

Meeting Minutes
Board of Commissioners
2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104
New Albany IN 47150
March 7, 2023
6:00 P.M.

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

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

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

Tim Kamer led the invocation

Tim Kamer asked for a motion to add to the agenda:

- 4e - Ratification of FCO 2022-41
- 7. - 2022 Annual Jail Report – Sheriff Steve Bush

Motion to add to the agenda. Moved by Al Knable. Seconded by John Schellenberger.

Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Director of Operations-Don Lopp
 - a. FCO 2023-07 Amending ARP Plan

Don Lopp asked to add items that County Council approved to pay from the ARP fund.

\$52,000.00 Election Machines

\$63,616.80 FTR System

\$22,555.00 Electronic Court Docket Display

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

New Business:

1. Blunk Knob Road Resident-Tanya Tuell
 - a. Blunk Knob Road Guardrails

Tanya Tuell is appreciative of how quickly and thorough Don Lopp and Horacio Urieta have been. She is concerned that if the guardrail is installed, as planned, a car would hit the guardrail when passing an oncoming vehicle because the road is narrow. She doesn't think the guardrail is necessary. She asked for more time to review the proposal before moving forward.

John Schellenberger stated they are trying to prevent a dangerous situation.

Angela Thompson, resident of Blunk Knob Road, stated she is in favor of the guardrail. She has lived there for over 20 years. She has witnessed, from her home, approximately 10 cars that have had accidents and run off the road.

Mr. Thompson stated he is not in favor of the guardrail.

Another resident on Blunk Knob Road stated he likes the rustic guardrails.

Motion to approve the postponement of installing the guardrail to get more feedback by no more than 30 days. Moved by Al Knable. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

2. ATOD Task Force Coordinator-Casey Nesmith
 - a. Floyd County Drug Free Communities Fund

Casey Nesmith stated they received a request from Family and Children's Place for their Healthy Families Program.

Motion to approve \$3,300.00 from the grant for Family and Children's Place. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Al Knable. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Director of Operations and Planning-Don Lopp
 - a. Survey Quote – Jensen tract – Regional Park

Motion to approve Strand for the survey for the Jensen property. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Al Knable. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Approval for Hotel Rate above \$150.00

Don Lopp stated the hotel rates for the American Planning Association Conference in Philadelphia are \$195.00 - \$230.00.

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

4. County Attorney-Rick Fox
 - a. Indemnification Agreement with Indiana American Water

Rick Fox stated this in regards to the Developer, Kent Wingham, for Spickert Knob Road.

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

- b. FCR 2023-05 Resolution to Terminate Judicial Center Scoping Agreements

Tim Kamer stated the Commissioners and County Council have been working together on the Judicial Center Project but are at a stalemate on unification of the project. He thanked Scott Stewart and the Building Authority for all the work they have put into the project. The work they put in gave them the understanding for what is needed. He appreciates their effort. John Schellenberger stated they have engaged many professionals for the City County Building. The County Council did not approve the funding. The County Council needs to step up because the County still has a building that needs to be renovated. He is against passing the resolution. Al Knable stated the system worked exactly like it should. The Commissioners put forward a plan, the Council decided the financial burden was not acceptable for the tax payers at this point in time and brought it back to the Commissioner for other options.

Tim Kamer stated there were some short falls with the process, specifically, the full involvement with the Council. He is optimistic that they will get to a project that will be funded and have stakeholder buy-in. He looks at this as a positive thing in the long haul and was not a waste.

Motion to approve FCR 2023-05. Moved by Al Knable. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed 2-1. John Schellenberger opposed.

c. FCO 2023-08 Amendment of FCO 2022-41 Highlander Fire District Board Members

Rick Fox stated the Ordinance that was approved in 2022 was not the ordinance that was in front of them. He asked the Commissioners to ratify the ordinance back to the effective date of December 30, 2022, when it was passed.

Motion to ratify the Ordinance with unanimous consent. Moved by Al Knable. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

d. FCO 2023-09 Community Foundation of Southern Indiana Board Member Appointment

Rick Fox stated the County Council will need to pass a resolution appointing Mr. Boling to finalize the appointment.

Motion to accept Richard Boling as the Appointment. Moved by Al Knable. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

e. FCO 2023-08 Amendment to FCO 2022-41

Rick Fox stated the amendment changes the Board members from 7 members to 9 members, adding 2 at-large members.

John Schellenberger stated the current board consists of Lafayette and Greenville Fire Districts board members. He would like to keep the board to get the new Fire District off the ground. After one year, 2 members will roll off. He questioned why they need to go to 9 members from 7 members. He asked if they do go with 9 members that the majority of the people that were already appointed also be appointed to the new board. He would like to keep 5 of the 7 that were on the present board.

Tim Kamer stated he had multiple people reach out for consideration to be on the board. He will not make any preconceived notions without broadcasting out resumes for the formation of the new board.

The Commissioners asked to remove the classification of At-Large from the additional two members.

Attorney, Steve Langdon, representing Greenville Fire District, stated there is already an at-large member on the board and asked for verification that the ordinance will not affect that position. The At-Large member alternates between Lafayette and Greenville every four years. There Board will consist of 4 Greenville members, 4 Lafayette members and 1 At-Large.

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

5. Commissioner- Al Knable

a. Letter of Intent

Al Knable stated the letter of intent is for First Financial Bank building in consideration of possibly purchasing the building for the administrative functions of the County. The letter keeps the building off the market for 90 days, with earnest money of \$10,000.00, so they can do their due diligence that this is a viable solution.

John Schellenberger asked what the plan is for this building. Tim Kamer stated the plan is to work with County Council to fund the renovation of the building for short, mid and possibly long term usage for the admin functions. In the future, when the building is no longer needed, it will be an asset that could be sold.

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

6. Two-Mile Fringe Appointment

Al Knable stated they are looking for interested parties in the Two Mile Fringe area. Suzanna Worrall will post on the Facebook page to rally interest.

7. Sheriff Bush presented the 2022 Annual Jail Report

8. Board & Committee Reports

John Schellenberger –

- Attended Commissioner Luncheon
- Spoke with residents that are asking about internet service with Mainstream and Spectrum
- Will attend the IACC meeting
- Will meet with Mainstream in Corydon. OCRA will have another \$20 million for phase 4.

Al Knable

- Participated in a Teams meeting with Congresswoman Houchin regarding the New Palestine train derailment and water quality of the Ohio River.
- Met with Doug Drake of Personal Counseling Services to try to get them queued in to some of the JRAC funding.
- INDOT 150 update meeting
- Ribbon Cutting at Axiom Financial Advisors
- New Albany Floyd County Education Foundation
- Firefighters Union representing Southern Indiana District

- Approval of the February 21, 2023 Commissioners Meeting Minutes

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

- Approval of the February 17, 2023 Joint Meeting Minutes

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

- Approval of Payroll and Claims

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

Today's Meetings

Stormwater-4:30 P.M.

Executive Session-5:30 P.M.

Next Commissioners Meeting:

March 21, 2023-6:00 p.m.

John Schellenberger stated there are still areas that do not have broadband and they are working to get them covered.

Tim Kamer thanked the Road Department for all their hard work to get the power back on.

Public

Dale Bagshaw, County Council, concerning the letter of intent, stated if they pursue the building it would relieve one of the components of placing offices during renovations. He believes they are headed in the right direction.

Steve Burks, Treasurer, stated the elected officials that will be moving offices should be included in the process. He thinks the First Financial Building will be a good fit.

Dale Mann, Georgetown, stated the public should be surveyed about the Regional Park. He thinks it should be like Buffalo Trace Park.

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

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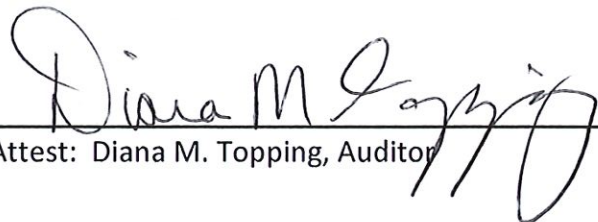
Tim Kamer, President



Al Knable, Vice President



John Schellenberger, Commissioner



Attest: Diana M. Topping, Auditor