

Meeting Minutes
Board of Commissioners
2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104
New Albany IN 47150
May 18, 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: Attorney Rick Fox, Assessor James Sinks, Auditor Jacqueline Wenning, Treasurer Steve Burks, Councilman Dale Bagshaw and HR Director Michelle Portwood

Shawn Carruthers led a moment of silence.

Old Business:

1. County Attorney-Rick Fox
 - a. Grant Line Road Intersection Project – Inter-local Agreement

Rick Fox stated this is an Inter-local Agreement with Floyd County and Clark County for a traffic light at the intersection of St. Joe Road and Grantline Road.

Motion to approve the Inter-local Agreement between Floyd County and Clark County for the traffic light at the intersection Grantline Road and St. Joe Road. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. Citizen Appreciation of Steve Burks-Tim Kamer

Tim Kamer stated the Commissioners received a call from a citizen, Mr. Phillip Middleton, expressing his appreciation for exceptional service by Treasurer, Steve Burks.

2. Director of Operations and Planning-Don Lopp

a. Kick off to Kevin Hammersmith Memorial Park Accessible Playground Campaign
Roger Jeffers stated the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority will do a 50-50 match, if we raise \$50,000.00 they will match \$50,000.00. He showed a video of the project. The park will meet the needs of all children and adults in Floyd County. They hope to start construction in July of 2021 and have it completed in the fall. There are no other parks like this in the area. Mr. Jeffers introduced the star of the video, Jax. He thanked Don Lopp and Mindy McNight for starting this project 6 years ago.

Don Lopp stated the website to donate is patronicity.com/accessibleplayground.

- b. Duke Lighting Savings Program

Don Lopp stated the County qualifies for an energy saving program with Duke Energy. Duke would pay for a portion of the lighting project and our cost should be recouped within a year or two.

Motion for Rick Fox to review the contracts and Shawn Carruthers to sign outside of the meeting. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Novaparke Impact Analysis Contract

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d. American Rescue Plan Update

Don Lopp stated he had requested the funds on Friday and it will take 5-8 days to receive.

e. Paving Bid Approval

Tabled

f. Bridge 51 Update – Jacobi Toombs and Lanz

Mr. Frey stated they are moving forward with the plans. The land acquisition and getting the environmental document approved are the critical items. They are looking at letting next year.

g. Community Crossing Grant

Don Lopp stated the cost estimate for Blunk Knob is \$391,000.00 and Farnsley Road is \$182,000.00. Additional funding has come from KIPDA for construction. KIPDA pays 90% and the County pays 10%.

Motion to sign Blunk Knob and Farnsley Road contracts and submit to INDOT. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

Don Lopp stated the Commissioners approved a Community Crossings Grant at the last meeting and INDOT requires all the signatures be on the same date. He asked them to re-sign the grant tonight.

h. Scrap Metal

Don Lopp stated the Town of Georgetown has requested the scrap steel at the County Garage for their Salt Barn. Rick Fox stated he will prepare a resolution to declare it salvage. A Resolution will be submitted at the next meeting.

i. Annual Operations Report

Don Lopp stated he has the Annual Operations Report for Local Roads, Street and Bridges. It needs to be submitted to the State by June 1.

Motion to approve the Annual Operations Report for Local Roads, Street and Bridges. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

Board & Committee Reports

John Schellenberger attended the bi-monthly RDA meeting in Scottsburg on May 6.

John Schellenberger stated COVID vaccines will continue at IUS through May. The vaccines will be given at the Health Dept in June.

Tim Kamer stated he attended a couple meetings for collective bargaining for the Sheriff Department.

Shawn Carruthers stated he attended a meeting for Workforce One. A young man gave a testimony on how they helped him with a different career path. Workforce One will be rebranding to Southern Indiana Works. They are joining the RDA.

Shawn Carruthers stated they are starting back up *Coffee with the Commissioners* on June 12 at *A Nice Restaurant* in Floyds Knobs.

- Let the record show the Floyd County Commissioners received the March and April 2021 Monthly Clerk Report
- Let the record show the Floyd County Commissioners received the April 2021 Meeting Minutes from the New Albany-Floyd County Library
- Approval of the May 4, 2021 Commissioners Meeting Minutes

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

- Approval of Payroll and Claims

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

Today's Meetings

3:00 p.m. Solid Waste Workshop

4:30 p.m. Solid Waste

Next Commissioners Meeting:

June 1, 2021-6:00 p.m.

John Schellenberger and Tim Kamer thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Tim Kamer reminded everyone about the link for the Accessible Playground.

Jacqueline Wenning wanted to thank to John Schellenberger and the Health Department for all they have done with the COVID vaccines and testing. She also recognized Don Lopp for all that he does. She stated his office is always very pleasant to work with. He always goes above and beyond.

Kenny Rush, Our Southern Indiana Regional Development Authority Representative for Floyd County, stated that the Governor informed them that Indiana will get \$500 million throughout 10 regions. They will apply for \$50 million. He encouraged everyone to attend the June 4 meeting.

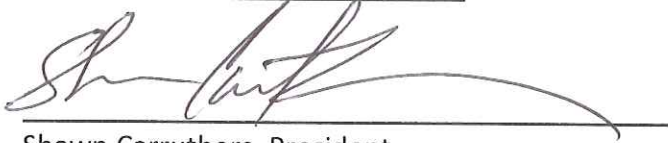
Joe Spoelker, Rauch and RBR Alliance, thanked Don Lopp and Roger Jeffers for their work on the accessible playground.

Dale Mann, Georgetown, thanked all public officials. He asked if the savings program with Duke Energy is guaranteed savings. Tim Kamer stated we are getting a rebate from the energy company. Mr. Mann addressed the problem on Henriott Road. He stated the road is unsafe. It has been cut to install sewer lines for a County approved subdivision. The cuts were covered with gravel and the gravel keeps falling out causing deep ruts. The portion of the road belongs to the Town of Georgetown. Georgetown stated they do not have a bond from the developer to repair it. The bond from the developer is with the County.

Don Lopp stated it is the Town of Georgetown for their roads and their sewer line. If their body did not take a bond for their road and sewer line it is not the responsibility of the County Commissioners to deal with it. Mr. Mann will need to speak to the Town of Georgetown.

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

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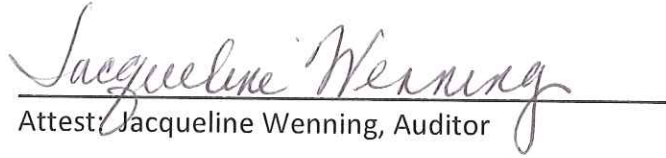
Shawn Carruthers, President



John Schellenberger, Vice President



Tim Kamer, Commissioner



Attest: Jacqueline Wenning, Auditor