

Meeting Minutes
Board of Commissioners
2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104
New Albany IN 47150
January 18, 2022
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, Auditor Jacqueline Wenning, Sheriff Frank Loop, Council members Dale Bagshaw and Denise Konkle

Shawn Carruthers led a moment of silence remembering the first responders, military and people affected by COVID

New Business:

1. *ARP Non-Profit Recognition*

The Commissioners presented ARP funding awards to Local Non-Profits impacted by the pandemic. The beneficiaries acknowledged were New Albany Floyd County Education Foundation, Destination Georgetown, Floyds Knobs Little League, New Albany Little League, Boy Scouts-Lincoln Heritage Council, VFW Post 3281, One Southern Indiana, Hispanic Connection Southern Indiana, HYR Little League and Liberty Place.

2. *Vacation of Right of Way-Reflection Way*

Don Lopp stated the public meeting took place at the last meeting for the Vacation of Right of Way for Reflection Way.

Motion to approve FCO 2022-3 and sign outside of meeting. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

3. *One Southern Indiana-Wendy Dant Chesser & Matt Hall*

a. Annual Economic Development Update

Wendy Dant Chesser gave the Economic Development Report.

John Schellenberger stated he is excited the \$50 million received for this region and thanked One Southern Indiana for their perseverance.

4. *Floyd County Girl Scouts-Anna Kordsmeier*

a. Girl Scout Cookie Booth

Anna Kordsmeier requested to have a Girl Scout Cookie Booth at the Galena Digital Library. The sales will go from February 25-March 20. She stated they would like to be set up Monday through Thursday 4:00 PM– 7:00 PM and Friday and Saturday 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM. John Schellenberger stated his only concern was that Solid Waste is at that location on Wednesdays. Ms. Kordsmeier stated they could eliminate Wednesday from their schedule. Shawn Carruthers asked for a letter from someone at the Digital Library stating they approve.

Motion to approve the schedule excluding Wednesday because of Solid Waste and receive a letter from the Library stating they are ok with it within a week. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Floyd County Resident-Melanie Posch

a. Broadband Discussion

Melanie Posch stated she lives on Heinz Road about 125 yards from the Harrison County border. They have a neighbor that is preventing 5-6 homes from receiving broadband. She questioned how one resident can have that much power to deny them service. John Schellenberger stated Mainstream put up poles but the one resident would not give them right of way. He suggested Mainstream could possibly gain access to their properties from Harrison County and he would discuss it with a Harrison County Commissioner.

6. IT Director-Gary Bierman

a. Prosser Job Shadowing Contract

Motion to approve the Job shadowing with Prosser. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Building Authority-Scott Stewart & Aaron Combs - TABLED

a. County Building Construction Update and Presentation

8. Director of Operations and Planning

a. FCO 2022-02 ARP Implementation Plan Update – TABLED

b. Buffalo Trail Projects - TABLED

c. ARP Broadband Schedule and Commitment Letter for Charter – Last Mile Project

Motion to accept the broadband infrastructure grant agreement with Charter Communications. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the letter of support for Charter Communications to receive a grant from OCRA. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

9. County Engineer- Horacio Urieta

a. Request release of cash surety – Bridle Wood Development

Motion to release cash surety bond for Bridle Wood for \$97,312.50. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Opening Bid for Guardrail

Motion to take guardrail bids under review. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Human Resource-Michelle Portwood

a. 2nd Reading FCO 2022-1 Revising FCO 2021-23 Employee Benefits Changes for 2022

Michelle Portwood stated the County Council reviewed the benefit changes. Shawn Carruthers stated Don Lopp made changes to some items that were left void and would like time to review those changes. A special meeting will be called to resolve the issue.

Motion to table Ordinance 2022-1. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Road Department Teamsters Contract

Motion to approve the Road Department Teamsters contract. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Appointment New Albany-Floyd County Library Board of Trustees

Motion to approve Ann Carruthers to the Library Board. Moved by John Schellenberger.

Seconded by Tim Kamer. Shawn Carruthers abstained. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Appointment Georgetown Township Fire Protection District's Board

Motion to approve Geoffrey McNulty to the Georgetown Fire Protection Board. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

13. Board & Committee Reports

Tim Kamer stated he attended a Codification meeting.

Shawn Carruthers stated he attended a meeting for WorkOne.

- Approval of the January 4, 2022 Commissioners Meeting Minutes

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

- Approval of the January 4, 2022 Commissioners Organizational Meeting Minutes

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

- Approval of Payroll and Claim

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

John Schellenberger stated the Health Department is at IUS for COVID vaccines on Mondays 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and Thursdays 2:00 PM to 4:00PM. He thanked the Road Department for salting the parking lot.

John Schellenberger encouraged the County Council to appropriate money for them to continue the daily and monthly financial needs of the pandemic.

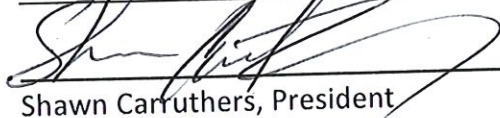
Jacqueline Wenning, Auditor, thanked the Health Department for all their help through the pandemic.

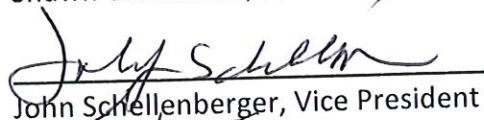
P.J. Moore, Georgetown Township, thanked the County for their efforts for encouraging the vaccine. He stated that the wages depicted by Redevelopment reports are deceiving. There needs to be more of a breakdown.

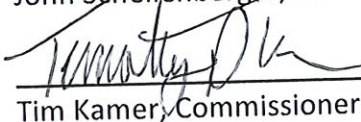
Trent Sanders, Georgetown Township and HYR Little League, thanked the Commissioners, County Council and Don Lopp for the appropriation of the ARP funds.

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

Jacqueline Wenning

Attest: Jacqueline Wenning, Auditor