

**Meeting Minutes
Board of Commissioners
2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104
New Albany IN 47150
March 19, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

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

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

Also Present: Attorney, Rick Fox; Councilmen, Dale Bagshaw and Brad Striegel; Sheriff, Steve Bush and Judge Carrie Stiller

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

Al Knable asked to add #7, Sheriff, Steve Bush approval of Control Contract and submission of a Max Levy for Highlander Fire District and New Albany Fire Protection District.

Motion to add, with unanimous consent, #7 and #8 to the March 19th agenda. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. County Engineer-Horacio Urieta

a. Bid Openings Bridge 27

Horacio Urieta stated the bid is for foundation repair and approach reconstruction. Bridge 27 is on Georgetown- Greenville Road.

Temple and Temple - \$223,700.00

CNR Construction - \$279,434.00

E&B Paving - \$280,000.00

TRC, LLC - \$257,451.00

R. L. Vuckson - \$197,347.00

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

b. Windsor Creek Subdivision Bond Release

Horacio Urieta stated the developer was required to submit a bond for \$96,431.25. They have a two year bond for maintenance of the road. \$72,330.94 is to be released.

Motion to release for Windsor Creek Subdivision bond \$72,330.94. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Director of Operations and Planning-Don Lopp

a. Award Old Vincennes Road Project Construction Contract

Don Lopp asked to award the bid to Danny Cristiani for \$2,337,470.13.

Motion to award the bid for Danny Cristiani for the Old Vincennes Road Project Construction. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Award North Tucker Road Project Construction Contract

Don Lopp asked to award the bid to Temple and Temple \$312,470.00.

Motion to approve Temple and Temple for the North Tucker Road project. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Award Salt Barn Pad – Paving Contract

Don Lopp asked to award Temple and Temple for \$7,150.00.

Motion to approve Temple and Temple for the small pad in front of the salt barn. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Award Facilities Window Contract

Don Lopp asked to award Stanley Schultz and Company for \$94,410.00.

Motion to approve Stanley Schultz and Company for the Facilities Window Contract. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Award Capital Asset Report – Contract

Don Lopp stated the contract is for GASB 34 compliance for capital asset property record with Peterson Consulting Services for \$6,500.00.

Motion to accept the contract with Peterson Company for the GASB34 gap compliant capital asset property record for fiscal year 2023 in the amount of \$6,500.00 strictly for fiscal year 2023. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

f. Charlestown Road Multi-Use Trail Update

Don Lopp stated the 1.3 Mile trail -10 foot multi-use trail to connect County Line and Lewis Endres Parkway will also include a pedestrian bridge.

The Project started in 2014 and will let for bid in July 2024 and anticipated completion 2025
Project cost estimate \$3,300,000. Local match will be 10 percent of Construction Inspection (\$40,000)

Mr. Lopp recognized Nick Creevy for his work on this project.

g. Edwardsville School Project Update

Taxes Generated: \$7,128,000

Over TIF Lifetime for development will generate

Public Infrastructure Costs: \$1,985,000.00 (TIF and ARP)

Signalized Intersection, Regional Storm Water basin, extension of sanitary sewer line, and parking lot for school

Developer Contributions: \$1,207,000 (Repairs and Land Value)

Developer is making repairs to school including masonry repair and new roof. Building and 1 acre to be donated after County inspection

\$10,000 annually for 7 years for maintenance of SR 64-62 Streetscape improvements

h. Bridge 51 Blackiston Mill Road Project Update

Environmental Report:

FHWA review

Right of Way Appraisal:

Title and Appraisal report work has commenced 25 parcels to be obtained

Permitting:

Hydraulic study has been commenced per DNR request

Design:

Continuing – Projected Letting Date is July 2025

i. Operations – Department of Building and Development Report

Don Lopp gave an overview of the Building and Development Department.

- All building-related permits for Floyd County, Town of Greenville and Town of Georgetown
- All zoning requests including variances, special exceptions, zoning and subdivision platting
- Unsafe building investigations
- Building compliance investigations

Staffing

Five (5) FTE

Average Employee Experience Level 8.2 Years

Education and Certification Level:

(2) Certified Residential and Commercial Inspectors

1 Masters

2 Bachelors

1 Associates

2023 – Services Provided

Permits

Local Improvement Permits: 470

Single Family Dwellings: 126

Inspections: 1,899

Code Violation Cases: 23

Unsafe Building Cases: 3

Zoning

Subdivision Approval 1

(Major 14 lots)

Zoning Map Amendment: 1

Zoning Text Amendment: 1

Development Variances: 13

Special Exceptions: 4

Conditional Use: 1

Administrative Appeals: 2

Budget

Budget: \$345,057.00

Salaries: \$247,008 71.5 percent

General Fund: \$260,832.00 75.3 percent

EDIT: \$84,225.00 24.7 percent

Permit Fee Revenue: \$164,094.00

Planning Fees increased 2006

Building Fees increased 1982

j. Operations – Website Transition Report

Each department is working on transitioning information

Anticipate all departments to be integrated onto the new site by June 1

More Project specific data, budgets, minutes, mapping and RFP data will be available on site

k. Operations – 2025 Operations Budget Report

Each department is finalizing budgets for Commissioners review in April

Anticipate requests for IT funding, KIPDA membership increase, and utilities

Reviewing Building and Development Fees

3. FCCC-FC-JRAC-Judge Stiller

a. Annual Report Presentation

Judge Stiller reviewed the Mission and Vision Statement. She explained the SAMHSA Intercept model and went over the Floyd County C.A.R.E.S. Program. She went over the 2023 highlights including a State Matching Grant Award was \$180,150.00 for a two year contract for a Jail Transition Coordinator and Admin, Competency Discussion Forum and Mental Health and Addiction Summit. FCCC-JRAC works with local service providers.

FC-JRAC was recognized by the Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, Loretta Rush, in her 2024 State of the Judiciary which was presented to the Governor, Lt. Gov, all of the Indiana legislators, and members of the Supreme Court of Indiana and the Court of Appeals. They were highlighted for their collaboration of criminal justice stakeholders working together through JRAC to reduce barriers and connect individuals in the criminal justice system to treatment and services.

Floyd County was not only highlighted by the Chief Justice but our county also picked up attention from the News & Tribune as well as legal publications, Res Gestae, the Indiana Lawyer, and Indiana Court Times.

In 2023 Floyd County was assigned \$846,560.98 in Opioid funds.

4. County Auditor-Diana Topping

a. Development of GASB 34 / GAAP-Compliant Capital Asset Property Record for FY 2023

5. County Resident-Linda Russell - Removed

6. County Attorney-Rick Fox

a. Bond Counsel Contract

Attorney, Rick Fox, stated Barnes and Thornburg is the bond counsel for cumulative capital development purposes of financing various projects and improvements throughout the county.

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

7. County Sheriff- Steve Bush

Approval of Accurate Controls, Inc. Contract

ush stated the County Council approved the funding of \$98,686.07 for the IT work.
Motion to approve the Accurate Control Contract. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Approving the Submission of a Max Levy Request for Highlander Fire Protection District & New Albany Township Fire Protection District

John Schellenberger stated he received a call from Reuben Cummings, the financial agent for New Albany Fire District as well as Highlander Fire District. There is an opportunity for the Fire Districts to increase their max levy if their population has grown more than 6% in the last 10 years. The Commissioners would have to sign the letter. They looked at the last 10 years and the population had over 6% growth for the Fire Districts. This gives the Fire Boards the opportunity to discuss raising the levies. The Commissioners' letter has to be in place by April 1. Darrell Mills, New Albany Fire Board, stated they don't know if they are going to request it but would like to have the option.

Ron Weber, Highlander Fire Protection District, stated they did not want to pass up the opportunity.

Mr. Moody, Georgetown Fire district, declined to have representation at the meeting.

Tim Harbison, Georgetown, questioned why Mr. Moody would not want to have the option to raise their levy.

Dale Mann, Georgetown, stated the growth of Georgetown has gone up and their income is going to be tremendous. He asked why keep hitting the taxpayers more and more.

John Schellenberger stated it raises the ceiling but does not raise their operating levy.

Motion to approve the Max Levy request for Highlander Fire Protection District. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the Max Levy request for New Albany Township Fire Protection District. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously

9. Board & Committee Reports

John Schellenberger

- March 6, met with Tyler Warman from the Governor Office at a luncheon
- March 9, met, along with Don Lopp and Bob Woosley, the members of the Redevelopment Commission with a developer around Edwardsville
- March 9 visited the Edwardsville Elementary School with others to view the building. Several local government leaders were there in attendance.
- March 9 attended the first annual Animal Control meeting
- March 15 attended the RDA meeting. They discussed the READI 2.0. There's also Eli Lilly in parallel to the READI 2.0. They have \$150,000.00. A large portion is going to go towards Blight Remediation and the other portion will be going towards arts and culture.

- March 16 attended Lenten Breakfast at Chapel Hill
- March 19, attended the EMS Advisory Board and attended the County Council meeting
- March 19 attended the virtual check-in with Envoy
- March 19 the Commissioners and Don met with concerned citizens at Highlander Village regarding a tree buffer between the two subdivisions
- March 12 attended the Southern Indiana Works Board of Directors at Caesars. They had their Southern Indiana Works annual state of the workforce summit with about 130 people in attendance. Tony Watterson, President CEO of the SIW indicated that from July 2022 to June 2023 the approximate total economic wage impact by SIW was over 6,600,000, serving 520 business and gave around 556,000 employee grants to local businesses. He gave a shout out to SIW for their work in Floyd County.

Jason Sharp

- March 6 met with Tyler Warbin from the Governor's office to discuss impacting Floyd County and that included the lack of funding for roadways and the ever rising cost associated with emergency services.
- March 14 attended the virtual check in with our owners' rep for the County building and was updated on the status of the asbestos study and structural analysis.
- March 14 met with some neighbors concerned about some of the development practices being used by the subdivision next door. It was a positive meeting and he was glad the residents felt like they were heard with their concerns.
- March 15 attended the Joint Council Commissioners meeting. Several topics were discussed, ranging from employee benefits to EMS.
- March 15 met with the members from the Citizen Climate Lobby and discussed a multitude of issues from renewable energy and conservation practices.
- March 15 met with the leadership from Georgetown and Highlander Fire Protection Districts, their collective bargaining units in regard to getting the County wide GIS done. The purpose of the study is to examine bringing all the departments under one single agency and looking what assets and personnel it would take to be compliant with national standards and best practices.
- March 15 he was honored to speak at the Georgetown Fire Protection District Annual Awards Banquet. As a former member of that board he couldn't be happier with the direction that the district has gone, both with the Fire Board and under the command of Chief Banta. He thinks the Board should be commended for their years of fiscal Conservancy. Chief Banta announced his retirement from the Fire Service after 42 years.

Al Knable

- March 13 attended Caesars Foundation meeting
- March 14 attended the meeting with Highlander Village Citizens and attended the Open Door Youth Shelter Board meeting. Mr. Bagshaw attended his first meeting as the County Council Representative. They do important work and fly under the radar.
- Floyd County Parks and Recreation Board Appointment

Motion to appoint Scott Birch to the Floyd County Parks and Recreation Board. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

- Approval of the Commissioners Meeting Minutes for March 5, 2024

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, April 2, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Dale Bagshaw commended Mr. Lopp and Mr. Creevy for their Operations Report. It was very informative. After all, the duty of Government is to provide service for the Community. Judge Stiller's report was informative as well.

Dale Mann, Georgetown, agreed with Mr. Bagshaw and appreciates that transparency is coming back. He commended on the article in the paper discussing New Albany Police having cameras on their police officers. He has been asking for them on the County Police Department ever since two citizens were shot by Deputy Sheriffs in our county. He stated the County had plenty of ARP money to buy the cameras and purchase the system.

Closing Comments:

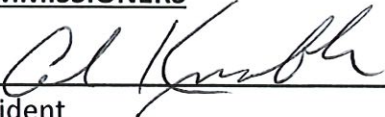
John Schellenberger thanked the Highlander Fire Board and all the Fire Districts for coming out and representing their Fire Districts. He reminded residents that there is a lot of construction going on in Floyd County, especially US150. There may be some traffic delay depending on the time of day but there are alternate routes that can be taken.

Jason Sharp agreed with Mr. Schellenberger about the Fire Districts. They have a tall task at times. He was on the Fire Board at one time. He thanked them for everything they do for their districts. He also thanked Officer Scott for always being at the Commissioners' meetings and for everything he does.

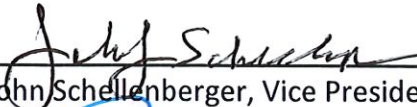
Al Knable mentioned the events at Caesars Casino. It was a genuine tragedy, particularly for the family of the victim. He asked to keep the family and all the folks that work there in thoughts and prayers. He thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.

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