

**Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
May 20, 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; Council persons, Dale Bagshaw and Denise Konkle

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

Motion to add, by unanimous consent, New Business 2C Bridge 51 Repair Quote, New Business 3D Tower Pinkster ASR #3, New Business #5 B FCR 2025-12 Termination of United Consulting for Bridge 38 agreement, Item 5D Intern Contracts for Prosecutor's office, and Item 6A Convenience of Equipment Agreement to the Floyd County Sheriff's Department. Moved by Frank Loop. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

Al Knable said Item 3B IUS Change Order for Building 5 was removed from the agenda.

Old Business

1. County Engineer- Horacio Urieta

a. PASER Quote

Al Knable said this is the system they use to rate the roads in order of priority for paving.

Horacio Urieta said they had 3 quotes.

HWC Engineering - \$17,000.00

Beacon Street - \$14,000.00

SME Engineering - \$58,500.00

Motion to move forward with the lowest bid. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Frank Loop. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

2. County Engineer-Horacio Urieta

a. LPA-Consulting Contract for County Bridge Inspections 2026-2029

Horacio Urieta said the contract is for \$291,475.93.

Motion to approve the contract for American Structurepoint. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Frank Loop. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Paving Quotes-Novaparke

Horacio Urieta said Libs Paving was the lowest bid at \$84,610.00.

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

c. Bridge 51 Repair Quote

Horacio Urieta said there were 2 quotes. One from Dan Cristiani and one from Mac Construction. Mac Construction was the lowest bidder at \$119,945.00.

Motion to declare Bridge 51 repair an emergency. Moved by Frank Loop. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the bid for Mac Construction. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Frank Loop. Motion passed unanimously.

Al Knable said they had a successful hearing on our grounds in Clark County that conveyed property of the dam to Floyd County. Now the dam and the property it sits on are the property of Floyd County. They hope to get word back from Indianapolis so they can start the demolition of the dam.

3. Building & Development Services Director-Nick Creevy

a. Lusk HVAC Proposals

Nick Creevy said this is a maintenance agreement for Reisz, Pineview and the garage. The annual amount for the three combined is \$11,104.50 yearly.

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

~~b. IUS Change Order for Building 5 at Novapark~~ REMOVED

c. Blue River Services 5311 Grant

Nick Creevy said Blue River Services will be making the match contribution on our behalf. It will cost the County no money to approve the resolution. It will fulfill the Interlocal Agreement with Harrison County, who is the lead applicant on the grant.

Al Knable said passing the resolution obligates us to no funding this year nor any obligation to participate in 2026.

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

d. TowerPinkster ASR #03

Nick Creevy said this is for the Redwire Building. The tenant requested some reconfiguration of equipment layout. There is an additional service which will be paid for by the tenant.

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

e. FCR 2025-12 Termination of United Consulting for Bridge 38

Nick Creevy said since United Consulting was the Bridge designer, they will not be doing the inspection per INDOT preference.

Motion to approve FCR 2025-12 Termination of United Consulting contract for Bridge 38. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Frank Loop. Motion passed unanimously.

f. FCR 2025-11 Termination of JTL contract for Bridge 51

Nick Creevy said since JTL was the Bridge designer they will not be doing the inspection per INDOT preference.

Motion to approve FCR 2025-11 Termination of JTL contract for Bridge 51. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Frank Loop. Motion passed unanimously.

4. County Auditor-Diana Topping

a. Opioid Oversight Committee Approval

Auditor, Diana Topping, said the Oversight Committee would like to send up to 7 individuals to Gang Training in Chicago, IL. They are requesting the approval to move forward with the appropriation with the Council for \$13,500.00 to cover all the cost of training for seven individuals across multiple departments within the County.

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

5. County Attorney-Fox Law Office

a. FCR 2025-13 Termination of Inter-Local Agreement with the Floyd County Youth Services Bureau

Attorney, Rick Fox, read FCR 2025-13 Termination of Inter-Local Agreement in to the record. The Public Hearing will be Tuesday, June 24 at 5:00 pm

Motion to stipulate the time on the June 24th meeting at Pineview Government Center is at 5:00pm. Moved by Frank Loop. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

Al Knable said there are inaccurate statements going on. The headlines stating the County is evicting the Youth Services is misleading. No one is under the threat of eviction currently. They are following the stipulations stated in the Inter-local agreement to give ample time if and when they were ever to sell the building. Built into the inter-local agreement is a 90-day notice period and at least a 180-day period to follow, which takes us to February of 2026. And, in all likely hood, they will be open to extending that. The County will be leaving the Pineview Center, streamlining their real estate portfolio.

Public Comment:

Tim Harbison, 3820 Edwardsville Galena Road, Georgetown, spoke about a neighbor girl that was helped by the Floyd County Youth Shelter. He would rather have his tax money helping kids and not spend on a building to house a new courthouse so we can try them as adults.

Ellen Morrison Kelley, 35 Bellewood Crt, New Albany, is a 30-year veteran social worker and has worked with many of the kids that have been through the youth shelter. It is fiscally responsible to take care of these kids. If they don't, it will cost our government 10 times the amount of money to take care of them as adults. She said there has been no communication between the Commissioners and the Youth Shelter staff. She said the sale of the building should be contingent on the shelter finding a new location.

Alisha Collett, Open Door Youth Services, quoted some of the youths she councils on what the youth shelter has done for them.

Mary Klein, 3804 Pine Creek Circle, said her husband, Vince Klein, started the Youth Shelter because the need was so great. The Youth Shelter provides the services with their own funds. She said when they move, they must follow state requirements.

Sam Rosenthal, Open Door Youth Services, 1736 Deerwood Ave, Louisville, KY, worked with Open Door Youth for 7-1/2 years. He said it is a positive resource and positive part of this community. He asked the Commissioners to consider the youths' lives are in their hands.

Sherry Cockrell, 3024 Julian Dr, said the care that Open Door Youth Services give and that Leah and her crew are so immensely dedicated to the vulnerable children.

Valerie Mulholland, 7114 Crystal Springs Drive, Sellersburg, is an employee of Open Door Youth Services. She asked that they work with them to find an adequate timeline to allow their services to exist in the same capacity that their local leaders intended in 1982.

Samantha Escobar, 5103 Everette Ave, Floyds Knobs, spoke on adverse childhood experiences. She said places like Open Door Youth Services have sexual abuse education and prevention. They provide diagnostic and evaluation services.

Kimberly Gessford, 601 East Oak St. New Albany, is a social worker for over 15 years. As a previous DCS caseworker and a therapist for teens and adolescents, she has seen the importance of having programs like Open Door Youth Services. She said the Commissioners would consider extensions, if needed, but the resolution doesn't state that.

Sara Glass, 3822 Dalebrook Dr, New Albany, said Open Door is unique. She has a granddaughter who is currently a social worker in Tennessee. They have no services like Open Door and have to monitor the children themselves. It has been a blessing for the unfortunate children in our community. They need time to find an adequate place.

Melinda Borie, 807 East Main St., New Albany, said she doesn't know how people would sleep at night if the specific needs of the shelter were not met in their new location.

Lane Stumler, 1905 Coachman Dr., New Albany, said 90 days and an additional 180 days isn't adequate for them to find a place and move, in his opinion.

Scott Clarke, 1003 East Markey St., New Albany, said Floyd County only recognizes 68 homeless individuals. They need to reconsider getting rid of the building because the administrators in our federal administration is cutting and slashing programs to the point where we don't have anywhere for these people to go.

Jonna Farnsley, 1003 East Market Street, New Albany, asked when did the fiscal profile become more important than the residents of our county, the most underserved residents.

Leah Pezzarossi, Open Door Youth Services Director, said she was told a week and one half ago that they will need to be out of the building by the end of the year.

Jason Sharp said he was the one that spoke with Ms. Pezzarossi and clearly stated this was going to be on the agenda for this meeting. He said she showed interest in wanting to possibly buy the Pineview Building. He said at no point were they in danger of being evicted. There was a target date given within the year but if it ran past that date the Commissioners would work with them.

Al Knable said the Interlocal agreement states 90 days plus 180 takes them to February 2026 unless agreed upon by both parties. He said his predecessors signed the Interlocal agreement but the agency never did.

Attorney, Rick Fox, said the County does not have an agreement that the Floyd County Youth Services Bureau has approved or executed.

Councilwoman and Youth Shelter Board member, Denise Konkle, asked the Commissioners to reconsider not passing the resolution at this time. She would like a bullet point be added to ensure the youth shelter has a place to be until they are able to find a place and sufficiently remodel to house the youth of our county.

Al Knable said it is obvious this is something people are passionate about. He thinks a lot of the emotions on display would not have been there if this had been responsibly reported. The word eviction was never used. He said he has discussed several times publicly in the last 18 months the intention of the county to move away from this facility. There will be lots of other meetings

taking place between now and the eventual sale of the building. He has had two people that reached out to him about housing opportunities for them. He is going to push for a full year from June 1, as long as, they see that progress and good faith efforts are being made on both sides. He said Don Lopp has agreed to act as a liaison with regards to taking incoming calls and go on site visits with the youth shelter.

Motion to accept FCR 2025-13, as written. Moved by Frank Loop. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Intern Contracts for Prosecutor's Office

Attorney Rick Fox said the contract agreement begin on May 19, 2025 through September 1, 2025, paying \$15.00 an hour. The contracts are for Finn Railey and Alec Elrod.

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

6. Floyd County Sheriff-Steve Bush

a. Conveyance of Equipment Agreement

Sheriff, Steve Bush said the agreement is for upgrading the fingerprint equipment in the book-in area.

Motion to accept the Conveyance of Equipment Agreement. Moved by Frank Loop. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Board and Committee Report

- Approval of the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for May 6, 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.

Next Commissioners Meeting:

Tuesday, June 3, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Abigail Russell is one of the many youths that benefitted from the services of Open Door Youth Services. She was there from the time she was 15 years old until her 19th birthday. Without the services she would not have been able to obtain a drivers license, graduate from high school, obtain her first job or learn basic life skills. She said she is the face of what these services can do and hopes that impacts the Commissioners in some way.

Linda Russell, said she received a fake death certificate, fake obituary, and fake marker on behalf of her mother and herself. She demanded the Board of Commissioners to give her the death certificate, the numbers on stone be corrected and redo the obituary.

Joseph Moore, Georgetown Township, asked if they could get a buyer for Pineview and Youth Shelter could be their tenants. He said Knob Hill apartments are putting in bright glaring lights.

Jason Sharp thanked the people that reached out to him and his wife in the passing of his father-in-law.

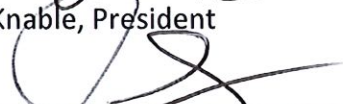
Motion to adjourn. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Frank Loop. Motion passed unanimously.

Approved on June 3, 2025.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Al Knable, President



Jason Sharp, Vice President



Frank Loop, Commissioner



Attest: Diana M. Topping, Auditor