

CONTINUED MEETING OF THE JASPER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, July 19, 2016

The Jasper County Board of Commissioners met this date at 8:15 A.M. in the Commissioner's Room, Suite 202, of the Jasper County Courthouse located at 115 West Washington Street, Rensselaer, Indiana, with the following members present: Kendell Culp and James A. Walstra. Also present were Auditor, Kimberly K. Grow; Highway Engineer/Supervisor, Jack R. Haberlin and the Attorney who represents the Commissioners, Eric Beaver. The meeting was called to order and those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by

BRYAN OVERSTREET / PURDUE EXTENSION OFFICE: Bryan Overstreet requested permission to use monies from the Extension budget's Professional Improvement Fund to attend the national NACAA Annual Meeting July 24 through July 28. Mr. Walstra made the motion to approve this request. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.

BETH WARREN / RECORDER: Beth Warren requested permission for herself and her Deputy to attend the Northwest & Northeast District County Recorder's Meeting on August 3, 2016. The registration fee will be paid out of her Continuing Education Fund. They will use a county car. Mr. Walstra made the motion to approve this request. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.

LITTLE COUSIN JASPER: Veteran's Service Council requests to use the Jasper County Courthouse lawn during the Little Cousin Jasper Festival September 9 through 11, 2016. Mr. Walstra made the motion to approve this request. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.

KAREN WILSON / SHEILA SCHROEDER / BI-CENTENNIAL UPDATE: They have pins, commemorative coins and a book. They also have a booth at the fair, which is where the painted bison is. The bison will be at the fair and the rest of the festivals for the year, at which time they will need to find a permanent home for it and help moving it. They are hoping that it can be permanently located at the courthouse, which they will need to get approval for (around October or November). They would like it to be inside, as to prevent damage to it. They are looking in to getting quotes for concrete, commercial grade flower pots to be located at the courthouse on the platforms where the stairs are. Jasper County Economic & Tourism & Development is paying for the flower pots, as well as plant supplies and dirt. They will be a permanent, year-round display. They have a quote from Debbie Brown in order to keep the business local. The prices range \$225 - \$595 each, depending on style and weight. They will be permanent fixtures so someone could not knock them over or take them. They would be delivered to Jasper County. Depending on shipping cost, it may be justifiable to pick them up. They range from 230 pounds to 400 pounds each. They are talking about putting them on the upper slabs all around the building and on the east side on either side of the entry door but it depends on which one is chosen and the price and how much of a budget they have based on spending for everything else. Mr. Culp expressed concern about the slabs. They are limestone caps and it is hollow underneath so care needs to be taken as to not put too much weight on it. Karen stated that she had Harry Carney, Donna Moore and Kara Fishburn look at it to get the size proportional with the size of the slab. They also discussed weight a little bit and Brown's believes what they were picking out would work. The Republican's Women's Group has offered to maintain them, as far as watering them. Brown's could fill them initially (depending on budget). Karen stated she needs to talk to Bud about outside spickets on the east side. She suggested it could be included in the janitorial duties to water them a few times a week. Sustainment and yearly replanting could be handled through Republican Women's. Plants would be navy blue/gold. They are planning on painting the park benches located inside the courthouse navy blue. Cindy Ziese has offered to stencil on them something similar to what is on the outer doors of the building that says something to the effect of "Indiana Bi-centennial 1816-2016" and maybe some gold stars. She suggested setting them outside for the Little Cousin Jasper Festival or the torch relay, which is October 11. They will be talking to Bill Wakeland about having Community Corrections painting them so it would be free to the county and the supplies are minimal, Navy blue paint, Kiltz, paintbrushes. That is all within the budget through Economic Development. They are planning on having the benches out of the courthouse by the 1st of the week and have them back in the courthouse by the end of August so they are ready for Little Cousin Jasper.

CONTINUED MEETING OF THE JASPER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, July 19, 2016

Another thing they are working on is getting the parade through each town set up for October 11. The bison will be in the Little Cousin Jasper parade/festival.

There is a conflict with Touch of Dutch/State Fair. Taking the bison to the State Fair will have more exposure than at the Touch of Dutch. Discussion was made regarding transporting the bison. It was suggested that it needs to be transported in an enclosed trailer, since it is now painted. It was mentioned to talk to Steve Clapp to see if he wants the bison displayed in Demotte. Steve has been moving it, but don't know if he will be available to do so in the future. It was suggested to use the yellow janitor van to transport it to Indy, but a trailer would still be needed for the parade. It is believed that a flat bed trailer could be purchased for around \$500.00 or one could also be rented at somewhere such as TSC.

Discussion was had on how to make it possible for the younger groups of kids to be able to see the bison, such as Wheatfield Elementary, Remington Elementary, Demotte Christian. Karen stated that she has had those children involved in Torch Relay activities through their teachers. They will be doing art projects and lessons about Indiana history and the bison. She has reached out to the superintendents and principals regarding the kids participating in the torch relay parade route.

The bison needs to be at the fair on August 4th. Extension starts August 5th.

KAREN WILSON / EMA: She has been asked by CSX to go to Atlanta August 15th through August 18th for training on emergency preparedness with the railroad. All expenses will be paid by CSX. She is requesting permission to attend that. Mr. Walstra made the motion to approve this request. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.

BFS: Mike and Ken are present with road maps. 1229 LOIT Special District and SEA 67. Discussion took place. Letter of intent was approved and signed by the Commissioners.

RESOLUTION 7-2016A: Mr. Walstra made the motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Culp seconded the motion and the motion carried. Jack Haberlin will remove the letterhead and give the original to Auditor Grow to be recorded.

KEVIN KELLY: He will email whatever endorsement letters he gets before Tuesday.

There being no further business, Mr. Walstra made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Culp seconded and the meeting was adjourned.