennard Volunteer Fire Department, Cadiz Volunteer Fire Department and Kennard Town Council. This letter is stating that all parties have agreed to provide better response times and care to the residents of Western Greensboro Township and parts of southwest Harrison Township and northwest Wayne Township to change primary ambulance service the these areas. Shirley has agreed to cover all of the town of Kennard and both sides of Kennard Road west to the Hancock County line from the south side of 100N south to 550S but not to include 550S. There is no exchange of money for this change, it is only being done simply due to the geography and getting the residents of this area the closes service available. The fire response and ALS protections is to remain as is. In the event Shirley is unavailable New Castle/Henry County EMS will be the backup service.

A motion was made by Ed Tarantino and seconded by Steve Dellinger to accept the change with Shirley Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Ed Tarantino gave an update of the New Castle Correctional Facility/Henry County Jail Sewer Line.

Bobbi Plummer suggested that in 2022 the Commissioners meeting stay the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday's of the month. The first meeting of the month be at 10:00 a.m. and the second meeting of the month at 6:00 p.m. Steve Dellinger said he was willing to try but when they started getting complaints they would have to move the first meeting back to 6:00 p.m. Ed Tarantino agreed with Steve.

A motion was made Ed Tarantino and seconded by Steve Dellinger to have the 2022 Commissioners meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. The first meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. and the second meeting of the month will be at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bobbi Plummer and seconded by Ed Tarantino to leave the Liaisons as they were in 2021:

Steve Dellinger – Drainage Board, Extension Office, Highway, Insurance, Juvenile Detention, Memorial Park, Probation, Public Defender; Surveyor; Treasurer and ARA Committee

Ed Tarantino – Assessor, Clerk & Voter Registration; Community Correction, Correctional/Detention/Jail, EIRPC, EDC, Job Classification, Recorder, Sheriff/911, Solid Waste and Veterans Office.

Bobbi Plummer – Abatement Committee, Auditor, Coroner, Drug Abuse & Mental Health, Health Department, Planning Commission, Prosecutor, Public Safety (LIT), Solid Waste, Unified Courts, ARA Committee and IT Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Broyles asked if the Commissioners were considering putting the EMS and Annex Building up for sale. Bobbi Plummer informed him that they are currently working on getting appraisals for both buildings and then will start the process.

A motion was made by Steve Dellinger and seconded by Ed Tarantino to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

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Bobbi Plummer President

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Steve Dellinger, Vice President

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Ed Tarantino, Member

ATTEST:

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Debra G. Walker, Auditor