Meeting Minutes
Board of Commissioners
2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104
New Albany IN 47150
October 3, 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 Councilman, Dale Bagshaw

Al Knable led a moment of silence, prayer, meditation or reflection

## **New Business:**

# 1. Director of Operations and Planning-Don Lopp

a. Charlestown Road Trail-Strand

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

# 2. County Engineer-Horacio Urieta

a. Bid Opening Local Road Paving Project 2023
CNR Construction - \$123,182.50
Louisville Paving - \$115,502.24
E&B Paving - \$108,660.00
Mac Construction - \$114,382.64
Libs Paving - \$109,847.66

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

b. Old Vincennes Road Slide Correction - Supplemental Request No. 1 Horacio Urieta stated the extra charge is for surveying for extending both ends of the project for a total of \$4,800.00.

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

#### 3. Chief Public Defender-Matt Lorch

a. Discussion and Preliminary Approval of Office Space
Chief Public Defender, Matt Lorch, asked for permission to move his office from the basement
of the City County Building to the third floor, formerly City Clerk office, to better serve the
public. He stated the Building Authority was ok with using that space. Al Knable reminded him
this is only temporary due to the pending plans for renovation of the building.
Mr. Lorch stated the State will reimburse 40% of the cost.

Motion to grant permission to move forward with the project. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

## 4. FCR 2023-17 2024 Holiday Schedule

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

# 5. FCR 2023-18 2024 Commissioner Meeting Dates Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

# 6. Board & Committee Reports

#### Jason Sharp

- The negotiation and bargaining committee for Dispatchers came to a tentative agreement and is waiting for the contract to be drafted for final review.
- He has the final recommended changes added to the sample contract for EMS. He believes this will allow the County to generate an RFP that is more in line for our community.
- He spent time with the Chief Public Defender, Matt Lorch, and wanted to thank him for the opportunity to meet his staff. They play an important role in the Judiciary process.
- He spent time with Daraius Randelia and Laura Elliott with Community Corrections.
   They play a big role in the Judicial system and thanked them for their hard work and dedication.

#### John Schellenberger

- Attended County Council Budget Work Session
- Met with Ronnie Tuell about a resident that had failing curbing
- Met with Chief Public Defender, Matt Lorch. He believes the move to third floor is much needed.

#### Al Knable

- Sept. 21 met with Horacio Urieta to get updates on projects
- Sept. 28 He and Jason Sharp took an update call with Envoy
- Received approval from DLGF on the Cumulative Capital Development Fund establishment. The rate will be .0167% per \$100.00 appraised value as a funding source for the building project.
- Spoke at IUS for a forum for Political Science professors to explain what County Commissioner do.
- Approval of the Commissioners Meeting Minutes for September 19, 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.

John Schellenberger stated he still isn't satisfied with the Reedy invoices.

## **Today's Meetings**

Stormwater-4:30 p.m.

#### **Next Commissioners Meeting:**

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Council member, Dale Bagshaw, questioned the renovation that the Public Defender requested. He did not see that it was budgeted in his current budget.

He reminded everyone that Harvest Homecoming is coming next week.

Sheriff, Steve Bush, thanked Jason Sharp for his work on the Dispatchers contract.

Don Lopp stated there is Public Hearing for Bridge 51, Blackiston Mill Bridge, October 11 at Prosser, 6:00 pm

#### **Closing Comments**

Jason Sharp thanked Sheriff Bush and enjoyed working on the Dispatchers contract. Al Knable and John Schellenberger thanked everyone for attending.

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

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Al Knable, President
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John Schellenberger, Vice President

Jason Sharp Commissioner

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Attest: Diana M. Topping, Audito