

Commissioners & County Council

Joint Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

4:00 p.m.

Pineview Government Center
Commissioner Meeting Room, Suite 104
2524 Corydon Pike

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

Present: Commissioners –Al Knable, Jason Sharp and Frank Loop

Present – Council -Danny Short, Denise Konkle, Jim Freiburger, Matt Millies, Sam Sarkisian and Dale Bagshaw

Absent – Tony Toran

Also Present: Auditor, Diana Topping; Chief Deputy Auditor, Gloria Jones; Treasurer, Steve Burks; Attorneys, Rick and Kristi Fox; Clerk, Danita Burks

Approval of 1-17-25 Joint Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Danny Short. Motion passed. Dale Bagshaw abstained.

1. Bridge 51 Update

Al Knable spoke to Highway Superintendent, Ronnie Tuell. Mr. Tuell said they were able to complete an access road on the Floyd County bank to get to the creek bed. They will have trucks that can get to the dry part of the creek bed and start hauling debris. Once the debris is cleared out the engineers will assess to see whether water is now going to go in the direction it is supposed to and assess for safety on the existing bridge. The County does not own the dam yet but has emergency access.

Attorney, Kristi Fox, said they hope to have acquired all five parcels, going through the imminent domain process, by the end of March.

Al Knable said they are shopping for Liability Insurance. The State Law indicates they must have a \$1 million minimal liability insurance as owners of a low head dam.

They are on schedule for letting the new construction project late this summer.

2. Budgeting Status- various items to discuss

Danny Short said the Council is having a workshop with Baker Tilly on February 26 to discuss how to move money for the Public Safety LIT.

3. Health Department Building Financing

Danny Short said the BAN approval is being advertised for the March Council meeting. Denise Konkle said she wished she knew about the advertisement. She questioned why they are banning instead of just going ahead and bonding. She said there are two sets of legal expenses, one for banning and one for bonding. They have soft costs that they are going to incur twice for the County when they do a BAN and then when they do a bond. She doesn't understand why they don't just do a bond knowing they're going to use the CARES Act money to do the remodeling.

Al Knable said he thinks the hope was that there might be some chance of paying off the building rather than having to issue the bonds.

Danny Short said that it should be of no surprise that an advertisement was coming for a BAN.

The Health Department has \$170,000.00 to help with the remodel.

Danny Short said they will be working closely with the Health Department when putting out the RFQ's.

Motion in support of the measure committing us to the financial purchase of the building that the Commissioners committed to when they signed a letter of intent. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Frank Loop. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion in support of the measure committing us to the financial purchase of the building that the Council committed to when they signed a letter of intent. Moved by Dale Bagshaw. Seconded by Sam Sarkisian. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Administrative Building update

Al Knable said they are on schedule. The architect team is closing out their interviews and hopefully will be issuing some RFP's for the remodel.

5. Judicial Building -brief update and possible options for financing

Al Knable said they are down to three options.

- Purchase Real Estate downtown that can be remodeled
- A total rebuild
- Staying where we are and trying to remodel year by year

The Commissioners will have at their next meeting an introduction of raising the CCD rate from \$17.00 per \$100,000.00 net assessed value to \$34.00, which would take it to the max rate.

Jason Sharp said this is a need not a want.

6. Old Vincennes Road Slide update

Al Knable said Old Vincennes Road will be closed between Captain Frank Road and Quarry Road beginning March 3 through, mostly likely, October/November for repair of the major slide issue that is occurring on at least four of the turns.

Al Knable said the Commissioners had nothing to do with turning left off Old Vincennes to Highway 150. That is an INDOT project.

7. Auditor, Diana Topping - Annual Financial Report

Auditor, Diana Topping, said they will be receiving a copy of the AFR along with the updated Capital Assets report in their email on Friday. She said the department heads really came through really strong and quickly on updating their Capital Assets report for 2024.

Motion to adjourn. Moved by Danny Short. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

Approved the 22nd day of April, 2025

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Attest: Diana M. Topping, Auditor