

**Warren County Commissioners  
Work Session  
Commissioners Conference Room  
February 6, 2023 12:00 p.m.**

Commissioner Tricia Durbin called the work session of the Warren County commissioners to order with Commissioner Jeff Eggleston present, and Commissioner Benjamin Kafferlin present by phone.

Staff Present: Pamela Matve, Chief Clerk

Citizens Present: Josh Cotton (WTO), Andy Close (YourDailyLocal), Shane McGranaghan (Larson Architects)

**Announcements:** Commissioner Tricia Durbin announced that the meeting is being recorded

**Public Hearings:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**New Items of Discussion:**

**Online Vehicle Auction:** Pamela Matve, Chief Clerk stated that there were two vehicles and the highest bidders:

2013 Ford Explorer	\$4,050.00	2014 Ford Explorer	\$4,650.00
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She then stated that it had come to her attention that we had advertised for a 5:00pm end time for the auction, but when people sign up for auto bid, it will increase their bid, and the auction stays open another three minutes. So she asked if we wanted to go ahead and accept the bids received as they were received after 5:00 and go back out for rebid.

Commissioner Benjamin Kafferlin stated that this is normal for on line auctions, maybe going forward we turn off allowing for auto bids.

These will be placed on the agenda for Wednesday's public meeting.

**2023 Liquid Fuels Allocation:** Commissioner Tricia Durbin stated that Pamela Matve, Chief Clerk has given us a few options to choose from.

Pam Matve explained that the liquid fuels is based on the gas tax collected. When the 2021 allocation was done, no one knew COVID was going to hit and travel would stop; therefore the allocation we received from the State was not enough to cover our allocations, and the county gave \$16,000.00 of the COVID Cares Act funds to cover.

When 2022 was figured, we got more than we were expecting. Therefore we have a little left over to put towards 2023 along with what she is estimating that that we will get from the State.

Pamela Matve, Chief Clerk stated that in light of this, she suggests we allocate \$130,000 along with the bridge inspections costs and that will still leave a cushion in the fund should an incident arise.

Commissioner Tricia Durbin stated that this resolution will be placed on the agenda for Wednesday.

**Courthouse Rehab Project Phase II:** Commissioner Jeff Eggleston stated that he has asked Shane here today to go over the next phase of the courthouse rehab project.

Shane explained that five years ago, a feasibility study was done on the courthouse and there were some things done to save the structure such as some roof repairs, painting of part of the courthouse upper level etc.

Phase II will include painting of the remainder of the courthouse, fixing windows, some masonry repair work, sealing of the steps out front, painting of the main courtroom ceiling after repairs are done.

The cost of this to get all the work completed, along with construction and engineering costs is approximately \$830,000.00

Commissioner Jeff Eggleston stated that they will go after a grant from the historical commission for about \$150,000.

The remainder of the repairs that are needed will not be covered by this grant.

Shane went on to state that the jail/sheriff entrance needs some brick repair, and moss removed, single point needs cleaned and sealed. These costs are approximately \$200,000.

Commissioner Jeff Eggleston stated that the commissioners need to take a couple weeks to review this phase II project and discuss it further.

Commissioner Tricia Durbin asked if he had any ideas on funding to which Commissioner Jeff Eggleston stated that he does have a couple of ideas.

Commissioner Tricia Durbin then asked if the county could hire its own contractors and Commissioner Jeff Eggleston stated that because of the scope of the project and the nature of the building we want to make sure whom ever is hired, is familiar with historical repairs. And the architect would put out the RFP and find the right company.

**Old Items:**

**Policies & Procedures:**

**Projects:**

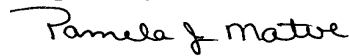
**Upcoming Commissioner Meeting Review:** The agenda for the February 8, 2023 Public Meeting was reviewed.

**Department/Committee Updates:**

**General Discussion:**

With nothing further, the work session was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Respectfully,



Pamela J. Matve  
Chief Clerk

