# Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes April 15, 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:** Attorneys, Kristi Fox and Rick Fox; Auditor, Diana Topping; Chief Deputy Auditor, Gloria Jones; Sheriff, Steve Bush and Councilman, Dale Bagshaw

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

#### **New Business**

# 1. One Southern Indiana-Melissa Sprigler

a. Annual Review and Financial Request

John Launius, Vice President of Economic Development at 1 Southern Indiana, had a presentation of the scope of their contract and their services provided. He requested the support of Floyd County with a \$15,000.00 request.

Al Knable said he appreciates the great value they do. But with all the news coming out of Indianapolis they will have to have a discussion with County Council and asked for it to be on the next Joint meeting agenda.

#### 2. County Sheriff-Steve Bush

Sheriff, Steve Bush, asked for three proclamations approvals.

National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, April 13-19

National Correction Officers Week, May 4-10

Peace Officers Memorial Day, May 11- 15, as designated by Congress and the President of the United States

# The Commissioners are in support of the proclamations

a. Goelzer Group Contract Approval

Sheriff, Steve Bush, said the contract is a new fee schedule. He said about every 5 years they want to make sure they are analyzing their pension fund. The Merit Board decided to stay with Goelzer. The fees have come down. Sheriff Bush will sign the contract with the Commissioners' approval.

Motion to accept the contract for Goezler. Moved by Frank Loop. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

### b. TLO Agreement

Attorney, Kristi Fox, said they added above the signature line "Floyd County, Indiana for"

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

### 3. Director of Building and Development Services- Nick Creevy

a. OHM Professional Services Agreement

Nick Creevy said this contract will replace the contract for Central Square. The contract is \$38,000.00. Motion to accept OHM Professional Agreement. Moved by Frank Loop. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Service Agreement for Road Impact Fee Study

Nick Creevy said the Commissioners formed an Advisory Committee to investigate impact fees. The committee did an RFP and selected United. They requested United to put together a contract and a scope. The contract is for \$116,900.00. The scope would be the Highlander Point and Edwardsville growth districts.

Attorney, Kristi Fox, said it states they have jurisdiction in Marion County, Indiana and asked United Reps to change to Floyd County, Indiana, if they are going to approve the contract.

Dale Mann, a member of the Advisory Committee, said they pushed for the entire county but did not know the cost. He asked, since this is such a small area, if they would recoup the fees. The contract is for 5 years.

Al Knable asked Mr. Mann to get a package together for the Commissioners to get in the hands of Representatives and Senators.

Al Knable asked to schedule an update in July or August.

Motion to table the Service Agreement for Road Impact Fee Study. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Frank Loop. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Strand – Highway 150 Break

Nick Creevy said the total contract is for \$393,443.50. It is an 80/20 match project. The county share would be \$78,750.00. He said it the engineering for the intersection placed between Luther Road and Old Vincennes Road to connect either side of Highway 150, eventually with a connector route to Schreiber Road and, on the other side, to Lafayette Station.

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

d. DLZ Indiana – Baylor Wissman Road Reconstruction

Nick Creevy said the contract is for \$215,675.00 for Baylor Wissman Road from the hilltop to

Brookstone subdivision. They will reconstruct the roadway making it safer. He said the county share will be \$54,194.00.

Motion to approve the DLZ Indiana-Baylor Wissman Road Reconstruction project. Moved by Frank Loop. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

4. HMB – Bridge 38

Nick Creevy said the contract is for \$450,240.00 with county share of \$90,240.00.

Motion to approve HMB-Bridge 38 project. Moved by Frank Loop. Seconded by Jason Sharp.

Motion passed unanimously.

a. Blue River Services 5311 Grant

Roland Lemus, Regional Transportation Director with Southern Indiana Transit and Blue River Services, gave a presentation and requested \$20,000.00 to continue serving Floyd County. There are currently 63 Floyd County residents that use the service. Al Knable suggested tabling to let the attorneys look over and look at numbers that were served last year and come up with an amount that would be more

in line with X divided by 63.

Motion to table until May 6 meeting. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Frank Loop. Motion passed unanimously.

# 5. County Engineer- Horacio Urieta

a. Performance Bond Release for Spring of Old Georgetown Subdivision Horacio Urieta said phase one is completed and the developer is requesting the performance bond returned in the amount of \$158,075.00 and the maintenance bond for \$71,475.00. Motion to release the performance bond for the Spring of Old Georgetown Subdivision. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Frank Loop. Motion passed unanimously.

# 6. County Attorney-Fox Law Office

- a. FCO 2025-13 Construction and Review of County Contracts

  Motion to accept, with unanimous consent, FCO 2025-13 version without ACH. Moved by Frank

  Loop. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. FCO 2025-14 Revised Establishing Non-Reverting Fund for Solicitation Permit Attorney, Kristi Fox, said they are repealing FCO 2025-12 and implementing a new one with the correct fund number 4020.

Motion to accept, with unanimous consent, FCO 2025-14. Moved by Frank Loop. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. FCR 2025-07 Solid Waste Hiring Moratorium

  Jason Sharp said Solid Waste changed leadership last year from Mr. Stewart to Mr. Massengill. Due to the Senate Bill that was passed on 4/15/25 they are looking at what the state statute requires the county to deliver. The Solid Waste Board voted 6-0 to pass the moratorium.

  Motion to FCR 2025-07 Solid Waste Hiring Moratorium. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Frank Loop. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. FCR 2025-08 Approval of Purchase-3317 Grantline Road and Purchase Agreement Attorney, Kristi Fox, said the purchase is to house the Floyd County Health Department. The County Council has approved the purchase.

Motion to approve FCR 2025-08 Approval of Purchase-3317 Grantline Road and Purchase Agreement. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Frank Loop. Motion passed unanimously.

- e. Notice of Intent Floyd County Onsite Waste Water District

  Motion to approve Notice of Intent-Floyd County Onsite Wastewater District. Moved by Frank Loop.

  Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.
  - f. FCR 2025-09 Appointing Scott Waters as Hearing Officer Appointment for the Establishment of Onsite Waste Water District

Motion to approve FCR 2025-09 Appointing Scott Waters as Hearing Officer Appointment for the Establishment of Onsite Waste Water District. Moved by Frank Loop. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

## 7. Board and Committee Reports

### Frank Loop

- 4/2- attended State Board of Accounts annual training in Madison, geared toward Township Trustees but still covered new law
- 4/4 attended Health Department meeting reference to the new Floyd County Wastewater Management District
- 4/5 attended NRA banquet
- 4/9 Was a guest at Southern Indiana Building and Development Association at Hubers. He spent a couple hours listening to builders and developers about their issues at Floyd County
- 4/10 met with Erin Houchins Field rep-discussed issues about County Government
  - Lunch with Windsor Group
  - Dinner with Floyd County Farm Bureau
- 4/11 Supported CASA at their Auction and Dinner at Hubers
- 4/15 attended quarterly board meeting for JRAC

#### Al Knable

- 4/11 Supported CASA at their Auction and Dinner at Hubers
- Met with Senator Banks' new aides to get some movement on a couple projects
- Attended Redevelopment meeting
- Approval of the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for April 1, 2025

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

Approval of Payroll and Claims

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

# **Public Comment-Government Officials**

Auditor, Diana Topping, commended the Commissioners for being aware of the massive impact that SB-1 is going to have on local government and starting to put some wagons in the circle. The Council is going to have a large job ahead of them this year.

Councilman, Dale Bagshaw, expressed his disappointment of SB-1 passing and its impact on all local governments, not just counties.

### **Public Comment**

Dale Mann, Georgetown, said there are other options for recycling other than Solid Waste. Jackson County has a great program.

#### **Closing Remarks**

Jason Sharp said since the weather events that happened this spring he has heard stories, especially around the 111 corridor, of neighbors helping neighbors. He said Franklin Township Trustee, Charlie Moon, was extremely grateful for Floyd County EMA, especially Deputy Director Mauch, who has gone out of his way to make sure that communications were given to him on a daily basis so that could

disseminate to the people in that area.

Mr. Sharp commented on the passage of Senate Bill 1. He is not pleased with it and he thinks a lot of people were hoping for some meaningful property tax relief. It has a negative effect on public safety, schools, libraries and a lot of different districts. He thinks SB 1 puts everyone up for failure. He is disappointed with the Governor's office, State Senate and State House of Representatives, especially regarding Public Safety.

Al Knable agrees with Jason Sharp's comments. He said the brief coffee meetings he had with State Reps and State Senators, their comments were we can raise the Local Income Tax. Dr. Knable's suggestion was to take care of senior Hoosiers and give them meaningful property tax relief.

## **Today's Meeting**

Solid Waste @ 4:30 p.m.

# **Next Commissioners Meeting:**

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

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

Approved on May 6, 2025.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** 

Al Knable, President

Jason Sharp Vice President

Frank Loop, Commissioner

Attest: Diana M. Topping, Auditor