

Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2025
6:00 P.M.

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

Present: President, Al Knable; Vice President, Jason Sharp and Frank Loop

Also Present: Attorney, Rick Fox; Auditor, Diana Topping; Chief Deputy Auditor, Gloria Jones; Sheriff, Steve Bush; and Councilpersons, Dale Bagshaw and Denise Konkle

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

Motion to add to the agenda, Representatives from Lumos; Floyd County Sheriff, Steve Bush, with an aviation MOU; and a Joint Resolution between Floyd County, Indiana and the New Albany-Floyd County Library District. Moved by Frank Loop. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

1. Callistus Smith Agency, Inc.-Glenn Smith

- a. Property and Liability Insurance Renewals

Glenn Smith, Callistus Smith Agency, reviewed the property, liability and workman's comp policies.

Motion to accept all the proposals that were presented from Callistus Smith Agency. Moved by Frank Loop. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

2. County Health Department-Anthony Lieber -TABLED

- a. FCO 2025-18 Retail Food Establishment and Bed and Breakfast Establishment
- b. FCO 2025-19 Establishing Swimming Pool Regulations

Motion to table 2a & b. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Frank Loop. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Lumos

Nick Creevy said on June 5, after reports of utility strikes, a stop work order was issued, particularly gas line strikes. After meeting with CenterPoint, Lumos and Fire Departments, they developed a plan of action. On June 23 work was allowed to start again. On June 27, the County was notified by residents of a water line strike. There were also strikes of another fiber optic line. The stop work order was reinstated. Darren Stout, a representative of Lumos, stated they take ownership of all strikes. They continually train monthly on safety.

Nick Creevy said Mr. Stout and his team have been very responsive to himself when he has requested information. Nick Creevy recommended to allow them to pull fiber that does not include additional drilling to allow the line locating to get ahead and slow down the drilling to 10,000-5,000 linear feet a week.

Al Knable said maybe a general slowdown is needed to make sure they don't get ahead of the

markings.

Jason Sharp said he agrees with Al Knable's assessment that they have put so many people on the ground and moved so fast that it's hard for anybody to catch up and it seems like the contractors are competing to get work done to get paid or whatever the issue is. He said training has been supplied to their personnel but it doesn't seem like anyone is applying it. He isn't sure there is an action plan he can buy in to.

Frank Loop said his issue is that there's someone from Lumos there when something happens so when residents or media calls them that they can refer them to Lumos. They shouldn't have to go looking for someone.

Mr. Stout gave out his business card with his contact information.

Frank Loop and Al Knable were in favor of following Nick Creevy's recommendation of, through this end of the current week pulling fiber and then reassessing Monday or Tuesday and letting them know whether he still feels that they should be allowed to drill at that point in time. Jason Sharp is not in favor of the recommendation. He would rather see a more detailed action plan.

3. Highlander Fire Protection District-Captain Young

a. EMS Discussion

Public- Billy Stewart said he believes in limited and small efficient government. We want the best EMS we can have for the best price. He asked the Commissioners to consider that when looking at these things. The tax payers are at their limit with higher property taxes along with inflation. He asked them to consider the cost. He said the Highlander Fire are passionate about doing the fire and EMS right. He said going to County owned EMS will cost the taxpayers a lot of money.

Captain, Keith Young, gave a presentation on call volume, data from the beginning of the year and their goals. Board President, Matt Smith, spoke on their debt. There has been no new debt that the Highlander Board has taken on since the Highlander Board has been put in place. There is a bond on a Lafayette station from 15-20 years ago. There is \$659,000.00 left on the bond. One engine from Greenville that has \$369,000.00 debt. A new engine for Lafayette with \$870,000.00 debt.

Jason Sharp asked why the new engine is not in service. Mr. Smith said the truck was ordered with the wrong specs during the former administration. It is too long to go down driveways. Mr. Sharp asked how they are going to pay for their goals they had mentioned. Mr. Smith said they need answers from the Commissioner on their plans after 2026 when their contract expires.

Frank Loop said they agreed to transport for the Coroner but they keep getting reports that they are refusing to transport. Captain Young said 911 calls take precedence over coroner transport. Mr. Loop asked, per the agreement, about the monthly reports they are to submit to the Commissioners.

Mr. Smith said they have 2-3 candidates for Chief position. The board would like to make a decision soon.

Jason Sharp said because of the recent legislation, he asked how they are going to pay for EMS. Mr. Smith said there is no current funding other than the County at this time.

4. County Assessor-Terry Watson

a. 2026-2030 Cyclical Reassessment RFB

Assessor, Terry Watson, said the current contract will expire the end of next year.

Motion to approve the request for contract bids for the cyclical reassessment. Moved by Frank Loop.

Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

5. County Engineer-Horacio Urieta

a. Old Vincennes Change Order

Horacio Urieta said the stationing for the length of the wall along the center line of the road is not the same as the length of the road outside the survey line. The cost of the change order is \$4,530.69.

Motion to approve. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Frank Loop. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Floyd County Sheriff-Steve Bush

a. CCSO-FCSO Aviation MOU

Motion to approve. Moved by Frank Loop. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

7. County Attorney-Fox Law Office

a. Property Sale/Transfer

Attorney, Rick Fox, said a quit claim deed has been prepared allowing the Library to purchase the Galena Digital Library for \$50,000.00

Motion to allow Commissioner Knable to sign the proper paperwork once he receives the check for the money outside the meeting. Moved by Frank Loop. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Termination of Interlocal Agreement-New Albany Floyd County Library District

Move to terminate the interlocal agreement with New Albany-Floyd County Public Library at the Galena Digital Library location. Moved by Frank Loop. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Joint Resolution

Attorney, Rick Fox, said the Joint Resolution states the property would be transferred for \$50,000.00. The agreement has to be approved by the Commissioners followed by the County Council, followed by the Library Board.

Motion to approve Floyd County Resolution 2025-16 on the Joint Resolution between Floyd County, Indiana and the New Albany-Floyd County Library District. Moved by Frank Loop. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

Rick Fox said another item included in the agreement has to do with Solid Waste that is out there. The County is agreeing to provide snow removal service to the parking lot and to the road while we still have the Solid Waste group there. The County has the right to leave at any time in the next 12 months for the Solid Waste services.

d. FCO 2025-20 Floyd County, Indiana, 2025 County Bridge Improvement Construction Fund #4502

Motion to approve, with unanimous consent, FCO 2025-20 Floyd County, Indiana 2025 County Bridge Improvement Construction Fund number 4502. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Frank Loop. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Amending FCO 2022-39 Establishing a Non-Reverting Fund for County General Capital Improvement Fund

Rick Fox, said the amendment is renaming the fund to County General Capital Improvement Fund.

Motion to approve, with unanimous consent, Amending FCO 2022-39 Establishing the Non-Reverting Fund for County General Capital Improvement Fund. Moved by Frank Loop. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Employee Recognition

The Commissioners recognized Road Department Superintendent, Ronnie Tuell, on his retirement. They appreciate his dedication and are sad to see him retire but are happy for him. Ronnie recognized the people in his department that helped him get the job done. The Commissioners presented Ronnie a Certificate of Appreciation.

9. Solicitation Permit-Moxie Pest Control - TABLED

Motion to table. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Frank Loop. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Board and Committee Report

Jason Sharp

- June 24 attended the Joint Meeting between the Council and Commissioners. EMS and the potential Judicial Center
- June 25 attended the Retirement celebration for Mr. Tuell

Frank Loop

- Has been spending time with Attorney Fox trying to settle cases
- Working with the Health Department with the renovations of the new building

Al Knable

- Had 3-4 Administrative meetings including meeting with concerned citizens about Galena sewage situation
- Met with Assured Partners
- Attended the Joint meeting
- Attended an event at Bob Lane Park for Caesars Foundation Awards

11. Approval of the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2025

Motion to approve. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Frank Loop. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Approval of Payroll and Claims

Motion to approve. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Frank Loop. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Auditor, Diana Topping, spoke about new legislation for the over 65 deduction. She also spoke about Ronnie Tuell and how he will be missed in the Auditor's office.

Sheriff, Steve Bush, said Ronnie Tuell's work ethic is unmatched and an invaluable asset to the County. He said the renovations are going well.

Linda Russell, spoke on mail she had received from funeral homes after she mentioned in a meeting about her mother's fake death certificate, fake obituary and headstone.

Al Knable congratulated Attorney, Rick Fox. He is going to be inducted into the Floyd Central High School Hall of Fame.

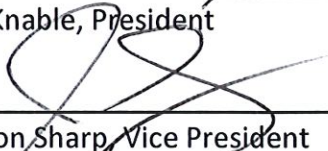
Motion to adjourn. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Frank Loop. Motion passed unanimously.

Approved on July 15, 2025.

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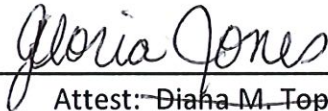
Al Knable, President



Jason Sharp, Vice President



Frank Loop, Commissioner



Attest: ~~Diana M. Topping~~, Auditor

Chief Deputy Auditor