

Meeting Minutes
Board of Commissioners
2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104
New Albany IN 47150
Wednesday, July 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; Auditor, Diana Topping; Sheriff, Steve Bush and Councilperson Denise Konkle

Al Knable led a moment of silence

New Business:

1. 2nd Reading of FCO 2023-17 American Rescue Plan Amendments

Motion to approve. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Al Knable. Motion passed by a vote of 2-1. John Schellenberger opposed.

2. Highway and Public Works-

a. Right of Way – Purchases – Green Valley Road Project-Don Lopp

Don Lopp stated there are 5 property owners that they will be purchase the right of way totaling \$12,625.00.

John Schellenberger stated he is not against the project and believes these funds could be better used in other projects that are more viable but by purchasing this they have ownership and can move forward in some point in time.

Motion to approve. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Al Knable. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Contract – Exploration Way-Don Lopp

Motion to approve the contract for Exploration Way. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

c. FCO 2023-18 Stormwater Business Plan-Stantec/ERC

Motion to bring up for discussion. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp.

John Damico, ERC, gave a presentation on the Stormwater rates. The current rate of \$39.00 has been in place since 2006. According to Consumer Price Index, the residential rate would be \$58.84 per year in 2024, \$61.80 in 2025 and \$64.86 in 2026. The plan will be presented to County Council.

Dale Mann, Georgetown, stated the stormwater fees collected this year was \$707,000.00. They need no inflation clause.

Joseph Moore, Georgetown, stated they already had a 40% increase on collected fees over last year. He questioned if there is a stormwater shortfall.

John Schellenberger stated there are projects that are not being done because of funding. There is a need for this increase.

Jason Sharp is in favor of putting the agricultural fees with the single family residential.

Al Knable stated he is on board with putting the farmers on the same footing as the residential.

Motion to approve with unanimous consent FCO 2023-18 Stormwater Business Plan-Stantec/ERC. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

- d. FCO 2023-19 Designating a Stop Intersection and Directing the Erection of a Stop Sign-Horacio Urieta

Motion to bring up for discussion. Moved by Jason Sharp. Moved by Al Knable.

Horacio Urieta stated the stop sign would be placed at the intersection of Martin Road and Champion Road.

Motion to approve FCO 2023-19 Designating a Stop Intersection and Directing the Erection of a Stop sign with unanimous consent. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Callistus Smith-Glenn Smith

- a. Insurance Renewal

Glen Smith presented a summary of the County property and casualty insurance policies. The total amount of the policies is \$867,900.00. It has increased almost \$100,000.00 compared to last year.

Motion to approve insurance with Callistus Smith for 2023. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Chief Probation Officer-Kelly Deuser

- a. FCO 2023-20 Establishing Non-Reverting Fund for ATOD Grant Fund #9153

Motion to approve by unanimous consent FCO 2023-20 Establishing Non-Reverting Fund for ATOD Grant Fund #9153. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

5. County Attorney-Rick Fox

- a. FCO 2023-21 Rescinding a Portion of FC Chapter 92.3 (c)

Rick Fox stated this Ordinance is part of the Parks' Department Ordinance pertaining to regulating firearms. The State has the authority to regulated firearms in the park, not the county. The Sheriff Department is working with the Parks Department on other measures to protect citizens in the parks.

Motion to approve by unanimous consent FCO 2023-21 Rescinding a Portion of FC Chapter 92.3. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. FCR 2023-12 Resolution Approving A Project List for Certain County Road and Bridge Projects and Declaring an Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures

Motion to approve FCR 2023-12 Resolution Approving A Project List for Certain County Road and Bridge Projects and Declaring an Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Declaration of Restrictive Covenants for Conservation

Attorney, Rick Fox, stated the declaration is to mitigate the Wetlands that are part of the Clark/Floyd landfill project. The mitigation is required by the Army Corps of Engineers in the state of Indiana.

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

6. County Auditor-Diana Topping

a. SRI Tax Sale Fee Addendum

Auditor, Diana Topping, stated SRI has increased their tax sale fee by \$25.00 per parcel.

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

7. Commissioner-Al Knable

a. Envoy Owner's Rep. Proposal and Agreement

Al Knable stated this agreement is to hire a consultant to handle on a daily routine basis for the City County Building and Admin office building/renovation projects. This will be funded by the CCD tax revenue.

John Schellenberger stated he is not prepared to vote affirmative at this time. He thought they had a good plan at the end of last year and first of this year. He would prefer to wait until they have a plan.

Motion to approve. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Al Knable. Motion passed by a count of 2-1. John Schellenberger opposed.

b. Insurance Broker Discussion

Al Knable stated they are looking for a different brokerage house for insurance. The County currently uses Assured Partners. Apex is another insurance broker they may be using for benefits insurance. They have been advised that both companies may be able to shop policies. It has to be wrapped up by the end of July.

8. Board & Committee Reports

John Schellenberger

EMS Advisory Board Meeting

Met with constituents on Stormwater issues

Recycling Meeting

Stormwater Meeting

Met with two different agents concerning insurance

RDA meeting in Sellersburg

Jason Sharp

EMS Subcommittee meeting – he's having issues with the discussion board

Met with Chief Banta, Georgetown Fire Protection, discussing their needs

Met with Mike Moody, Georgetown Fire Protection, discussing their growth and their board's activity

Met with Matt Smith, Highlander Fire Protection District, they will be receiving funding information from DLGF

Had a phone conversation with Dr. Eric Yazel, State of Indiana EMS medical director, about issues with EMS statewide and discussing some potential changes on certifications.

Mr. Sharp commented that there has been a lot of comments going around about that they have magical pots of money or Commissioners want to create slush funds. That is not factual. We have a lot of roads and bridges that need attention, a City County building that is one mechanical issue away from being uninhabitable. As a Commissioner, he will not turn a blind eye to these issues. He is not interested in being a caretaker. He chooses to lead.

Al Knable

Building Authority meeting to go over their budget

Caesars Grant award at the Carnegie Center

Met with Garmong Group to discuss how to integrate some of the intellectual property in to their next steps

Met with Envoy Group by phone conference

- Approval of the Commissioners Meeting Minutes for June 20, 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.

Next Commissioners Meeting:

Tuesday, July 18, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Sheriff Steve Bush, stated they had a SWAT team training exercise, an active shooter exercise at Floyd Central. There was an EMA training exercise for spillage that the Sheriff's Department was involved in.

He stated Commissioner Knable was involved in discussions concerning electrical work in the jail and water pipes for the servers.

Public

Dale Mann presented a list of grant funds

Joseph Moore, Georgetown, discussed the Envoy agreement and asked if the employees are trained on cyber security. He asked who to contact about placing a sign at Baylor Wisman Road and Corydon Ridge Road warning drivers that there are railroad tracks at the other end of Baylor Wisman.

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

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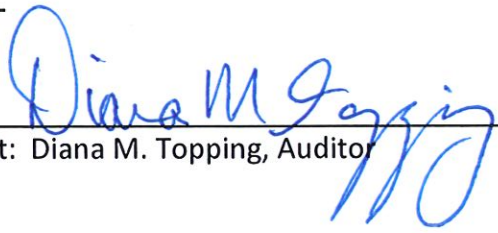


Al Knable, President



John Schellenberger, Vice President

Jason Sharp, Commissioner



Attest: Diana M. Topping, Auditor