

**DEARBORN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**March 15, 2022**

**5:00 p.m. Henry Dearborn Room  
Dearborn County Government Center  
165 Mary Street, Lawrenceburg, Indiana**

**CALL TO ORDER-** Jim Thatcher, President, Art Little, Rick Probst was absent, Sue Hayden, Administrator, Connie Fromhold, Auditor, Andy Baudendistel, Attorney.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**TITLE VI STATEMENT FOR COMPLIANCE-** Read by Andy Baudendistel.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Proclamations:** Honoring Winter Olympic Game Athletes for their medals.

**Nick Goepper** won a Silver Medal in the Slopestyle Skiing event at the XXIV Winter Olympic games.

**Motion to sign the Proclamation by Art Little, seconded by Jim Thatcher, motion passed.**

**Justin Schoenefeld** won a Gold Medal in Mixed Team Aerials at the XXIV Winter Olympic Games. He became the first athlete from the State of Indiana to win a Gold Medal in Winter Olympic Games.

**Motion to sign the Proclamation by Art Little, seconded by Jim Thatcher, motion passed.**

**Benefit Broker Update-** The group reviewing the RFP's brought in 3 companies for interviews. The Commissioners will review them and discuss at a later date.

**Ordinance 2022-003-** Amending Section 3.18 of Personnel Policies Handbook. This is concerning emergency closures of county buildings.

**Motion to approve Ordinance 2022-003 by Art Little, seconded by Jim Thatcher, motion passed.**

**ADMINISTRATOR** – Commissioner Probst asked her to share an email he received.

Indiana Department of Homeland Security is offering Indiana residents a rebate for safe rooms. IDHS will randomly select 23 applicants to receive 75% of their installation costs with a \$5,000 maximum. It is on our website for viewing. Application period is open from March 15 thru April 15.

**AUDITOR** – Connie Fromhold

**Claims**-Motion to approve by Art Little, seconded by Jim Thatcher, motion passed.

**Payroll**- Motion to approve by Art Little, seconded by Jim Thatcher, motion passed.

**Minutes**- Motion to approve by Art Little, seconded by Jim Thatcher, motion passed.

**ATTORNEY** – Andy Baudendistel

**New York Life Pension Contract** – Application for DCH Employees to transfer from Pension Plan to an Annuity. The last step is to sign the application.

**Motion to approve Group Annuity Contract GA34483 by Art Little, seconded by Jim Thatcher, motion passed.**

Dearborn County is in a position to vote for the Board of Directors of New York Life.

Commissioners decline to vote for the Board of Directors.

**Assessors' Letter of Engagement** -Outside council is needed for appeals concerning higher assessed properties. Sara Schrieber from HallerColvin is the outside attorney.

**Motion to approve by Art Little, seconded by Jim Thatcher, motion passed.**

**Ordinance 2022-004**- Campaign Finance Enforcement Fund

An Ordinance is needed to create a Campaign Finance Enforcement Fund. All fines collected according to 3-9-4-17 can be deposited. This non-reverting fund is for violations of I.C. 3-9-4-17.

**Motion to approve Ordinance 2022-004 by Art Little, seconded by Jim Thatcher, motion passed.**

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

**Art Little**- Ukraine needs our prayers and support.

**Jim Thatcher**- Covid cases seem to be going down. The Health Department did a great job helping the county, through the pandemic. Jim Thatcher would like to commend them, and thank the Health Department for the great job they did. He echoes Art Little's sentiments on Ukraine, it is just a sad situation all around. He hopes the conflict ends soon.

**LATE ARRIVAL INFORMATION**- none

**PUBLIC COMMENT**- Steve & Jenny Linz spoke about the Rumpke (Stop the Dump).

The Commissioners explained that they had sent letters to multiple entities on this subject.

Since this is in Hamilton County, Ohio, Dearborn County has no legal action they can take.

**ADJOURN**- Motion to adjourn by Art Little, seconded by Jim Thatcher, meeting adjourned at 5:35pm.

Attest:

Connie A Fromhold  
Connie A Fromhold, Auditor

Jim Thatcher  
President, Jim Thatcher

Art Little

Art Little

Richard M Probst

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