

**Meeting Minutes
Board of Commissioners
2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104
New Albany IN 47150
September 5, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

Al Knable called the meeting to order and led the *Pledge of Allegiance*

Present: President, Al Knable, John Schellenberger and Jason Sharp

Also Present: Attorney, Rick Fox; Sheriff, Steve Bush, Auditor, Diana Topping; and Councilpersons, Dale Bagshaw and Denise Konkle

Al Knable led a moment of prayer, meditation or reflection

Old Business:

1. Health Department Administrator-Dawn Stackhouse & Anthony Lieber

- a. FCO 2023-29 Regulating Residential and Commercial On-Site Sewage Systems and Providing Penalties for Violations

Public Comment:

Dale Mann, Georgetown, commented that the ordinance takes away a lot of property rights to individual homeowners.

Dawn Stackhouse stated there was a law change on July 1, 2023 that nullified portions of the existing septic ordinance. The previous ordinance was created in 1997. Some of the language was outdated and they wanted to include policies that are already in place. She addressed Mr. Mann's comment stating they have been doing site approval and inspections since 1997. The technical review panel of the state will undergo approval once the Commissioners approve.

Motion to approve, with unanimous consent, FCO 2023-29 Regulating Residential and Commercial On-site Sewage Systems and Providing Penalties for Violations. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. Highway & Public Works-

- a. Bid Openings for Slip Lining Culvert at Benchmark II

Temple and Temple - \$58,866.00

R.L. Vuckson Excavating - \$61,000.00

Motion to take under advisement. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Old Vincennes Road Update-United Consulting - **TABLED**

- c. Broadband Update-Nick Creevy

Nick Creevy stated there are a number of state programs to expand broadband in the County. The state maintains a database for underserved or unserved households. Individuals can

register their address to the state and then Internet Service Providers can bid on those locations to provide service. The State offers a match of \$25,000.00 for line extensions and \$4,800.00 for passing. Currently there are 30 addresses in the county that are registered. The office of Building and Development can assist with the process. He spoke on another program, Next Level Connections Program, where Internet service suppliers can submit applications for multiple addresses. Floyd County has about 1,200 households that are unserved or underserved.

Jason Sharp stated he has an area in his district that was possibly overlooked and asked if there was any way to ensure the areas that were overlooked can be included in the next round. Nick Creevy said they need to make sure they include those addresses in the next submittal.

John Schellenberger said they have a good relationship with Mainstream and Spectrum. He stressed the importance with registering with the Indiana connectivity program. He said they still have one million dollars of ARP money for broadband.

d. FCO 2023-32 Amendment to ARP Plan-Don Lopp

Don Lopp stated the amendment request is for \$20,000.00 for salary study conducted by the Human Resource Department.

HR Director, Michelle Portwood, stated the ultimate goal was to update job descriptions and compare salaries with similar counties.

Motion to approve, with unanimous consent, FCO 2023-32 Amendment to ARP Plan. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Novaparke Project Status-Don Lopp

Don Lopp gave a presentation on Novaparke Innovation and Technology Campus going over the project timeline, project costs and project returns to date and the next steps.

f. County Bridge and Road Bonds – Crowe-Don Lopp

Voted on at last meeting

2. County Attorney-Rick Fox

- a. FCR 2023-16 Appoint President of Commissioners to Electronically Sign INDOT LPA Contracts and Local Roads and Bridges Matching Grant Agreements

Motion to approve FCR 2023-16 Appoint President of Commissioners to Electronically Sign INDOT LPA Contracts and Local Roads and Bridges Matching Grant Agreements. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Declaration for Emergency Executive Session- No Action needed

3. Health Department Administrator-Charlotte Bass

- a. FCO 2023-33 Workforce Development CFDA# 93.354

The fund number assigned is 8113.

Motion to approve, with unanimous consent, FCO 2023-33 and FCO 2023-34. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. FCO 2023-34 ELC Expansion CFDA #93.323

The fund number assigned is 8114.

Motion to approve, with unanimous consent, FCO 2023-33 and FCO 2023-34. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Board & Committee Reports

Jason Sharp

- EMS Board
- Met with collective bargaining unit for Dispatch to discuss next contract
- Met with Congress woman, Erin Houchin, on August 17 and 31
- Attended Whistlestop Car Show

John Schellenberger

- Met with Congress woman, Erin Houchin
- Attended River Hills dinner
- Attended the Joint meeting with County Council on August 22
- Attended Stormwater Workshop to discuss 2024 budget
- Attended TPC and KIPDA meeting
- Met with 2 ambulance providers
- Attended Budget Workshop for Highlander Fire District
- Attended RDA meeting at Ivy Tech
- Salary Appeals meeting
- Attended Remonstrance hearing defending CCD
- Envoy Presentation
- EMS Advisory Board meeting discussing new ambulance contract
- Met with resident of St. Johns Road regarding erosion of a road bank

Al Knable

- Met with Ann Carruthers and staff at System of Care to get a better understanding where some of the JRAC funding wants to go to
- Met with RQAW to discuss Judicial Center Renewal issues
- Met with Assured Partners
- Attended Remonstrance hearing for CCD
- Met with Envoy
- EMS Advisory Board meeting

Al Knable stated an RFP was issued for animal control services. They received one response.

- Approval of the Commissioners Meeting Minutes for August 15, 2023

Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

- Approval of Payroll and Claims

Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

Today's Meetings

Recycling-4:00 p.m.

Stormwater-4:30 p.m.

Next Commissioners Meeting:

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Steve Meyer, Southern Indiana RDA, thanked John Schellenberger and Don Lopp for their work with the RDA.

Sheriff, Steve Bush, congratulated Don Lopp and his group for their work over the years putting together the Gateway program.
He informed that JRAC is putting together their first Mental Health and Addiction Summit on September 6 at IUS.

Councilman, Dale Bagshaw, stated he supports and has always supported Novaparke.

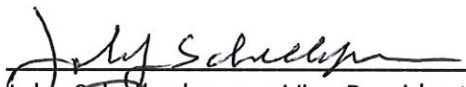
John Schellenberger commented that we have a really good RDA and is pleased with the attendance of the meetings.

Motion to adjourn. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Al Knable, President



John Schellenberger, Vice President



Jason Sharp, Commissioner



Attest: Diana M. Topping, Auditor