

Owen County Board of Commissioners
Minutes-January 3, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Attorney Dana Kerr; then turned over to Auditor Sheila Reeves.

Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Board Members Present: Gary Burton, Bob Curry, and Joel Lowe.

Also, present Attorney Dana Kerr and Auditor Sheila Reeves.

Public Sign in sheet attached for permanent record.

Election of Officers-

A nomination to appoint Gary Burton as President was made by Curry; seconded by Lowe. Carried 3-0.

Mr. Burton took over the meeting and ask for nomination of Vice President. A motion to appoint Bob Curry was made by Burton; seconded by Lowe. Carried 3-0.

The approval of minutes was tabled.

A copy of the LOW Monthly Financial Report for all Funds was provided for review.

A Copy of the Council 2023 Wages Ordinances was provided for their records.

A motion to approve Regular Claims-\$430,602.65 was made by Curry; seconded by Lowe. Carried 3-0.

A motion to approve Payroll- Docket-\$247,290.28 was made by Curry; seconded by Lowe. Carried 3-0.

A motion to approve Out of Cycle Claims-\$4,398.23 was made by Curry; seconded by Lowe. Carried 3-0.

Old Business

Old Health Building-Commissioners agree Offices to be placed in there are Veteran's, EMA, and Surveyors pending repairs. It was related that the outer wall does not have to come down.

New Business

A motion acknowledging the 2022 Department Appointments was for two-year appointments and will remain the same at this time. Motion was made by Lowe; seconded by Curry. Carried 3-0.

A 2023 Commissioner Liaison List was provided/reviewed by Burton and agreed to as well. Reeves will provide List to all Departments.

Highway Dept-Greg Melton, Chad Walker & Rachel Whiting were present with a general update. Melton requested for an Ordinance be prepared for an All Way Stop at Denmark and Kelley Road for safety and protection in slowing down traffic. Mr. Kerr will draft the Ordinance for their next meeting. Walker thanked Lowe for driving and helping out in the winter storm last week. Nothing else presented at this time.

Elected-

Treasurer Shelly Townsend requested a Public Hearing Date be set for the Annual Board of Finance Meeting be set before January 31st. A motion was made by Curry to set the meeting for January 31st @3:30pm; seconded by Lowe. Carried 3-0.

EMS Director presented a 2022 Annual Report for their review.

911 Director Kathleen Lamb gave an update following an email and incident from Friday night relating to the failure of 911 Phone Lines by the Company and was Statewide. They were able to rollover the phones to backup but did still have some administrative issues. In addition, EPSY 800 Radios issues were flooded out phone lines and dispatch were having to use hand-held radios temporarily.

Auditor provided a LOW Contract to be approved/signed. A motion to approve the Contract Invoices for the first quarter of 2023 was made by Curry; seconded by Lowe. Carried 3-0.

The ADA Consultant would like to be present at the January 18th meeting for review of the Plan. Mr. Kerr is to

contact him for further information.

A motion to adjourn was made by Burton; seconded by Curry. Carried 3-0.