

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
WARREN COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
THURSDAY JANUARY 17, 2013 5:00

Members Present: Mayor Higginbotham, Commissioner Lawrence Stiffey, and Commissioner Pierce.

Members Absent: Commissioner David Stiffey & Commissioner Varner.

Also Present: City Attorney Wes Milliken

Mayor Higginbotham called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.

New Business

510 Cave Street

The commission met at the Justice Center for The Master Commissioners Auction. This auction contained 40 parcels of land which included the property located at 510 Cave Street which the City of Smiths Grove had sued to force the sale. Of these 40 parcels only 27 were sold. Anyone purchasing a parcel had to stay until all parcels were sold.

The commission's purpose for attending the auction was to purchase the property at 510 Cave Street and clean it up, if the price was reasonable. The commission had collectively agreed that the City should not pay more than \$15,000.00 for the property since that was the assessed value per the Master Commissioners office. They also agreed to pay no less than the 2/3's it would take to avoid the "Right of Redemption" clause.

The bid was made by Mayor Higginbotham to purchase the property for \$10,001.00. This was the highest bid and the 510 Cave Street bid was awarded to the city of Smiths Grove.

Bids to Clean Up 510 Cave Street

In the event that the City did purchase the property at 510 Cave Street, the commission had already requested and received two (2) quotes on the cost to clear out the trees and brush on the property.

The first quote was from Sanders Tree Service to "clean up all debris and haul off properties" in the amount of \$4,000.00

The Second quote was from Brian Gaul of Buzzard Cave Farms to "clean up and removal of trees and brush to ground level at property located at the corner of Cave Street and Highway 101" in the amount of \$4,490.00.

Once the property had been purchased Mayor Higginbotham made the motion to accept the bid from Sanders Tree Service and the motion was second by Commissioner Lawrence Stiffery. The vote was 3 – 0 in favor of hiring Sanders Tree Service to do the work so the motion passed.

With there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Higginbotham adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

APPROVED _____
BERT E. HIGGINBOTHAM, MAYOR

ATTEST _____
DEBORAH K. BREWER, CITY CLERK

DATE _____
Minutes were prepared by Deborah K. Brewer, City Clerk