

Meeting Minutes
Board of Commissioners
2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104
New Albany IN 47150
December 7, 2021

Shawn Carruthers called the meeting to order and led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Present: President Shawn Carruthers, Vice President John Schellenberger and Tim Kamer

Also Present: Attorney Rick Fox, Auditor Jacqueline Wenning, Assessor James Sinks, Council members Denise Konkle, Connie Moon, Dale Bagshaw and Brad Striegel, Clerk Danita Burks and Sheriff Frank Loop

Shawn Carruthers led a moment of silence for everyone affected by COVID and the leaders across the country.

New Business:

1. Annual Bid Openings

Motion to take the bids under advisement. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

2. IT Director-Gary Bierman

a. BIS Digital Contract

Motion for BIS Digital Contract. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Community Corrections Board-Evan Bardach

a. Contract Approval between Community Corrections & Sheriff
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4. County EMA Director-Kent Barrow

a. Code Red Mass Notification Order Form

Kent Barrow stated the contract is for \$18,092.00.

Motion to approve the Code Red Mass Notification Contract. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Building Authority-Chuck Edwards & Aaron Combs

a. Administrative Update

Chuck Edwards and Aaron Combs gave an update on the New Albany Police Station lease. Mr. Edwards stated the City of New Albany claimed to be blind-sided by the County and Building Authority regarding the 9,200 square foot of space that the New Albany Police occupies. Since inception, the percentage of the lease corresponds with the percentage of space utilized by the City of New Albany and the County of Floyd.

Aaron Combs, president of the Building Authority Board of Directors, spoke on the background of the Building Authority and the events that have occurred recently between the City of New Albany and the Building Authority. The Building Authority has been transparent concerning the plans for the City County Building's renovations. The Building Authority Board resents any suggestion that they have not communicated with the City, it is the City that has not communicated with the Building Authority.

6. Director of Operations-Don Lopp

a. Development Agreements – Popular Woods and Westfield

Motion to approve the Development Agreements for Popular Woods and Westfield. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Knob Hill Plat Section 7

Motion to approve Knob Hill Plat section 7. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Old Vincennes Road – PER Contract - **TABLED**

d. READI Update

Don Lopp stated the County's proposal with the Town of Georgetown is for State Road 64 for improvements to downtown Georgetown, natural gas extension and lab space building at Novaparke.

e. American Rescue Plan Update

f. Non Profit Call for Funding

Don Lopp stated they had 32 responses to the Nonprofit call for funding - 28 were eligible totaling \$1,116,795.00.

Motion to move forward with SITS to continue discussion for transportation in Floyd County. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

g. Altawood and Buffalo Trail Agreement

Don Lopp stated part of the ARP money was to go toward sanitary sewer improvements. The Altawood contract is for \$460,000.00 and the Buffalo Trail contract is for \$150,000.00

Motion to approve the sewer contracts for Altwood and Buffalo Trail. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

h. Greenville and Floyd Knobs Water Projects

Don Lopp stated Greenville and Floyds Knobs Water were the first two applicants to bring claims for the projects. Greenville had a meter project and equipment purchase and Floyds Knobs had an equipment purchase.

Audi Findley of Greenville Water thanked the Commissioners for their continued support.

i. I-Jury Contract

Don Lopp stated the County Council and Commissioners' lost revenue portion of ARP funds would divide the cost. The contract is for \$63,995.00.

Motion to approve the I-Jury contract. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

j. FCO 2021-24 American Rescue Plan Amendment

Motion to approve FCO 2021-24 with unanimous consent. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

k. Maintenance Quotes

l. Salt Box for Truck

Don Lopp stated he had quotes to install a salt box in one of the maintenance vehicles. The lowest quote was from Dukes A&W Enterprises, LLC for \$7,375.09

Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

m. Repairs Soffit Galena Library

Don Lopp stated had he a quote from Highlander Company for \$750.00 to repair guttering and soffit at the Galena Library.

Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

n. Solar Lights – Library and KHMP Parking Lot

Don Lopp stated the quote from Fonroche Lighting America is \$13,982.00 for the Galena Library parking area.

Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

Don Lopp stated the quote from Fonroche America is \$26,882.00 for the additional parking at Kevin Hammersmith Park.

Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

o. Vehicle for EMA

Don Lopp stated Kent Barrow with EMA issued 3 quotes for a truck. The lowest quote was from Bachman Commercial for \$36,986.50 for a 2022 Chevy Silverado 1500 LTD.

Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

John Schellenberger stated the EMA will give their Dodge Durango to Solid Waste and Solid Waste is giving their Ford Escape to the cleaning people.

p. Reflection Lake Vacation

Don Lopp requested to have the Public Hearing for Reflection Lake at the January 4, 2022 meeting.

Motion to allow the public hearing for the vacation of public road in Reflection Lake on January 4. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

q. Vacation Carryover

Don Lopp stated at the last meeting they passed an Ordinance regarding vacation time carryover. The Operations Department has 22 employees with an excess of allowable vacation time. He asked for guidance on whether to have them carryover into 2022 and use the time to get into compliance or have the extra days paid out. Shawn Carruthers stated he is in favor of giving them another year to get into compliance or buy out within their budget. John Schellenberger stated it would be up to County Council depending if they have the funds to payout.

Councilwoman Denise Konkle stated she believes, as a County, they need to collect the data on how much vacation time is on the books for every employee at the end of the year to come up with a plan for 2022. In 2022 they will abide by the new guidelines.

Tim Kamer stated the intent is for the PTO system to come into play in February and that information will be ported over to the new system.

Don Lopp stated he has the funds to payout this year.

John Schellenberger stated he is okay with paying them out.

Motion for the Ordinance that was put into place for PTO to allow the employees to implement that at the end of 2022 or the option to cash out but they can rollover into 2023 for the Operations Department. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Human Resource Director-Michelle Portwood

a. Contract with Lewis Kappes

Michelle Portwood asked for approval and signature for Lewis Kappes to review the proposed handbook. The contract is for a maximum of \$7,500.00. She stated she would also submit to the Auditor's office for approval.

Motion to approve the Lewis Kappes contract. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

8. County Commissioner-Tim Kamer

a. Sheriff's Department Compensation Time

Tim Kamer stated that the ARP premium bonus was queued up with a subcommittee consisting of himself, Connie Moon and Adam Roberts. They used a decision tree to determine if an employee would qualify for the bonus. The sheriff's department submitted a proposal that

included comp time. They concluded that the elevated risk that the sheriff's department took on with interacting with the public directly physically during a pandemic is different from other offices in the county. They decided on 140 hours of comp time for the officers that engaged in physical contact with the public. This applies to Road and Police Officers and Correction Officers. It does not include the admin offices.

Sheriff, Frank Loop, stated it would not affect the general fund. He stated all his people were there every day and had to deal with the public. He stated the Dispatchers had to have additional training to deal with COVID. He would like the Commissioners to reconsider their decision to include his entire department.

Council member, Denise Konkle, stated she is concerned that this will impact the general fund with overtime to cover the comp time.

Council member, Connie Moon, stated she was in favor of monetary pay and does not understand why the front office and dispatch were left out. She stated Frank Loop's office does a good job of keeping things separate and will track the 140 hours separately but would like to set a date that they have to use the 140 hours. She is favor of the comp time and a cap to use them and entertaining the inclusion of dispatch and admin. She stated a 2-year time frame would be good to use their 140 hours.

Sheriff Frank Loop stated that if a person leaves before using all of their comp time they would not be paid out.

Cody Brewer, President of the Bargaining Committee for Floyd County Sheriff Department and President FOP Lodge Frank Denzinger 171, stated that they asked for 286 hours of comp time and asked where they came up with 140 hours. Tim Kamer stated the committee thought that was the fair approach. Officer Brewer stated the 286-hour request was a calculated figure compared to what other departments received.

Council President, Brad Striegel, asked if the Commissioners were prepared to use ARP funds if there is any impact on the budget. Tim Kamer stated ARP funds could not be used for comp time.

Don Lopp stated that ARP funds cannot be used for bonuses but can be used for premium pay. It cannot be used for comp time unless it comes from lost revenue lines.

Motion for 140 hours of comp time for the Sheriff department's police, road and corrections officers. Move by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

9. County Attorney-Rick Fox

a. FCO 2021-25 Voting Re-Districting County Council

Attorney Rick Fox stated that the County Council districts must contain, as close as possible, equal populations. The census population is 80,484. Tim Kamer reviewed the precinct changes. There will be no seat changes for the Council.

Council member Connie Moon stated she does not approve of the change for her district of Franklin Township. It is a difficult situation having the most rural township in the same district as the most urban township.

Motion for FCO 2021-25 updating and dividing the County of Floyd, County Council districts with unanimous consent. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

b. FCO 2021-26 Voting Re-Districting County Commissioners

Motion for FCO 2021-26 updating and dividing the County of Floyd, County Commissioner districts with unanimous consent. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Floyd County Letter of Credit and CD

Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Opioid Settlement Registration

Rick Fox stated the County is required to register to be included in the funding that is going out about the proposed Opioid settlement.

Motion to allow Rick Fox to be the authorized signatory for the Opioid settlement. Move by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

10. County Auditor-Jacqueline Wenning

a. FCO 2021-27 Establishing CESF Grant Fund

Motion, with unanimous consent, to approve FCO 2021-27 Establishing CESF Grant 8900. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously

11. County Health Department-Charlotte Bass

a. FCO 2021-28 Establishing Health Department School Liaison Fund

Motion for FCO 2021-28 to establish a fund for the Health Department School Liason Fund 9150 with unanimous consent. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Board & Committee Reports

John Schellenberger attended a Redevelopment Meeting.

John Schellenberger and Shawn Carruthers attended the IACC conference. They enjoyed networking with vendors and other commissioners.

Tim Kamer stated that the Legacy Foundation would have the grant recipient award pictures on December 8 at Kevin Hammersmith Park. He met with Northside Christian Church, New Albany Little League and Mac Construction to discuss the parking issue at Northside and Little League.

- Approval of the November 16, 2021 Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

- Approval of Payroll and Claims

John Schellenberger stated that there has been improvement with credit card usage but thinks they need to update the Ordinance on Credit Card usage.

Motion to approve. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

- Let the record show the Commissioners have received the monthly Treasurer's report for September 2021.

Today's Meetings

4:30 p.m. Stormwater

Next Commissioners Meeting:

December 21, 2021-6:00 p.m.

John Schellenberger stated construction is going on at Novaparke on SR 64.

John Schellenberger stated Mainstream is turning on customers in northern Floyd County.

John Schellenberger stated the Health Department is giving COVID vaccines at IUS on Monday 10:00 – 2:00 and Thursday 2:00-4:00.

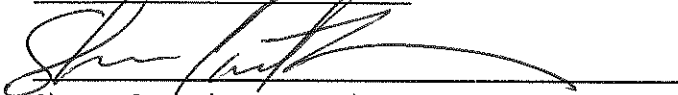
Joe Spoelker introduced Scout Hardin as his replacement at RBR Alliance.

Connie Moon stated she appreciates the transparency of the Commissioners on the issues discussed. She is disappointed with the district map.

Clerk Danita Burks invited employees to come to her office for a mock election on the new voting machines.

Motion to adjourn. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS




Shawn Carruthers, President



John Schellenberger, Vice President

Tim Kamer, Commissioner



Attest: Jacqueline Wenning, Auditor