

REGULAR SESSION

August 30, 2021

The Union County Board of Supervisors met in Regular Session on Monday August 30, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 9:00AM with the following members present: Ron Riley, Dennis Brown and Rick Friday.

AGENDA: Motion by Friday and seconded by Brown to approve the agenda with the addition of the Judicial Branch Courtroom update. All voting aye, motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Brown and seconded by Friday to approve the minutes from August 23, 2021. All voting aye, motion carried.

OPEN FORUM: No one spoke in open forum.

COVID-19 UPDATE: Zach Woods, Union County Public Health, gave an update on COVID-19 in Union County. Union County 7-day positivity COVID rate is 7.4%, 9 new cases in Union County, vaccination rates are going up, we are at 42.7% and the Public Health has take-home kits and results are received with-in 48 hours. **Judicial Branch Courtroom update:** Shane O'Toole, Union County Attorney, believes that it is for Courtroom and Court Library areas only that masks will be required.

DOGWOOD SIREN: JoAnn Duckworth, Union County EMA Director, presented 4 bids to replace the siren on Dogwood Ave from the following: Blue Valley Public Safety Inc, Frontline Warning Systems, Electronic Engineering Co and Sentry Siren Inc. Motion by Friday and seconded by Riley to accept the bid from Blue Valley Public Safety, Inc, for \$22,636.43. A grant was awarded for this project with the county coming up 15% of the total bid (approximately \$3,395.46). Two voting aye, one voting nay, motion carried.

ENGINEER: Assistant Union County Engineer, Keith Wieland, presented and discussed the weekly maintenance activity report. Wieland and Thayer Mayor, Jennifer Mitchell, discussed the Thayer Railroad Bridge replacement options.

SOLAR ORDINANCE 1st DRAFT DISCUSSION: Present for the 1st Draft discussion were as follows: Union County Attorney, Shane O'Toole; Union County Assistant Engineer, Keith Wieland; John Van Nostrand, CNA; Raquel Linch, KSIB Radio; Justin Foss, Alliant Energy; Francine Ide; Leslie Wurster; and Roger Vicker. Foss requested some clarity on the definition of Occupied Structure; Section 3 (2F); Section 4 #2, #4; Section 5 2A, B, H; Section 6 #1 and Section 7; on the 1st Draft of the Solar Ordinance. Board will take into consideration the requests and schedule another Draft discussion before setting a public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:02PM.

BY: _____
RON RILEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
SANDY HYSSELL, AUDITOR