

Meeting Minutes
Board of Commissioners
2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104
New Albany IN 47150
February 6, 2024
6:00 P.M.

Al Knable called the meeting to order and led the *Pledge of Allegiance*

Present: President, Al Knable; Vice President, John Schellenberger and Jason Sharp

Also Present: Attorney, Rick Fox; Sheriff, Steve Bush and Councilman, Dale Bagshaw

Al Knable led a moment of silence for prayer, meditation or reflection

Motion to add to the agenda to maintain Stifel as the bonding agent for Edwardsville Elementary School. Move by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. Opening of RFP's for Ambulance Service

New Chapel

- First year – \$960,000.00
- Second year – \$988,800.00
- Third year - \$1,018,464.00

AmeriPro

- Option 1 – 3 ambulances and 1 paramedic response vehicle \$1,535,004.00
- Option 2 – 2 ambulances and 1 paramedic response vehicle \$936,996.00

Motion to take under advisement. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

2. County Engineer – Horacio Urieta

a. Community Crossings Road Paving Bid Openings

Mac Construction \$672,978.00

Louisville Paving \$864,460.14

E&B Paving \$723,300.00

CNR \$1,127,637.25

Libs Paving \$783,326.72

Motion to take under advisement. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Bond Release Cedar Pointe Section 2

Motion to allow the release and allow Al Knable to sign off on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Des#1900118 US 150 Local Official Detour Agreement

Horacio Urieta stated INDOT will be widening a section of Highway 150 from Brush College Road and Lakeview Drive. The road will be closed with a temporary traffic signal. The work will be taking place between April 1 to September 27.

Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Director of Operations and Planning-Don Lopp

a. Old Vincennes Road Highlander Point Project Update

Don Lopp stated they are finalizing the right of way and easement. He met with Harrison County REMC. They have evidence of 2 easements out of 6. The total project for the relocation is \$156,225.00. He asked for approval of \$52,075.00 to move forward for reimbursement to REMC.

Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lopp stated they will have meetings in March to inform the public of more information. Bids will be opened at the next meeting.

b. Contractual Employee

Don Lopp presented a contract for a part-time employee for his office to digitize files and make the files available to the public. The contract is for Carol Yaeger for 1000 hours at \$25.00 per hour.

Motion to approve the contract and allow the Commissioners to sign outside of the meeting. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Employee Recognition - **TABLED**

d. Update Omina Partners

Don Lopp stated he and Teresa Plaiss had a meeting with Omina Partners. They have products that go through a procurement process and wants to get Rick Fox involved with the legalities of their procurement process.

e. Stifel Engagement Letter

Motion to approve adopting Stifel and retaining them for the bonding agent. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

4. EMA Director-Kent Barrow

a. CodeRED Contract

Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Environmental Supervisor- Dawn Stackhouse

- a. FCO 2024-02 Ordinance Regulating Residential and Commercial On-Site Sewage Systems and Providing Penalties for Violations

Motion to approve, with unanimous consent, FCO 2024-02 Ordinance Regulating Residential and Commercial On-Site Sewage Systems and Providing Penalties for Violations. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Building Closure and Delay Policy – TABLED

7. Appointments to Floyd County Animal Care and Control Board

- Health Department-Charlotte Bass – 1-yr term
- Law Enforcement-Sheriff Steve Bush- 3-yr term
- County Council Appointment-Josh Turner – 2-yr term
- County Commissioners Appointment-Dana Wolfe – 4-yr term
- Veterinarian-Dr. Julie Janes – 3 yr term

Motion to approve, as outlined, the Animal Control Board. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Board & Committee Reports

John Schellenberger

- Wednesday, January 17th - had the pleasure to testify before a house committee in regards to HB 1134 sponsored by Representatives Ed Clere, Karen Engleman and Rita Fleming. Chief Jeremy Klein, Brad Striegel, Ruben Cummings, Dave Bottorff and I provided testimony to the committee regarding the loss of revenue a unit of government loses when units merge. It is now part of a larger HB that will go to the senate. There is also claw back provision for Highlander to receive those loss revenue funds in 2025.
- On January 18th, met with Assured Partners and BluMine along with Suzanna Worrall and Michelle Portwood, to discuss an 11 month review and plans for 2024.
- January 18 afternoon, had a check in with Envoy for the County Building.
- Thursday night, January 18th, attended the first Highlander Fire District meeting. Judge Stiller was on hand to swear in the firefighters from both Lafayette and Greenville into the new Highlander Fire District. A special thanks to Judge Stiller for attending and administering the oath to these professionals. It was indeed an honor

to witness these men and women raise their right hand and take an oath to serve bravely and courageously the residents of this community. Thank you for your continued dedication and service as professional fire fighters. Floyd County Government officials, Judge Stiller, County Council member Brad Striegel, Commissioner Jason Sharp and myself were in attendance.

- Thursday, January 25th, attended via zoom the KIPDA Board of Directors meeting and the TPC meeting at 12:30.
- Wednesday January 31, traveled again to Indy to meet with senators on SB33 regarding the Judicial LIT amendment to restrict use of funds. I believe there is a provision to grandfather those counties who passed the Judicial LIT before 12-31-2023
- Wednesday, January 31, evening, attended the first meeting of the new health board at Pineview. In attendance were six of the seven, we are still waiting on a recommendation from the city. Dr Harris went into detail the programs and duties our health department. The next meeting will be a work session at the health department for everyone to meet and greet, visit the building to get a better perspective of how they are operating.
- Monday, February 5, attended the Soil and Water Annual meeting. There was a good turnout, good food, learned about the Hellbender, 40 are being released in the Indian Creek. They are an indicator making us aware of the quality of the streams.

Jason Sharp

- January 18 attended Highlander Fire Board meeting. He liked seeing the two fire districts, Lafayette and Greenville, coming together as one fire district.
- January 23 met with Brandon Alexander, president of the collective bargaining unit for Highlander Fire, to discuss GIS study for Floyd County
- January 26 attended a fiscal meeting with Treasurer, Steve Burks, to go over the financials of the county
- January 29 met with Commissioner Schellenberger and Councilman Striegel in regards to the funding cuts to Solid Waste Budget
- February 1 met with Corey Payne and Brandon Alexander in regards to their assistance to the GIS. He is working with the Council and Bargaining units of the Corrections Officers negotiations.

Al Knable

- January 18 met with representatives of United Consulting to get updates on Old Vincennes Road Hill repair project as well as bridges in the inventory. He took a call from the Envoy Building representative for the County Building
- January 22 attended press conference, with Jason Sharp, at the Georgetown Fire Department about the infant left in the baby box

- January 26 met with Treasurer Burks
- January 31 met with Georgetown Manager regarding the sidewalk projects
- February 6 helped welcome Indiana Economic Development Corporation. They took a tour of Novaparke

- Approval of the Commissioners Meeting Minutes for January 16, 2024

Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

- Approval of Payroll and Claims

Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

Today's Meetings

Stormwater Meeting - 4:30 p.m.

Next Commissioners Meeting:

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Councilman, Dale Bagshaw, commended the Commissioners on the Animal Control Ordinance. The citizens seem happy with the new program. He commended EMS committee, chaired by Jason Sharp, for all the work and due diligence that went in to the RFP.

Dale Mann, Georgetown, asked about the EMS bids details

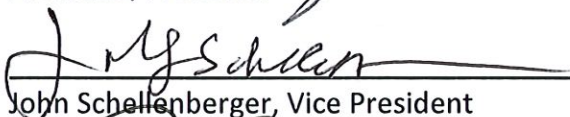
Jason Sharp thanked all the Public Safety people for their service

Motion to adjourn. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

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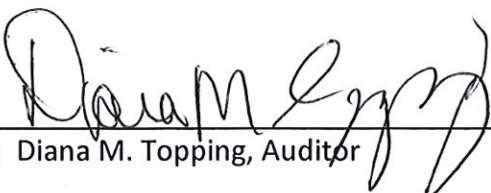
Al Knable, President



John Schellenberger, Vice President



Jason Sharp, Commissioner



Attest: Diana M. Topping, Auditor