

**Meeting Minutes  
Board of Commissioners  
2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104  
New Albany IN 47150  
May 4, 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, Councilman Brad Striegel, Councilman Dale Bagshaw and HR Director Michelle Portwood

Shawn Carruthers led a moment of silence for the community

**New Business:**

1. County Engineer-Horacio Urieta
  - a. Opening Bids-Road Paving Packets 1 & 2

Bids were opened.

Package#1

E&B Paving - \$245,160.00

C&R Construction - \$271,031.00

Mac Construction - \$311,459.00

Libs Paving - \$232,582.00

Package#2

E&B Paving - \$147,100.00

C&R Construction - \$160,690.00

Mac Construction - \$182,903.00

Libs Paving - \$129,198.00

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

2. EMS Advisory Board-Brad Striegel
  - a. Web Page

Brad Striegel stated the EMS Advisory Board has launched a website. Dr. Nathan Berger demonstrated the website. It contains an EMS Satisfaction Survey. The information on the survey will be reviewed by the Board members to better serve the community. The website also includes documents, service area map, public meeting dates, agendas and minutes. Brad Striegel stated the County is not paying for the appropriate number of ambulances. The County pays millions of dollars in public safety with the Sheriff's Department but only \$250,000.00 on ambulance service.

Shawn Carruthers asked how the ambulance response times compare to the state or national average. Gary Kleeman stated he managed the ambulance service in Clark County for 24 years. He doesn't care about the other counties or states. He cares about this community and the response times.

Shawn Carruthers stated that he feels there would be better response times if ambulances were stationed at the Fire Houses.

Tim Kamer agreed with Mr. Carruthers that having Ambulances stationed at each Fire House would better serve the residents.

3. County Attorney-Rick Fox

- a. FCR 2021-Approving the Agreement with U.S. Bancorp Government Leasing and Finance, Inc.

**Motion to approve FCR 2021-5 Approving the Agreement with U.S. Bancorp Government Leasing and Finance. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.**

Don Lopp presented the documents to be signed for the lease agreement for the three dump trucks and tractors they had purchased.

**Motion to approve for Shawn Carruthers to sign. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.**

4. Director of Operations and Planning-Don Lopp

- a. Community Crossings Grant from INDOT

Don Lopp stated he received the grant agreement from the state for \$700,450.41 for the Community Crossings Grant. The grant will be used to pave ten roads.

**Motion to approve for Community Crossings Grant from INDOT. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.**

- b. Accessible Playground – Crowdsourcing Campaign Update

Don Lopp stated he received approval from the State for the Crowdsourcing campaign for Kevin Hammersmith Park to build an accessible playground. The State will match up to \$50,000.00 of the local funds raised. He anticipates starting the campaign on May 19-20. The website will be up and running.

- c. Capital Improvement Plan Amendment – Old Vincennes Road

Don Lopp stated they had planned to start Phase 3 in 2026. He is requesting to change the Capital Improvement plan to split phase 3 into two, moving Highway 150 to Tuscany Drive to 2021. He stated they are able to do this now due to projected savings on Grant Line Road Project and funding from KIPDA and Redevelopment Commission. He asked to move forward with the traffic signal at Old Vincennes Road and Schreiber Road. There is a proposed development to the south of the intersection and 2 commercial applications nearby. They will also be moving the Old Georgetown Road and Highland Hills Middle Schools projects to in-house utilizing the Engineer in training.

**Motion to approve the change of the Capital Plan of Phase 3 sub Phase 1 US 150 to Tuscany Drive. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.**

d. Engineering Contract – Old Vincennes Road-Schreiber Road – Strand

Don Lopp stated there are three components to the contract. One component is for the entire funding in terms of design. Another component is traffic model and the last component is Stormwater. The total amount of the contract is \$338,000.00. The funding is \$30,000.00 from KIPDA, Redevelopment has agreed to \$30,000.00 and the remainder will be Stormwater, MVH and LRS.

Don Lopp presented two amendments for projects. One is for Charlestown Road multi-use path for realigning of easement, design of a wall and Geotech services. Strand is requesting \$23,010.00. The other amendment is for Oakes Road and Tunnel Hill. The Tunnel Hill section is getting ready for improvement for Tunnel Hill and Old Georgetown Road. The design work and supplemental contract is for \$12,500.00.

**Motion to approve the Strand Contracts. Moved by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.**

e. Woodlands Trail Task Services Agreement – United

Don Lopp stated they worked with United on the development of the second trail in Woodlands Trail located on Budd Road. Approximately .5-mile section has been surveyed and marked. It is ready for construction later this year.

**Motion to approve \$4,200.00 for United. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.**

f. Grant Line Road Intersection Project – Inter-local Agreement

Don Lopp stated they have worked with Clark County to make improvements at the Grant Line Road and St Joe Road intersection. In the Inter-Local Agreement Floyd County has agreed to pay for the engineering. Clark and Floyd Counties will share in the cost of construction. Future maintenance will be taken care of by Clark County. He stated they are looking at late summer for letting and bidding. They currently have a string light system and asked about cantilever light system. Clark County is not interested in cantilever. It would add \$50,000.00 to the project. The consensus of the Commissioners is to go with the cheaper lighting system. The Inter-local was tabled until Clark County reviews.

g. Operations Contract for Marketing Services – Quilted Media

Don Lopp stated he has a General Service contract they would like to enter into with Quilted Media. They requested services for social media for Novaparke and for some work for Highway and Public Works. The contract is for \$10,800.00.

**Motion to approve Quilted Media Contract for Marketing Services. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.**

h. Floyd County Library – On-Ramp Program – Artisan Entrepreneurial Program

Don Lopp stated the Floyd County Library has received funding through the Indiana Arts Commission for Creative On-Ramp Program. He is part of the team that is working on a 3-day workshop this summer.

i. Novaparke Innovation and Technology Update

Don Lopp stated they are finished with Phase 1 and waiting on the final approval. It was a 3.5-million-dollar project and had \$68,000.00 in change orders making it 1.5% above budget. He requested approval of the last payout with the releasing of the retainage for \$70,897.66.

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

Don Lopp stated EDA just cleared the title for section 2, they received the easement from Norfolk Southern Railroad and waiting on authorization to bid. Phase 2 is the construction at SR 64, flyover and connecting that to Phase 1.

j. American Rescue Plan Update

Don Lopp stated the County will receive 15.2 million dollars as part of the American Rescue Plan and should get the first installment within the next week. He requested to re-activate the Stellar Community Committees to assist in the development of required planning documentation.

**Motion to re-activate Stellar Community Committees. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.**

Don Lopp stated he spoke with Shawn Carruthers about an opportunity to work with the Sheriff's Deputy regarding security at the Reisz building. Shawn Carruthers stated he spoke with Sheriff Loop about placing a corrections officer at Reisz. The Corrections Board has agreed to have a Corrections Officer at the Reisz Building.

k. Platform 22 – NAFC School Art Competition Update

Don Lopp mention Platform 22 which is pop up galleries throughout the Parks displaying artwork. There is also a gallery outside of Pineview Government Center.

5. Board & Committee Reports

John Schellenberger stated he attended the Overdose Fatality Meeting.

The Commissioners attended a meeting with INDOT in Seymour and spoke to Becky Packer about issues in Floyd County.

John Schellenberger attended the RDA Meeting in Scottsburg.

- Approval of the April 20, 2021 Commissioners Meeting Minutes

**Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. 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**

4:30 p.m. Stormwater

**Next Commissioners Meeting:**

May 18, 2021-6:00 p.m.

John Schellenberger gave an update on COVID-19 vaccinations.

Councilman Dale Bagshaw stated he attended the National Day of prayer at the Salvation Army.

Mr. Noel spoke on behalf of New Chapel Ambulance. He stated the response times that are reported are tracked by the Sheriff's Department. The response times should be 10 minutes or less. Their longest response time is 9 minutes 30 seconds. He is disturbed by the lack of communication and transparency of the committee.

John Schellenberger asked about the 2.5 ambulances. Mr. Noel stated there is one and one half ambulances around the clock in Greenville and Georgetown Townships stationed at Highlander

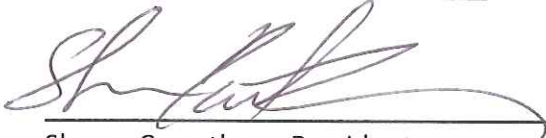
Point. There is an ambulance that change shifts on Charlestown Road. John Schellenberger would like one half ambulance stationed closer to Galena and Greenville.

Mr. Noel stated that because of COVID the turnaround time has increase from 10 minutes to over 30 minutes for decontamination. New Chapel has bought new ambulances and brought in extra crews to rotate.

John Schellenberger stated the EMS meetings are open to the public and are advertised.

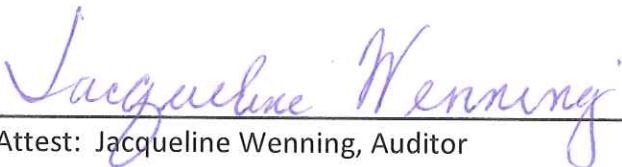
**Motion to adjourn. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Shawn Carruthers, President

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
John Schellenberger, Vice President

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Tim Kamer, Commissioner

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Attest: Jacqueline Wenning, Auditor