

**Meeting Minutes  
Board of Commissioners  
2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104  
New Albany IN 47150  
April 16, 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; Councilman, Dale Bagshaw and Auditor, Diana Topping

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

**Motion to add 4q Mowing Contract to the agenda. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion to add #9 Lifespring Health System, Beth Keeney, to the agenda. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.**

**New Business:**

**1. Stormwater Director-Chris Moore-MOVED TO MAY 7<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

a. Stormwater Annual Report

**2. County Engineer-Horacio Urieta**

a. Bid Openings for Local Paving Spring 2024

Louisville Paving - \$306,980.10

E&B Paving - \$304,850.00

CNR Construction - \$321,301.20

Mac Construction - \$275,720.00

Temple & Temple - \$293,079.20

D L Construction Services - \$407,075.75

Libs Paving - \$276,958.30

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

b. Award Bridge 27

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

**3. Building & Development Director-Nick Creevy**

a. Vincennes Place Partial Re-Plat Plat for signature

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

b. Knob Hill Subdivision, Section 6 - Bond Release

Nick Creevy requested a partial bond release for \$19,534.69 and retain 25% for a two-year maintenance bond \$6,511.56.

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

#### **4. Director of Operations and Planning-Don Lopp**

a. Public Hearing – Build Operate Transfer – GMP Agreement

**Al Knable put the Commissioner Meeting on recess and opened a Public Hearing for Build, Operate and Transfer.**

Don Lopp said the Redevelopment Commission presented this with a favorable recommendation for a contract to be awarded to Shireman Construction for the BOT for Building 5 at Novaparke. The construction amount is \$9,654,952.00.

Financing:

- RDC Bond \$5,200,000
- READI Fund and TIF \$4,500,000
- Bond Payment: Lease payment Redwire
- Backup: Redwire TIF, Highlander TIF Revenues and Debt Service Reserve

Redwire Project:

- Construction of a 35,000 square foot facility to house the state of the art Microgravity Payload Development and Space Operations Facility
- 30,000 square feet to be leased by Redwire for expansion of its Indiana operations
- 5,000 square feet to be designated for laboratory space for the County's Redevelopment Commission and its partner, Indiana University Southeast

Economic Impact

Construction Phase:

- 64 direct and indirect positions

Operational Phase:

- Job Creation and Retention: 121
- Direct 75 positions -Average wage: \$55.00
- Floyd County Avg. wage \$ 24.96
- Annual Income and Property Tax Generated: \$976,000.00

Project Overview:

Overall Impact:

- \$51M private direct and indirect investment in the project
- \$7M public grant funding
- 64 direct and indirect construction positions

- 121 direct and indirect operational positions
- Annual Income and Property Tax Generated: \$976,000.00
- Since the grand opening Redevelopment Commission has submitted 3 IEDC Request for Information regarding possible business relocations which could represent \$200M in additional private investment through companies relocating to the campus

### **Public Comment**

Joseph Moore, Georgetown Township, is in favor of clean technology

Debbie Ford, Chancellor at Indiana University Southeast, stated IUS is dedicated to student success and their 2030 strategic plan is laser focused on educating this next generation of talent. By partnering with Redwire, they are providing students with invaluable opportunities to cultivate their entrepreneurial mindsets and acquire practical experiences for this evolving knowledge economy. Innovation is the engine that propels progress and drives societal development. Through their collaboration with Novaparke and Redwire and other future business partners they are creating a vibrant ecosystem that nurtures, encourages interdisciplinary collaboration and supports cutting edge research. Specifically, they are already providing pre accelerator consultation services to both the public and their students.

Dale Bagshaw, County Council, has supported Novaparke and is excited to see the development to start taking place.

David Epling, Dean, School of Business at IUS, stated the facility will provide lab space that is needed in the community.

A representative from Redwire stated they anticipate adding 25 new high skill, high wage jobs as they ramp up their efforts in space to assist with the development of more effective drugs that can only be made in the lab without gravity. They recently manufactured a replacement knee meniscus in space with their 3D printer and returned to earth. They also printed thick heart tissue that could not be made on the ground.

Dale Mann, Georgetown, asked what they had gained. It was mentioned that it will create 21 jobs but they are spending millions of dollars.

Public comment was closed.

Don Lopp stated the bond payment will be paid with the lease payments from Redwire. The taxes will be placed in a separate TIF from the Redwire expansion and will cover any shortfalls on the lease payment.

**Al Knable closed the Public Hearing and called from recess the Commissioners Meeting.**

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

b. FCR 2024-01 Redwire Allocation Area

**Motion to approve FCR 2024-01 Redwire Allocation Area. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.**

c. FCR 2024-02 Approving Redwire Bond

**Motion to approve FCR 2024-02 Approving Redwire Bond. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.**

d. FCR 2024-03 Bond Reimbursement

**Motion to approve FCR 2024-03 Bond Reimbursement. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.**

e. FCO 2024-07 Creation of Redwire TIF Non-reverting Fund

**Motion to approve, with unanimous consent, FCO 2024-07 Creation of Redwire TIF Non-reverting Fund. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.**

f. FCO 2024-08 Creation of Edwardsville School TIF Non-reverting Fund

**Motion to approve, unanimous consent, FCO 2024-08 Creation of Edwardsville School TIF Non-reverting Fund. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.**

g. 2023 Operations Annual Report

Don Lopp reviewed the Operations Annual Report for Local Roads, Streets and Bridges.  
**Motion to approve 2023 Operations Annual Report. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.**

h. Regional Park Master Plan Contract

Don Lopp stated the public input will start early summer. There will be a series of public meetings and public outreach for Community Park project portion and Regional Park portion.  
**Motion to approve the Regional Park Master Contract with SWT Design. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.**

i. Old Vincennes Road Contracts

Don Lopp said Dan Cristiani was awarded the contract in the amount of \$2,337,470.13. He said the project will start at Duffy Road and end at Tuscany Drive.

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

**Motion to approve the Strand Associates contract for Old Vincennes Road. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.**

j. Bridge 51 Update

Don Lopp said the letter that allows us to access the right of way funds that have been set aside was sent to INDOT. They have received environmental clearance. The appraisals and review appraisal are complete. The next step would be the process of purchase.

k. SBOA Compliance Report Revision

Don Lopp said the changes are in the reimbursement procedure regarding fund 1173, MVH restricted and 1197, Storm Water. He hopes to get final approval from SBOA in the next couple of weeks.

l. Veteran Service Office

Marti Snider, Veteran Service Officer, requested moving the office to the basement. She would like to hire a receptionist to help with phone calls. Their current office only has two rooms and more rooms are needed for privacy.

**Motion to allow Veterans Service Office to move from the first floor down to the Public Defender's office in the basement. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.**

m. Greenville ARP Amendment Water Project Request

Don Lopp said the Town of Greenville is requesting an amendment to their ARP project for meter installation. \$16,684.95 unallocated and would like to use for meters throughout their system. It is an allowable expense through ARP.

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

n. SITS Presentation

**Motion to table to have Mr. Fox look over documentation and take it back up at the April 23 meeting. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.**

o. Department Presentation – Facilities-TABLED

**Motion to table to a future time. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.**

p. North Tucker Road – Mikesell Agreement

Don Lopp stated there is a road extension from Brookline Trail. The extension of the road would go on the Mikesell property. The home was built in 1923 and the septic tank is in the front yard. The town of Georgetown has worked with him in term of tap fees. The Caesars grant would pay for the connection into the system. The lowest quote was Jeckers for \$11,250.00

**Motion to approve the Mikesell agreement. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Lopp said they received Temple and Temple contract for the starter construction on the culvert for \$312,470.00, being paid out of the Road and Bridge Bond, fund 9162.

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

q. Mowing Contract

Don Lopp said traditionally, the Commissioners and Parks Department have entered into an agreement with Crocodile Cutters for mowing the 4H Fairgrounds and the North Annex. The Fairgrounds has 18 acres at \$700.00 per mow and the North Annex is 7.8 acres at \$400.00 per mow. The Parks Department has approved their part of the contract.

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

**5. One Southern Indiana-Melissa Sprigler**

a. Annual Review and Financial Request

John Launis, Vice President and Director of Economic Development, introduced Lance Allison, the new President and CEO of One Southern Indiana. Mr. Launis presented an overview of their projects and accomplishments. He said he would hope to continue the investment relationship with County.

**6. Chief Probation Officer-Kelly Deuser**

a. FCO 2024-09 Establishing A Non-Reverting Fund for Community Foundation of Southern Indiana Probation Grant Fund #9164

**Motion to approve, with unanimous consent FCO 2024-09 Establishing A Non-Reverting Fund for Community Foundation of Southern Indiana Probation Grant Fund #9164. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.**

**7. American Legion Auxiliary Unit 42 Floyds Knobs-Shirley Ohta**

a. Approval of Road Block on Saturday, May 18, 2024.

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

## **8. LifeSpring Health Systems-Dr. Beth Keeney**

### **b. LifeSpring Resources**

Beth Keeney, CEO of Lifespring Health Systems, gave an update of the Community Mental Health Center. She reported Lifespring provided health care services to 3,189 Floyd County residents in 2023.

## **9. Board & Committee Reports**

Jason Sharp

- 3/21/24 EMS Advisory Board Meeting
- 3/27/ Special Commissioner Meeting on EMS
- 4/1/24 Joint Commissioner-Council Workshop
- 4/8/24 Plan Commissioner Meeting. There is a vacancy on the board.
- 4/12/24 Attended CASA Advocacy Rising Gala
- He read a letter from the Georgetown Fire Chief Banta

March 29, 2024

To: Jason Sharp, Commissioner

Board of Floyd County Commissioners/EMS Committee Chair

From: Oral W. Banta, Chief

Georgetown Township Fire Department

Re: Floyd County EMS Committee

After discussions with my Chief Staff, we are requesting that some issues be addressed by you as the EMS Committee Chair.

The first issue we think needs to be addressed is the fact that Brandon Alexander misrepresented the facts in a public meeting on March 21st concerning the preparedness of Highlander Fire Protection District's to assume ambulance service for the county, in particular the fact that the state certification was only two weeks from being obtained, when in fact the request for certification had not even been submitted until March 27th, which by the way, you revealed in the Special Floyd County Commissioner's Meeting conducted on March 27th. With the integrity of the EMS Committee now being questioned we feel that Mr. Alexander should be removed as a participating committee member.

It is also suggested that you reexamine the make-up of the EMS Committee to ensure that each Fire District is equally represented. We know that Highlander Fire Protection District has at least two members on your committee whereas the other districts was only requested for one. I am referring to Mr. Aponte, who is a member of the Board of Trustees for Highlander Fire Protection District, and the afore-mentioned Mr. Alexander who is not only an employee of the district, but also the president of the local IAFF union that represents the staff of the Highlander Fire Protection District. We acknowledge that Mr.

Aponte is an EMS veteran, and his input could be valuable to your committee, and therefore his membership should be sufficient representation for the Highlander Fire Protection District if you so choose for him to remain on your committee. There is also a need to ensure that the leadership of the Highlander Fire Protection District is not using personal relationships with any members of the committee to assert its influence as it pertains to recommendations and goals of your committee. As a result of your statement at the March 27th meeting, and other statements from other elected officials not involved with your committee, it is made to appear that the leadership of the Highlander Fire Protection District is using your committee for other ambitions such as the acquiring of the Georgetown Township Fire Protection District. Allow me to affirm at this point that at this time, the Georgetown Township Fire Protection District has not sought to merge with any other fire district, nor do we wish to be acquired by any other fire district.

With that being stated we also request that any discussion of "merger" or "acquisition" be left to the board of trustees of the involved district, and the focus of the EMS Committee should be on recommending the best available EMS service to the county.

Another item that should be looked at is now that New Chapel Fire and EMS is no longer a contender for the ambulance service contract, and to the point, that they are the current fire protection service provider for New Albany Township their input should be sought either directly through membership to your board or indirectly through the representative of New Albany Township on your board. Also, Franklin Township currently has no representation, and we feel their voice should be heard.

We also feel that due to a conflict of interest, no entity, whose intent is to offer ambulance service, at the expense of tax payer funding, should be allotted a vote or say when it comes to recommendation of such services to the Commissioners. It was noted that New Chapel Fire and EMS was not allotted the same opportunity that was given to Highlander Fire Protection District.

The final item. We acknowledge the accommodation made for Dr. Harris and Chief Mayfield to participate in the March 21st meeting, we request that those accommodation be afforded Chief Mayfield at each scheduled and un-scheduled meeting until such time he becomes mobile again.

In conclusion we want affirm our support for the commissioner's decision that was made on March 27th, and offer our continued support for the task that your EMS Committee has undertaken. We also request that these consideration listed receive serious thought to ensure that your EMS Committee retains its transparency, and integrity.

Respectfully,  
Oral W. Banta, Chief  
Georgetown Township Fire Department



### **John Schellenberger**

John Schellenberger stated, in response to the letter from Chief Banta, that it concerns him that the EMS Advisory Board has three very knowledgeable emergency room physicians. These are the people that receive the patients from the ambulances, first hand. They see the quality of care the patients are receiving.

- 3/20/24 met with Ronnie Tuell, Horacio Urieta and Cameron Voyles concerning a large culvert on Arthur Kaufman Road that's failing and came up with a plan to repair
- 3/20/24 went to Galena Digital Library concerning widening a roadway.
- 3/22/24 attended the RDA READI 2.0 presentation. Don Lopp did a fantastic job presenting three projects
- 3/22/24 joined Don Lopp, Sheriff Bush and the RDA directors as they toured the old Edwardsville School
- 3/27/24 attended the EMS Advisory Board meeting as they made the recommendation to not select either RFP.
- 3/27/24 spoke to a citizen for 2 hours about EMS
- 3/23/24 attended the Highlander Fire District Annual Appreciation Dinner where they recognized the firefighters and EMT for a job well done
- 4/1/24 attended Commissioner Council workshop discussing EMS
- 4/11/24 attended Farm Bureau spring meeting at Prosser. The Culinary School prepared a delicious dinner. They learned about the Hellbender being released in Indian Creek
- 4/12/24 attended the second annual gala at Hubers for CASA. He and his wife were CASA volunteers for several years. They are in need of volunteers.
- 4/13/24 attended IU Chancellor Medallion Scholarship and Award Banquet. They awarded scholarships to 4 juniors and 4 seniors. Dana Heaver and Gary Libs received Medallion Award.
- 4/15/24 Attended JRAC quarterly meeting. They are prepared to accept applications to distribute funds to organizations.

Al Knable said it's been a busy time and would be happy to share his list of Board and Committee engagements.

- **Approval of the Commissioners Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2024 and March 27, 2024**

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

- Approval of Payroll and Claims

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

**Next Commissioners Meeting:**

Monday, May 6, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

**Public**

Ashley Justice, Edwardsville-Galena Road, expressed her concern about speeders on her road. She has spoke to Sheriff Bush. He recommended putting a speed machine in her yard. She was asked to speak to Jason Sharp after the meeting.

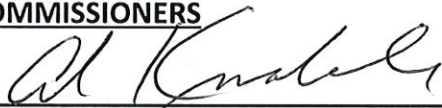
**Closing Comments**

John Schellenberger wanted to make everyone aware that April 27 is Pollinator Day at Purdue. He stated it was announced that our RDA will receive \$45 million for READI 2.0. Don Lopp put together the projects to present for consideration.

Jason Sharp gave a shout out to the Floyd County Sheriff Department and EMA for their assistance during the April 2 tornadoes in Jeffersonville. He also thanked some of the Council members and Commissioners Schellenberger and Knable for checking in on Jeffersonville.

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



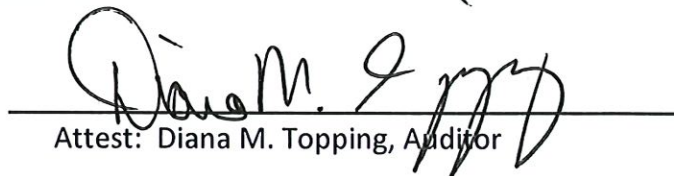
Al Knable, President



John Schellenberger, Vice President



Jason Sharp, Commissioner



Attest: Diana M. Topping, Auditor