

Meeting Minutes
Board of Commissioners
2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104
New Albany IN 47150
January 17, 2023
6:00 P.M.

Tim Kamer called the meeting to order and led the *Pledge of Allegiance*

Tim Kamer led the invocation

Present: President, Tim Kamer; Vice President, Al Knable; and John Schellenberger

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

Old Business:

1. County Attorney Contract

Motion to table until workshop. Moved by Al Knable. Seconded by John Schellenberger.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. 2nd Reading FCO 2023-02 Dissolving Ordinance FCO 2020-2 Establishing EMS Advisory Board

Tim Kamer stated there is a need for EMS oversight over data and process, not just response times. There is a plan to replace this with something like the structure of other boards the County uses. Dissolving the EMS Advisory Board does not mean they will be walking away just coming up with a way to lead the service.

John Schellenberger stated he would like to table until after the workshop. He met with the EMS Advisory Board recently and they are making progress. He would like to get the new Board going and have a clean transition.

Al Knable would like to go ahead with the vote. He had conversations with Dr. Pahner and Dr. Harris and asked them to stay part of the process. He looks at it as part of the restructuring but part of that includes dissolution of the current body.

Motion to go ahead with dissolving of the current body. Moved by Al Knable. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed 2-1. John Schellenberger opposed.

3. Georgetown Fire Board Appointment

Motion to appoint David Fare for Georgetown Fire Board. Moved by Al Knable. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Youth Shelter Appointment

Motion to appoint Al Knable. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Al Knable.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. River Hills Appointment

Motion to nominate Jeremy Kramer and Shawn Carruthers. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Al Knable. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Mental Health Administrator Appointment

Motion to appoint Kelley Stafford. Moved by Al Knable. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. Operations & Public Works

a. Green Valley Road Sidewalk Easements-Horacio Urieta

Motion to go ahead and approve Green Valley Road Sidewalk Easements. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Al Knable. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Bridge 51 – Repair Update-Don Lopp

John Sangiorgio, United Consulting, stated they are under contract to do repairs on the decks and piers of the Blackiston Mill Bridge. At a field check they discovered the pier deterioration had occurred quicker than previously expected. It is structurally stable at this time but there is concern of a flood compromising the pier. He recommended an emergency pier repair. The estimated cost is 40,000.00.

c. FCR 2023-03 2023 Bridge Repair Procurement-Don Lopp

Motion to proceed with a declaration of emergency with a cap of \$60,000.00 for construction cost at this time. Moved by Al Knable. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Approval – Submission FY 2028 Bridge Preventive Maintenance-Don Lopp

Don Lopp stated they will be submitting 15 bridges with a total amount of \$1,759,200.00, our grant portion will be 20%, \$293,200.00.

Motion to approve. Moved by Al Knable. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Paving Schedule 2023-Don Lopp

Don Lopp stated the paving schedule will be posted on the website.

f. Novaparke Update-Don Lopp

Don Lopp stated they have beams over the Norfolk Southern Rail.

g. Mainstream Fiber Letter – Next Level Grant-Don Lopp

Don Lopp stated the Next Level Grant Program is finished. There was a section along Heinz Road where they did not get right of way for service to six homes. A letter was provided to OCRA to take those six homes out of the system at this time.

John Schellenberger stated he and County Engineer, Horacio Urieta, spoke with the land owner that was refusing access to their property. They did not give permission. Mainstream is looking at coming in from Harrison County.

Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Al Knable. Motion passed unanimously.

h. Town of Greenville- Interlocal Agreement request – Brine Purchase-Don Lopp Attorney, Heather Peters, asked to purchase brine at cost, if needed, before the County Council approves.

Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Al Knable. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Commissioner-Tim Kamer

a. FC Opioid Committee

Tim Kamer read FCO 2023-04 an Ordinance to establish an Opioid Committee. John Schellenberger stated he received this Ordinance less than 4 hours before the meeting. He had a concern about transparency when documents for the meeting are received shortly before. The Commissioners discussed some changes to the assignment of board members and the possibility of changing the Ordinance. Rick Fox stated they can have a second reading of the ordinance with any changes made.

Motion to proceed but will require a second reading. Moved by Al Knable. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Reedy Fire District Merger Engagement

Tim Kamer stated he attended the County Council meeting and they approved splitting the cost for the Reedy Financial Group conducting the tax assessment for the Highlander Fire District with a maximum of \$10,000.00 total.

John Schellenberger stated they want to be sure the same assumptions are used by Reedy Group that Reuben Cummings used. He has concerns they are setting a precedent, since this is another government unit that they will be required to check other government units. He has concerns that they spending another \$5,000.00 and just approved \$40,000.00 earlier in the meeting.

Tim Kamer stated, any time a partner or agency does a service and states their information is from the last study, he encourages the Commissioners to double check if there are questions about the data. Al Knable agreed with Mr. Kamer.

Motion to approve. Moved by Al Knable. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed 2-1. John Schellenberger opposed.

3. Commissioner-John Schellenberger

a. Floyd County EMS Advisory Board

John Schellenberger stated he attended the EMS Advisory Board meeting the week before. They determined the response times are not acceptable. He did not want to abolish the Advisory Board because he fears the quality of service will not improve. He would like that Dr. Harris and Dr. Pahner to be part of the board.

Tim Kamer stated that both doctors will be involved in the roll out of the new structure. They are instrumental in making sure the quality is there and they have contract negotiations coming

up and they need to make sure all the elements of concern with their current provider is moved in to the next one.

Al Knable stated he spoke with Dr. Harris and Dr. Pahner. They both have an interest in staying involved with the new structure.

4. County Attorney-Rick Fox

a. FCO 2023-03 Modifying FCO 2022-41 Establishing the Highlander Fire Protection District

Rick Fox stated during the January 3 meeting there was an agreement to extend the 30 day period to 90 days with regard to vacating and appointing trustees that would be on the Highlander Fire District.

Al Knable stated he visited Lafayette fire District and met some of the members of the Greenville and Lafayette Boards. He was impressed with their level of dedication. He received a packet of literature on the history of the Fire Districts and a summary of the merger. He commented that they wanted to keep two separate logos and would hope they would consider a new logo for Highlander Fire District.

Motion to approve with unanimous consent. Moved by Al Knable. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Riverboat Inter-local Agreement

Motion approve Riverboat Inter-local Agreement. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Al Knable. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Board & Committee Reports

John Schellenberger

- Attended the RDA meeting. The Governor is pushing READI 2.0.
- Attended the Commissioners Luncheon
- Attended Southern Indiana Works Board of Directors. They have a lot of good programs to assist displaced workers employed and assist those who want to change careers. They would like to attend one of the Commissioners meeting to discuss their programs on for Business Services and Career Services.
- Attended EMA Local Emergency Plan Commission. They discussed the annual exercise on the river.
- Attended Association of Indiana County Commissioners(AICC) in Indianapolis. He and Jack Coffman serve as leadership on the Southeast Region. The Governor initiatives were delivered. AICC I will be lobbying for the mental health reform.
- Attended the EMS Advisory Board. They discussed quality and level of care and how best to provide oversight.
- Attended the Redevelopment Meeting
- Attended the Joint meeting with the County Council and Commissioners
- Attended the County Council Meeting
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Al Knable

- Attended the Plan Commission Meeting-Organizational
- Attended the Caesar Foundation Meeting – Organizational
- Ribbon Cutting for Premier Primary Care and H&R Block
- Informal Conversations with Bio-Tech Semiconductor Industry regarding possible tenancy in Novaparke

Tim Kamer

- Attended the Joint meeting with the County Council and Commissioners. There is another Joint workshop on February 17.
- Attended the County Council Meeting

- Approval of the December 27th & 30th and January 3rd Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve December 27 meeting minutes. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed. Al Knable abstained

Motion to approve December 30 meeting minutes. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed. Al Knable abstained

Motion to approve January 3 meeting minutes. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Al Knable. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Payroll and Claims

Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Al Knable. Motion passed unanimously.

- Let the record show the Commissioner have received the October & November 2022 Monthly Treasurer's Report.
- Let the record show the Commissioner have received the December 2022 Monthly Clerks Report

Public:

Councilman, Dale Bagshaw, stated he supports the Opioid Ordinance.

Ron Weber stated he is in favor of the Opioid Committee and the EMS Advisory Board. He asked how the Fire Advisory Board will be established. Tim Kamer stated the Commissioners will have a workshop and discuss how they want it to look. After the workshop they should have 99% of the structure defined and sending out invites to the stakeholders. The Commissioners will make nominations for the appointments.

Dan Schmidt thanked Al Knable for coming to the firehouse. He asked if the EMS Advisory Board was given the authority to ask the current provider for ambulance service and the 911 department to get the data they would like to see. He would like the new board to get the

numbers. Tim Kamer stated they did have the authority to poll the Sheriff's Department and ambulance for the information they need. He said the new board, backed by the Commissioners, will have full access to that data. John Schellenberger stated currently they get a one page report quarterly. They requested CAD reports that are more detailed. He has gone over the report and has put the information on the website. It has been determined the response times are unacceptable but the next level is quality and level of service.

Joseph Moore, Georgetown Township, commented on the volume of the microphones and asked they speak into the microphones for everyone to hear. He stated he supports the Opioid Committee but asked to look at previous data.

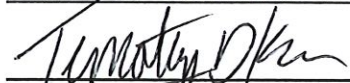
He doesn't see any reason to put items on the agenda at the last minute unless it's an emergency. He questioned how the Grantline Road Project would be financed. Tim Kamer stated the Commissioners and Council are working together. He said it would be bonded and most likely there will be tax increases. Since it is a Public Private Partnership (P3) it does not have to go through a referendum. Mr. Moore strongly suggests putting it on a referendum.

Dale Mann, Georgetown, agreed with Mr. Moore about the referendum.

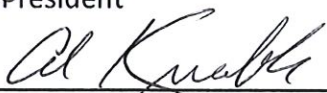
Dan Schmidt stated he read in the Tribune that the number is based on a \$230,000.00 house that the taxes would go up \$238.00. He asked where they got those numbers. Tim Kamer stated the Reedy Group did several different scenarios. They looked at assessed values and the different types of bonds that are available. Mr. Schmidt said he thought they should have not published that information yet because it upsets the public.

Motion to adjourn. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Al Knable. Motion passed unanimously.

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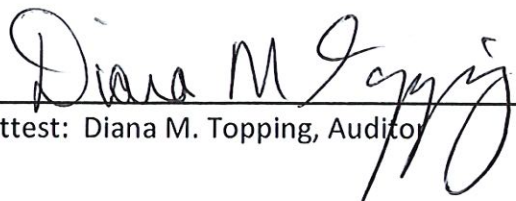
Tim Kamer, President



Al Knable, Vice President



John Schellenberger, Commissioner



Attest: Diana M. Topping, Auditor