

**Meeting Minutes
Board of Commissioners
2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104
New Albany IN 47150
September 20, 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, Assessor James Sink, Clerk Danita Burks, Sheriff Frank Loop, Council Persons Brad Striegel, Connie Moon and Danny Short

Shawn Carruthers led a moment of silence for our first responders and our community and country leaders.

New Business:

1. *Building Authority-Scott Stewart*

a. 2050 Project Update

Scott Stewart stated both projects are on a similar pathway. The Development teams have been selected and engaged. They are in the early stages of the design part of the scoping process as well as the financial side. They will be contacting the office holders to access and confirm the space planning needs.

2. *Floyds Knobs Water Company-Danny Standiford*

a. ARP Funding

Danny Standiford stated the plan for a new office building has been put on hold for now due to the rising cost of construction. They would like to use the ARP funds for other projects. John Schellenberger requested a spreadsheet listing the changes to the projects and present at the October 4 meeting.

3. *County Engineer-Horacio Urieta*

a. Bid Openings for 2022 Local Paving

CNR Construction \$1,446,700.00

E&B Paving \$1,326,360.00

Mac Construction \$1,388,181.50

Louisville Paving \$1,444,028.33

Libs Paving \$1,198,291.73

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

4. County Attorney-Rick Fox

a. FCO 2022-29 Mileage Reimbursement

Attorney Rick Fox stated the County would follow the State's guidelines. The State will evaluate approximately every 3 months to review the price of fuel and adjust the reimbursement according to the fuel price schedule.

Motion to approve FCO 2022-29 with unanimous consent. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Commissioner-John Schellenberger

a. Request for Proposal (RFP) Pre-Hospital Care Emergency Medical Ambulance Services for Floyd County not to Include the City of New Albany

Tim Kamer stated it is bad business to not work with the current vendor, New Chapel.

John Schellenberger stated he has CAD reports showing the response times. New Chapel's response times are longer than he is comfortable. He would like to see what other providers could offer.

Shawn Carruthers stated this has been discussed since he has been in office. He is ready to resolve the issue. What is important is that the patient gets the best care and not argue about what provider.

Councilpersons, Danny Short, Connie Moon, and other concerned citizens spoke in support of working with New Chapel and not approving an RFP.

Sheriff Frank Loop stated the issue is the County needs more ambulances regardless of the provider.

Gary Kleeman, EMS Advisory Board member, spoke in favor of the RFP. There is no quality assurance being provided to the County Government by New Chapel.

Motion to deny the RFP for pre-hospital care service and medical ambulance and explore a partnership with New Chapel by contract negotiations for the next contract period of 2023. Moved by Tim Kamer. Motion dies for lack of second.

Motion to approve RFP 2022-001 Pre-Hospital Care Emergency Medical Ambulance Services for Floyd County not to include the City of New Albany. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Motion passed. Tim Kamer opposed.

6. Board & Committee Reports

John Schellenberger attended an RDC meeting.

Tim Kamer attended a Legacy Foundation meeting. The Community Foundation is taking over many of the admin functions for Legacy Foundation.

Tim Kamer has been in meetings for the Judicial Center project.

Shawn Carruthers attended a Work One meeting.

- Trick or Treat Hours will be Monday, October 31st from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

- Approval of the September 6, 2022 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. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

Today's Meetings:

Stormwater-4:00 p.m.

Recycling-4:30 p.m.

Next Commissioners Meeting:

October 4, 2022-6:00 p.m.

Danita Burks, Clerk, asked for the yearly contract for Smart Search be approved and signed.

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

Councilperson, Connie Moon, asked the Commissioners to form a truly objective EMS Advisory Board. She stated the current one is not objective.

Public:

Dale Mann, Georgetown, stated he has not heard of any complaints about Georgetown Fire and EMS. He suggests that the other Fire Districts model after Georgetown.

Charlie Moon, Franklin Township, stated the County is looking at new buildings, raising taxes and now an RFP for EMS that will raise taxes more. He hopes they restructure the EMS Advisory Board. He encourages the Commissioners to start attending the meetings. As a business owner, he stated that is not how you do business with your vendors. He stated they have just sent a message that they do not care.

Danny Short, County Council, stated that if the Fire districts get to an EMS call before New Chapel, they would reimburse the Fire districts if they transport. The Fire Districts decline to transport.

Joseph Moore, Georgetown, asked for the citizens that have used EMS services to get a card with a link to a survey on the services they received. He thanked the Commissioners for keeping Halloween on the original date of October 31.

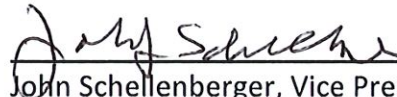
Jason Sharp, resident of Georgetown, stated he has been in emergency services for 28 years. EMS is having difficulties filling positions here and nationally. He has worked with numerous ambulance services and he appreciates New Chapel EMS. They are invested in the community.

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