

JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2016 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was opened with Matt Sporleder leading the pledge to the flag.

First on the agenda was Sue Lamborn, Outreach and Public Relations Manager, with Thrive Alliance. Ms. Lamborn came to request for the 2018 budget appropriation of \$12,000 for support services for aging and disabled Jennings County Residents. The request is the same as last year but only \$2,000 was approved by the Commissioners. Ms. Lamborn stated that local funding provides the match required for them to qualify for federal Older Americans Act funding.

Matt Sporleder asked Ms. Lamborn to wait so they could hear from Ruth Bosch representing the Senior Center before making any decision.

Ruth Bosch, Director of the Senior Center came before the Commissioners to request \$15,000 in support for the Senior Center in North Vernon. This money helps cover some of the operating costs for the senior center. Ms. Bosch states that the center's mission is to assist individuals 50 years and older, so they can live socially active, healthy, independent lives. The center provides a food pantry for those 55 years of age and older once a month and a no cost lunch five days a week through Thrive Alliance for those 60 years of age and older. The pantry food is provided by Gleaners Food Bank and Midwest food Bank at no charge. The \$15,000 that Ms. Bosch is requesting on behalf of the Senior Center would cover the operating expenses for approximately three months.

Bob Willhite made a motion to approve \$13,000 for the Senior Center in North Vernon and \$2,000 to Thrive Alliance; Dave Lane seconded the motion. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Mary McCarty with SIRPC appeared before the Commissioners with Don Biehle, Fire Chief, Campbell Township Fire Department stating this is the first public hearing for the grant application. Ms. McCarty had a letter of notice of intent to submit CDBG Application for the Commissioners to sign and send to state. The letter states that the Jennings County Commissioners, in cooperation with the Campbell Township Volunteer Fire Department, seek to submit a Public Facilities Program (PFP) grant application by September 1, 2107. The letter is requesting a site visit prior to beginning the application process for this project. The total estimated cost of the project is \$670,000, which includes \$500,000 of OCRA CDBG funds and \$170,000 in local match. The letter required just Matt Sporleder signature and Mr. Sporleder did sign the letter.

Next was Bernie Hauersperger with FPBH, Inc. who had drawings of the proposed renovation of the Community Building and the alternate plan for housing the Purdue Extension Office. Atina Rozhon, Director of the Extension Office, was in attendance and expressed concerns about moving out to the

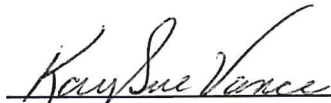
fairgrounds. Ms. Rozhon stated that with the Military using the fairgrounds this spring there were events that were pertaining to preparing for the fair that had to be moved to other location. Ms. Rozhon expressed concern on how much office and storage space would be made available to her office. The space had to be at least what they have now if not more since her staff had increased. Matt Sporleder stated that because of a space issue at the Annex he was 99% sure that the Extension Office would be moving; but at this point not sure where as the ETC offices were being considered also. Mr. Sporleder asked Mr. Hauersperger if he had been in contact with the fair board to see if they approved the proposed drawings and changes and Mr. Hauersperger stated he had not but was going to be attending the upcoming Fair Board meeting. Mr. Sporleder said he would make no recommendations until the fair board had a chance to see the plans and make their recommendations. After much discussion, Mr. Sporleder asked Mr. Hauersperger to come back on the 22nd with the fair board's reaction.

Bob Willhite made a motion to approve prior minutes; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Bob Willhite made a motion to sign claims; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

With no further business, Bob Willhite made a motion to adjourn; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Attest:



Kay Sue Vance, Auditor



Matt Sporleder, President



Robert Willhite



David Lane