

**Meeting Minutes
Board of Commissioners
2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104
New Albany IN 47150
March 2, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

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: Assessor James Sinks, Auditor Jacqueline Wenning, Council member Dale Bagshaw and HR Director Michelle Portwood

Shawn Carruthers led a moment of silence for the nation and for anyone affected by COVID

Old Business:

1. Floyd County Building and Development Director-Justin Tackett-

- a. FCO 2021-4 Zoning Ordinance Amendment Commercial Design Standard

Justin Tackett stated that the standard was passed unanimously by the Plan Commission. A handbook was created to mirror the plan for reference by engineers, architects or planners to base their projects knowing Floyd County's requirements up front.

Motion to approve FCO 2021-4 Zoning Ordinance Amendment Commercial Design Standard. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

2. David Bauer – Bridlewood Subdivision

- a. Request to modify Development Agreement and Road Cut Fees

Don Lopp stated that Horacio Urieta has been provided the corings and is waiting on a response to his questions. Once that is completed, the changes are made to the utility agreement and the cash surety or bond is returned so the plat can be released.

Rick Fox stated he made changes to the utility agreement. The change is a statement in paragraph 2 that says "the said utility contemplated by this paragraph ends when the utility accepts by dedication the utility infrastructure associated with the development".

Motion to approve the amended utility agreement and attach to current Ordinance that was passed as a replacement to the prior utility agreement. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. Public Hearing Rural Public Transportation-RBR Alliance

Joe Spoelker, RBR Alliance and Blue River Services, stated that, after hearing from INDOT today, Floyd County does not qualify for this service. INDOT clarified that the service cannot be used for Urban to Urban. Unfortunately, most of Floyd County is considered Urban. Service would be very limited to only rural areas. They will continue to work with INDOT to look into some other possibilities to bring the service into Floyd County.

2. River Hills-Chelsea Crump

Chelsea Crump stated River Hills has been assisting in the application to the Office of Community and Rural Affairs for COVID-19 phase 3 grant. A proposal was submitted to contract a social worker to work as a community liaison for the county to help with connecting people to mental health services. As part of the application process a Resolution needs to be passed authorizing application submission. Also, as part of the resolution, a local match can be added into the project. Shawn Carruthers stated that they would be able to do a \$10,000.00 match. **Motion to approve Resolution FCR 2021-4 Resolution Authorizing Application Submission and Local Match Commitment. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Crump stated she also needs a FAFSA form signed by Shawn Carruthers stating that the County does not receive more than 80% of the revenues from Federal funding. This form is to be attached to the application of the OCRA grant. Mr. Carruthers signed the document. Ms. Crump stated that a public hearing is required as part of the application process. The meeting is scheduled for March 9, 6:00 p.m. in the gym at Pineview.

3. Director of Operations and Planning -Don Lopp

a. Strand Contract Amendment

Don Lopp stated that this is an amendment to LPA contract with INDOT for the project for Pedestrian path on Charlestown Road to Sunset Drive - DES 1400550. It is a reduction in the contract for compensation from \$509,600.00 to \$465,700.00.

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

b. Request – Purdue Extension-4H – Community Garden Project

Don Lopp stated that Purdue Extension 4-H asked if the County would like to put money into the Community Garden Project on the 4-H Fairground property. The cost would be \$5,000.00. Mr. Lopp stated that it could be paid out of fund 9130.

Motion to approve Community Garden Project funding. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Kevin Hammersmith Memorial Park – Engineering Task (General Service Contract) – Jacobi Toombs and Lanz

Don Lopp stated the contract is to retain water onsite and provide additional parking. The cost is not to exceed \$32,500.00 for survey, construction plans, permitting and bidding.

Motion to approve Engineering Task Contract for Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz for no more than \$32,500.00. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Indiana Bond Bank – Application – DHPW Equipment Purchase

Don Lopp stated the loan is for \$625,000.00 for five years with rates between 1-2%.

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

e. Novaparke Innovation and Technology Campus – Small Structure Purchase- Annual Bid

Don Lopp stated they are waiting on Norfolk Southern for Phase 2 on easement. He stated that a question has been asked by one of their providers in Phase one, which was funded solely by local monies, they went for local in the annual bid for small structures through Civilcon. Civilcon reached out to him and Mr. Carruthers if they were going to do that with Phase 2. Mr.

Lopp stated that he feels it would prudent to include this in the federal bid since it federal money. They run the risk of possible violations if they would start taking things out of the bid. **Motion to approve. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.**

f. Snow Days

Don Lopp stated that on February 15 there was a snow storm. They asked anyone that could work remotely to do so. He also told the custodial staff to stay home. The building closed 4 hours early. There was a question raised if custodial employees were to be paid or have to use personal time for the 4 hours. Mr. Lopp felt that, as their supervisor, they should not be penalized if he told them to stay home.

Motion to pay the custodial employees. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

Don Lopp passed along an email he received from Koetter Construction concerning the Road Department.

4. Appointment to Clark/Floyd Counties Convention and Tourism Board

Motion to appoint Rosalie Dowell to the Tourism Board. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Appointment to Legacy Foundation

Motion for Ray Chinn to be the appointee for the Commissioners for the Legacy Foundation. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Board & Committee Reports

John Schellenberger attended the weekly EMA call.

John Schellenberger attended the Floyd County Corrections Advisory Board meeting. They discussed the alternative housing plan.

John Schellenberger attended the Overdose Fatality Review Committee meeting. They review death certificates of those that overdose to try to find a common denominator of those that overdose to try to help others.

John Schellenberger attended the EMS Advisory Board meeting. They are building a separate EMS Advisory website on the Floyd County website. The public will be able to leave comments on the website.

John Schellenberger will be attending a RDA meeting.

John Schellenberger will be attending the Health Department quarterly meeting.

Tim Kamer stated there was a joint session with the County Council last week.

Tim Kamer will be attending the Fire Board meeting on March 3.

Rick Fox had a lease between Floyd County 4-H Club Corporation and the Floyd County Health Department to lease Newlin Hall at the 4-H Fairgrounds to conduct COVID testing. It states the Floyd County Commissioners join into the lease and consent to the same as owners of the real estate describe herein subject to a 99-year lease dated April 7, 1969 with the 4-H Club Corporation. The Floyd County Commissioners declare an emergency exists to acquire the premises for the safety of the residents of Floyd County.

Motion for Shawn Carruthers to sign on behalf of the County approving the lease. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

Shawn Carruthers and Tim Kamer toured the Youth Shelter.

- Let the record show the Floyd County Commissioners received the January 2021 Monthly Clerks report.
- Let the record show the Floyd County Commissioners received the December 2020 Monthly Treasurer's report.
- Let the record show the Floyd County Commissioners received the December 2020 and January 2021 Monthly Meeting Minutes for the Public Library
- Approval of the February 16, 2021 Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve February 16 ,2021 Commissioner meeting minutes. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

- Approval of the January 26, 2021 Joint Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve January 26, 2021 Joint meeting minutes. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

- Approval of Payroll and Claims

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

Today's Meetings

3:00 p.m.-Executive Session

4:30 p.m.-Stormwater

Next Commissioners Meeting:

March 16, 2021-6:00 p.m.

John Schellenberger stated that at the last meeting they passed a Resolution opposing HB1381. The House passed the bill and is now in the Senate. He expressed his concern to Senator Grooms on the impact it will have on taking away local input regarding approval on solar farms and windmills. At this time 49 out 92 counties have passed a resolution similar to the one Floyd County passed.

John Schellenberger gave an update on the COVID vaccination sight at IUS. So far the Health Department has vaccinated 6,112 with the first dose and 2,126 with the second dose. Going forward the Health Department will be issuing the Pfizer vaccine and will only administer Moderna on second doses of previous Moderna vaccines. The Pfizer vaccine takes a little more preparation. Baptist Health Floyd had prepared a quote to reconstituting the Pfizer vaccine.

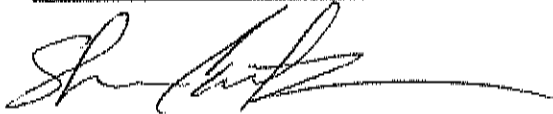
Motion to approve to allow Baptist Health Floyd to reconstitute the Pfizer vaccine for the Health Department. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

Roger Jeffers, Floyd County Parks Superintendent, stated there has been good discussion at the joint meetings with the Council and Commissioners in January and February concerning the

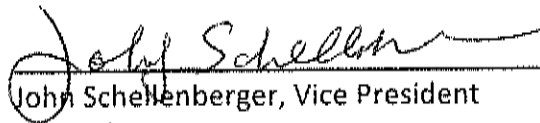
Cum Cap Tax for the parks. The Parks Board has voted to suspend the discussion due to timing. They will bring this up later in the year to decide how to fund the Parks Department in the future.

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

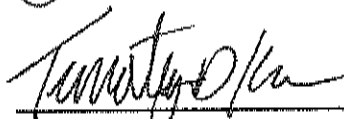
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Attest Jacqueline Wenning, Auditor