

Dewitt County Board Meeting
May 30, 2018
5:30pm

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Chairman Newberg.

Roll was answered by: Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman, Reece.

To Dana Smith

You are hereby directed to call a meeting of the Dewitt County Board. The purpose of said meeting is to conduct the business of the County.

Motion by Newberg second by Ferguson to award bid for fiber optics to Consolidated Communications \$159,900.00 Aye: Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman, Reece. Motion carried.

Motion by Perring second by Tilley to approve County board Minutes from April 2018. Aye: Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman, Reece. Motion carried.

Philip Lamkin spoke to the board on the gun range. The road system will not be able to handle a Great increase in traffic.

Dawn Funderburg spoke to the board on the gun range issue. Her home is 230ft from the proposed gun range. Altering Long point creek will change the water flow as this property is in the flood plain. Lead in the soil and water of the creek. Homeowners in the area will lose approximately \$30,000.00 in value.

Joe Taylor spoke to the board on the gun range. When the legal aspect is looked at this Can't be done. If this permit is granted it will be against the law.

Tim Dazey spoke to the board from American Heritage Holdings the gun club. Current neighbors gave testimony as to the gun club being a good neighbor. Limit of high power caliber category will be done. The goal of noise is 87 decibel, 85% of the time. The association will be working with IEPA and DNR to gain permits.

Amy Rupiper –gun club will limit to low power guns and the topography will be enough for a berme. The club will have to gain all permits with IEPA and DNR. Rupiper feels the neighbors will monitor the noise issue.

Dave Finrock spoke to the board on behalf of Jamie Prestigaard and Waynesville township. The board is neither for or against with just asking that all rules be followed before issuing a permit.

Betsy Shifflet spoke to the board on concerns with Safety and Sound reduction at the Gun range property. Although not living next to the range she feels she will be close enough To be affected by the noise.

John Heinlen asked the board not to issue permit due to the noise of the gun range and the decrease in property value of the surrounding property owners.

Chris Shaffer spoke to the board about the gun range issue. She owns a small farm 1.3 mile from the range and would ask the board to shorten the hours of operation and address the noise issue. The Lead from the bullets will be a great issue to others.

Aileen Aldred Spoke to the board on the gun range issue. Some of the information given by board members is not accurate. The Permit should not be given. Property values will go down. The guns will scare our dogs.

Margret Schmid spoke to the board on the gun range issue. Schmid asked the board if any of them are personally going to gain from the gun range?

Ken Wilson spoke to the board on the gun range issue. Why is this even being considered. With 50 to 100 people in a day shooting could mean up to 10,000.00 rounds of bullets going into the bluff and ultimately end up in the water ways.

Tom Musick spoke to the board on the Wind Farm issue. A letter from the township was read and the township would like a moratorium on the Wind farms.

Buck Carter spoke to the board on wind farm issue. Carter is a retired real estate agent in the county. The Assessor can give a report as to the income for the county over the next 30 years. Carter would like a report on the decreased value of the land within 2 miles of the turbines.

Betsy Shifflet spoke to the board on wind farm issue. The ordinances need to be addressed. Chris Shaffer spoke to the board on wind farm issue. The time line for the wind ordinances to be heard at the ZBA is not in a timely manner. The group thought they would be heard in June and now it will be pushed back to August. Who is in charge for the meetings getting set.

Motion by Newberg second by Pruser to appoint Kayla Wiggins as Trustee to the Waynesville Community Fire Protection Dist. with term set to expire the First Monday in May 2021. Aye: Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman, Reece. Motion carried.

Motion by Newberg second by Tilley to appoint Rodney Wilson as Trustee to the Wapella Community Fire Protection Dist. with term set to expire the First Monday in May 2021. Aye: Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman, Reece. Motion carried.

Motion by Newberg second by Whitted to appoint Charles (Chip) Atten as Trustee to the Clinton Community Fire Protection Dist. with term set to expire the First Monday in May 2021. Aye: Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman, Reece. Motion carried.

Motion by Newberg second by Perring to appoint Ben Lowers to the DeWitt County Housing Authority with term set to expire May 31, 2023. Aye: Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman, Reece. Motion carried.

Motion by Whitted second by Ferguson to approve Special Use Permit S-243-2018 American Heritage Holdings LLC to establish a shoot facility.

Motion by Wickenhauser second by Redman to amend motion based on ZBA to include Sound Mitigation IDNR approval regarding moving dirt in a flood plain IEPA approval on the lead levels in the creek and all must be in place before operation begins on the property.

Motion to amend Aye: Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman, Reece. Motion carried.

Motion with amendments added. Aye: Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman, Reece. Motion carried.

Motion by Tilley second by Perring to approve contract trucking through Dunn Company for CH 7N shoulder work not to exceed \$16,200.00 for five trucks for five days. Aye: Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman, Reece. Motion carried.

Motion by Redman second by Tilley to pay all bills. Aye: Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman, Reece. Motion carried.

Motion by Redman second by Ferguson to approve Health insurance renewal for employees. Employees not taking Health will be eligible for free dental and vision insurance.

Aye: Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman, Reece. Motion carried.

Motion by Redman second by Tilley to approve Food Service Sanitation Ordinance. Aye: Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman, Reece. Motion carried.

Motion by Redman second by Tilley to set Compensation for Sheriff next 4 years. FY 2019 12-1-2018 to 11-30-2019 will be \$76,500.00 FY 2020 12-1-2019 to 11-30-2020 will be \$76,500. FY 2021 12-1-2020 to 11-30-2021 will be \$78,000.00. FY 2022 12-1-2021 to 11-30-2022 will be \$79,500. 1500 for Public Safety Director per year. Aye: Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman, Reece. Motion carried.

Motion by Redman second by Ritter to set Compensation for Treasurer next 4 years. Fy 2019 12-1-2018 to 11-30-2019 will be \$63,000.00 Fy 2020 12-1-2019 to 11-30-2020 will be \$64,000. Fy 2021 12-1-2020 to 11-30-2021 will be \$65,000.00. Fy 2022 12-1-2021 to 11-30-2022 will be \$66,000. No additional stipends / wages. Aye: Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman, Reece. Motion carried.

Motion by Redman second by Perring to set Compensation for Treasurer next 4 years. Fy 2019 12-1-2018 to 11-30-2019 will be \$63,000.00 Fy 2020 12-1-2019 to 11-30-2020 will be \$64,000. Fy 2021 12-1-2020 to 11-30-2021 will be \$65,000.00. Fy 2022 12-1-2021 to 11-30-2022 will be \$66,000. No additional stipends / wages. Aye: Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman, Reece. Motion carried.

Motion by Newberg second by Tilley to change the hours of operation in the office of the County Clerk on Election Day in 2018. Aye: Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman, Reece. Motion carried.

Motion by Tilley second by Nimmo to adjourn at 7:38pm.