

THE OCTOBER TERM HELD ON THE 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2023

The County Commission convened at 9:00 a.m., pursuant to adjournment on October 17, 2023.

Present: Joseph Kaimann, Presiding Commissioner; Mike Mueller, Associate Commissioner District 1; Matt Bass, Associate Commissioner District 2; Kenny Schulte, County Clerk; and Aimee Vann, Deputy Clerk.

The following proceedings were held:

Invocation given by Commissioner Bass.

**Jeremy Partl, Highway Department**

- Road construction projects: Culverts on Point Rd, Rahmier Rd, and Giles Rd have been completed. S. Moore School and Bell Rds. to be completed this week.
- Parking lot for the Bridge of Hope building to begin soon. It must be dug out and backfilled before paving. Should be able to pave before Thanksgiving.
- All graders are currently running; Asphalt crews have completed 27 miles of overlay and 4.52 miles of new asphalt this year; Patching on Prairie Rd is complete; Patching soon to occur on Linns Mill Rd, Cave Farm Rd, N. Ridge Rd, Brevator Rd, and Sand Run Rds.; Shouldering of new asphalt roads is expected to begin the first week of November; The abutment at the first bridge on N. Rock Church has begun to erode away and we plan to get this fixed as soon as possible.
- One of the graders was involved in a minor car accident. A car that tried to go around the grader clipped the front tire. No injuries were reported.
- Presentations from the MACTO conference involved crack sealing, preventative maintenance, and vegetation control. Department is looking into investing a tar sealing machine as well as pesticide licensing for some employees.

**Robert Henebry, Project Management**

- Henebry presented his report on current projects: Discussed current bid review: Highway Department Pole Barn is due on October 24, 2023, Concrete finishings at the Justice Center, Jail improvements to booking, Janitorial Supplies, Culvert pipes, and Website Design is due on October 31, 2023; Reported Sheriff's Department booking remodel bid to go out next week and 2024 budget items to be looked at including fire suppression; Highway Department construction site is ready for metal, stone, plumbing, and electrical. The inside remodel begins tomorrow; Crisis Stabilization Center HVAC and electrical rough-ins are complete, Window installation later this week, Parking lot will be graded and asphalted soon; The Recorder's office computer room remodel will be completed in mid-November, There is an issue with the fire panel not connecting to the lines properly, Working on possibly switching to a CISCO phone system; Complex 2 received new exterior lights and the Surveyor's office clean out is slow moving.
- The current bidding system software is up for renewal on 12/1/2023 for \$5,735.00.

**New/Unfinished Business**

- Harry Braungardt, Owner of Whippoorwill Acres Wedding and Event Venue, requested that the commission consider fully paving McIntosh Hill Rd. It is currently partially paved. He has also requested that the Highway Department replace the Hidden Valley Rd street sign that keeps disappearing. Discussion as to ways to prevent it from continuously disappearing also took place.
- A resident dropped off an old letter to the Commission pertaining to the asphaltting of Blackmore Rd in hopes of getting it added to the list of upcoming road projects.

There being no other business before the County Commission at this time, the meeting thereupon was adjourned until Tuesday, October 24, 2023.

  
Kenneth Schulte  
County Clerk

  
Joseph Kaimann  
Presiding Commissioner

  
Mike Mueller  
Associate Commissioner District I

  
Matt Bass  
Associate Commissioner District II

