

THE SHELBY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET ON MONDAY OCTOBER 5, 2020, AT 8:00 A.M. PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONERS NIGH, PARKER, ROSS, COUNTY ATTORNEY AND COUNTY AUDITOR

MINUTES:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 WAS MADE BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ROSS, APPROVED 3-0

JUDGE MELTZER/ SET DATE FOR RFP FOR MAGISTRATE COURT:

JUDGE MELTZER REQUESTED THE COMMISSIONERS TO SET A DATE TO RECEIVE RFP'S FOR THE RENOVATION FOR THE MAGISTRATE COURT. MOTION TO SET THE DATE FOR MONDAY OCTOBER 19, 2020 @ 8:00 A.M. WAS MADE BY ROSS, SECONDED BY PARKER, APPROVED 3-0

COMMISSIONER NIGH ALSO ADVISED THEY HAS An APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION DESIGN RELEASE PERMIT FOR THE MAGISTRATE COURT, MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY ROSS, SECONDED BY PARKER, APPROVED 3-0

COMMERCIAL ACCESS PERMIT/ PLEASANT VIEW STORAGE:

PLEASANT VIEW STORAGE IS REQUESTING TO PUT A SECOND ACCESS PERMIT IN FOR THEIR STORAGE UNIT. THE COMMISSIONERS ASKED DESIREE IF SHE HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY THEM AND SHE ADVISED SHE DID TELL THEM IT HAD TO BE CONCRETE. NIGH ADVISED IT DOES SAY CONCRETE ON IT. ROSS WASN'T SURE THEY WERE CLEAR. NO MOTION WAS MADE, PERMIT WAS DENIED DUE TO LACK OF MOTION.

SHERIFF:

SHERIFF KOCH ADVISED HE HAD THE COMMISSIONERS THAT HE RECEIVED THE CONTRACT FROM QUALITY CORRECTIONAL CARE HE TALKED TO THEM ABOUT LAST WEEK AND WOULD LIKE FOR JOHN DEPRez TO LOOK OVER THIS WEEK TO VOTE ON NEXT WEEK. KOCH ALSO ADVISED THAT JOHNSON COUNTY MADE SOME CHANGES ON THEIR CONTRACT AND ADVISED THAT QUALITY CORRECTIONAL CARE WAS FINE WITH THE CHANGES. KOCH WASN'T SURE OF THE CHANGES BUT WANTED TO LET DEPRez KNOW THAT THEY SEEM EASY TO WORK WITH. MOTION TO TABLE FOR A WEEK WAS MADE BY ROSS, SECONDED BY PARKER, APPROVED 3-0

HIGHWAY:

ANDERSON ADVISED DAVE O'MARA WILL START PAVING EAST MICHIGAN ROAD BETWEEN 800 E & 600 E ON OCTOBER 9, 2020

ANDERSON ADVISED THAT HE RECEIVED PRICING FROM SIGNAL CONSTRUCTION INC. TO UPGRADE THE LIGHT BULBS AT THE MICHIGAN ROAD AND COUNTY LINE AT THE ST. PAUL EXIT. THE PRICE WAS \$1,614.00 TO REPLACE THE BULBS, MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY ROSS, SECONDED BY PARKER, APPROVED 3-0

ANDERSON ADVISED HE RECEIVED A PRICE FROM TRISSLER TO REPLACE THE CULVERT ON 475 E BETWEEN VANDALIA ROAD AND 850 S. THIS IS FOR A CONCRETE BOX CULVERT AND THEY WILL BE ABLE TO START IN THE MIDDLE

OF NOVEMBER AND SHOULD TAKE ABOUT 4-6 WEEKS. THE PRICE IS \$93,000.00.,
MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ROSS, APPROVED 3-
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CLAIMS:

MONTHLY CLAIMS – MOTION TO APPROVE MONTHLY CLAIMS WAS MADE BY
ROSS, SECONDED BY PARKER, APPROVED 3-0

TRANSFER/ADDITIONALS:

N/A

INDUSTRIAL SOLAR FARM:

TRACY SLINKARD:

TRACY WANTED TO TALK TO THE COMMISSIONERS ABOUT HER HOUSE. THIS HOUSE WAS BUILT IN THE 1880'S AND HAS BEEN A HOMESTEAD PROPERTY EVER SINCE. THEY MOVED HERE FROM FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP IN MARION COUNTY A LITTLE OVER NINE YEAR AND LOVE IT HERE. HER HUSBAND IS A RETIRED MARION COUNTY DEPUTY AND IS CURRENTLY ON THE BOARD WITH THE MARIETTA FIRE DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS HER SON IS A VOL. FIREMAN. TRACY ADVISED THEY GROW AROUND 20% OF THEIR FOOD FOR THE YEAR AND PURCHASE THEIR MEAT FROM A FARM MARKET A MILE AWAY. TRACY ADVISED SHE AND FARMER EVEN HAVE AN AGREEMENT SO WHEN THEY SPRAY THE FIELDS, HE LETS HER KNOW A COUPLE DAYS IN ADVANCE SO SHE CAN COVER HER GARDEN AND MAKE SURE ALL OF HER ANIMALS ARE PUT UP. TRACY ADVISED THEY MEASURED FROM HER LIVING ROOM AND THESE PANELS WILL BE 125 FT FROM HER LIVING ROOM, ARE THESE GOING TO MELT HER SIDING. TRACY ASK MR NIGH – DON'T YOU CARE ABOUT US CITIZENS? I VOTED FOR YOU, BECAUSE I TRUSTED YOU. PLEASE DO A MORATORIUM.

KRIS GRIFFIN:

KRIS ADVISED HER AND HER HUSBAND MOVED OUT TO SHELBY COUNTY OVER 20 YEARS AGO TO GET AWAY FROM THE CITY. MY HUSBAND IS A FIREFIGHTER UP IN INDIANAPOLIS AND ALSO SERVED AS A VOLUNTEER FIREMAN ON THE MARIETTA FIRE DEPT. HE STEPPED DOWN AFTER HE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH THROAT CANCER DUE TO ALL OF THE TREATMENTS. HERE I WAS WITH CHILDREN NOT KNOWING HOW I WOULD WORK, GET MY HUSBAND TO TREATMENTS AND MAKE SURE MY CHILDREN GOT TO SCHOOL AND MADE IT HOME. THIS COMMUNITY CAME TOGETHER AND HELPED ME WHILE MY HUSBAND WAS BATTLING CANCER. THEY HELPED ME MOW THE GRASS, AND TAKE CARE OF MY YARD, PEOPLE OFFERED TO HELP WITH MY CHILDREN GETTING THEM TO SCHOOL AND GETTING THEM HOME. WE DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER FAMILY THEN RIGHT HERE IN BENGAL. KRIS ADVISED SHE TRIED TO REACH OUT TO SEAN EBERHART AND COULD NEVER GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM BUT FOUND OUT A COLLEGE OF HERS KNOWS HIM AND REACHED OUT TO GET HIM TO CONTACT HER. HE ADVISED HER THAT HE WASN'T GETTING IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS AND WOULD STAY OUT OF IT. PLEASE CONSIDER A MORATORIUM.

KYLE BARLOW:

KYLE TOLD THE COMMISSIONERS I THINK YOU GUYS CARE ABOUT THIS COUNTY, VOTERS AND RESIDENTS, BUT ARE NOT WILLING TO HELP. IT IS

OBVIOUS THAT THIS GROUP HASN'T PROVIDED YOU ENOUGH INFORMATION TO YOU MR NIGH AND MR ROSS TO SECOND THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR TO PASS FOR MORATORIUM TO GIVE TIME TO LOOK AT OUR SOLAR ORDINANCE, WE AREN'T ASKING. WE ARE ASKING TO PASS OR NOT PASS THIS PROJECT WE ARE SIMPLY ASKING FOR A MORATORIUM 6 MONTHS. IT SURE SEEMS LIKE A DISSERVICE TO YOU MR. PARKER, YOU SEEM TO SEE THE NEED FOR A MORATORIUM THAT IS NEEDED. YOUR MOTIVES ARE FOR THE GREATER GOOD OF THE COUNTY, I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN SAY THE SAME ABOUT MR. NIGH OR MR. ROSS, I WANT TO THANK YOU MR PARKER FOR YOU TIME AND RESEARCHING AND LISTENING TO US. YOU GUYS HAVE EXPRESSED THE CONFIDENCE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION IS REVISING THE SOLAR ORDINANCE. THE PLAN COMMISSION HAS DECIDED TO HAVE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE SAID ORDINANCE. UPON INVESTIGATION AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN NOT LEGALLY ACCEPTABLE FOR ORDINANCE DISCUSSION OR REVISION. THERE HAS BEEN A COMPLAINT FILED WITH THE PUBLIC ACCESS COUNCIL WITH THE STATE OF INDIANA CONCERNING THE LEGALITY OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE PLANNING COMMISSION ACCORDING TO THE SHELBYVILLE NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT IS STILL PLANNING TO MEET. THE REASON STATED WAS FOR THE STRATEGY OF A LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY. MY QUESTION IS WHAT DO YOU THINK THAT MEANS? THEY ARE NOT LEGALLY ALOUD TO DISCUSS THE SOLAR ORDINANCE AT THE EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE NEED FOR A MORATORIUM IS EVER PRESENT NOW. THERE IS A SPEAKER HERE TODAY FROM HOOSIERS FOR RENEWABLES. HE IS A FORMER WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. USING THESE POSITIONS IN INFLUENCE WITHIN COUNTY WARDS, PLANNING, BZA, COUNCIL AND COMMISSIONERS. HE BROUGHT INDUSTRIAL WINDS TO WESTERN WARREN COUNTY. HE WAS VOTED OUT OF OFFICE AND STEPPED DOWN FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND BECAME THE FRONT SPEAKER FOR HOOSIERS FOR RENEWABLES. I JUST WONDER HOW CLOSE THOSE WINDMILLS ARE TO HIS FAMILIES 200 ACRES FARM AND LIVESTOCK? I'VE BEEN TOLD THEY ARE NOT. OUR SMALL RURAL COMMUNITY HAS WHAT THEY NEED AND WANT. WE, EXCEPT FOR A HANDFUL OF LANDOWNERS DO NOT WANT A 4,000 ACRE INDUSTRIAL SOLAR PLANT COMPLETE WITH BARBWIRE FENCING IN OUR RURAL COMMUNITY. OUR SCHOOL IS FUNDED AND THRIVING. THERE IS NO NEED FOR BRIBERY WE DON'T EVEN WANT THE WATER PARK LIKE WAS PROMISED TO PULASKI COUNTY AND PROMOTED BY HOOSIERS FOR RENEWABLES. WHILE RESEARCHING HOOSIERS FOR RENEWABLE I NOTICE THAT MR. EBERLY CONTINUOUSLY SITES THE RESEARCH OF DR. MICHAEL HICKS FROM BALL STATE. THIS INFO WAS GIVEN TO US AS WELL BY SOME OF OUR COUNTY OFFICIALS. JUST SO YOU KNOW WE HAVE REACHED OUT TO DR. MICHAEL HICKS FOR CLARIFICATION OF WHAT HE WROTE ON HOW ECONOMICALLY SOUND THESE SOLAR FACILITIES ARE AND WE HAVE GOTTEN NO RESPONSE FROM HIM. BESIDES FROM EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO YOU. THE PEOPLE THAT YOU REPRESENT WANT A MORATORIUM TO GIVE MORE TIME TO REVIEW THE ORDINANCE. PLEASE DO THE JOB YOU PAID TO DO AND REPRESENT THE RESIDENCE OF SHELBY COUNTY.

STEVEN EBERLY/ HOOSIERS FRO RENEWABLES:

MR. EBERLY CAME BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS TO PRESENT THEM WITH INFORMATION ON HOOSIERS FOR RENEWABLES. HE HAS SPENT 30 YEARS IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT. VERY SMALL COUNTY 2/3 OF THE ROADS ARE STILL DIRT & GRAVEL. HE ADVISED THAT THEY COULD COUNT THE REVOLUTIONS ON THE WINDMILLS IN TWO DIRECTIONS OF THEIR FARM. AFTER HE LEFT GOVERNMENT, HE DECIDED HE WANTED TO CONTINUE TO TALK ABOUT

RENEWABLE ENERGY TO BRING TO RURAL COUNTIES. WE STARTED DISCUSSING THIS IN WARREN COUNTY IN 2008 AND YES THERE IS CURRENTLY A PROJECT GOING ON NOW. THE VALUE OF THE CONSTRUCTION IS BETWEEN 300 & 400 MILLION DOLLARS. LAST YEAR OUR COUNTY OVER THE LAST 5 YEARS HAS LOST AROUND 55 MILLION DOLLARS IN ASSESSED VALUE. AGAIN, DO WE INVITE EMPLOYMENT INTO OUR COUNTY. WHAT IS EXCITING TO THIS IS THAT IT BRINGS INVESTMENTS TO OUR COUNTY. IT DOESN'T BRING HEAVY LOADS ON THE SCHOOL BUT AT THE SAME TIME WE BRING IN INVESTMENTS. EVERY UTILITY COMPANY IN THE STATE HAS PLANS TO MOVE AWAY FROM COAL. SOLAR AND WIND WON'T DO IT ALL THERE WILL HAVE TO BE A MIX. YES, THEY HAVE ENGAGED INTO THE LIKES OF THE STUDY BALL STATE HAS DONE. WE ARE FOLLOWING AND STUDYING ALL THE TIME. STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS MET LAST FALL AND THEY ARE GOING ON NOW. YOU CAN LISTEN TO THE MEETINGS. I APPRECIATE YOU TIME TODAY AND I WILL LEAVE A COUPLE FOLDERS FOR YOU GUYS TO REVIEW. MOST OF THIS IS ON OUR WEBSITE. AT THIS TIME PARKER SAID I THOUGHT YOU WERE HERE TO TALK ABOUT RENEWABLE ENERGY, LIKE WITH POET, BUNGE BIO-FUEL. YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT SOLAR THAT REALLY ISN'T RENEWABLE. THE SUN COMES UP EVERYDAY THAT IS CONSTANT. PARKER ASKED MR. EBERLY IF HE HAS KNOWLEDGE ON TAX CREDIT. MR. EBERLY SAID HE IS NOT A STUDENT OF TAX CREDIT.

MISCELLANEOUS:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GRANT:

RYAN ASKED THE COMMISSIONERS TO ACCEPT AN EMP GRANT THAT HE RECEIVED AND HAS TO BE SPENT ON NON-COVID ITEMS. HE WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A TRAILER AND A COMPUTER. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE EMP GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,750.00 WAS MADE BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ROSS, APPROVED 3-0

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD. A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY ROSS SECONDED BY NIGH, APPROVED 3-0

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ATTEST:

AMY L. GLACKMAN

SHELBY COUNTY AUDITOR