

Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
June 17, 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; Attorney, Kristi 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. Floyd County Health Department-Anthony Lieber & Brian Pahner

a. FCO 2025-16 Establishing Onsite Wastewater Management District

Public - Attorney, Steve Lohmeyer, spoke on behalf of the estate of Jack Posey. The house can not be sold because it doesn't have a working septic system. He asked them to approve Onsite Organic Waste Disposal systems.

Anthony Lieber, Floyd County Health Dept., stated in 2023 Indiana Code was amended for the resident use of NPDES residential discharging systems. In order to do this a wastewater management district must be formed and the homes must be part of the district. It is only a residential rescue system after all other options have been exhausted.

Motion to approve, with unanimous consent, FCO 2025-16 Establishing Onsite Wastewater Management District. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Frank Loop. Motion passed unanimously.

b. FCR 2025-14 Notice of Septic District Advertisement

Motion to approve FCR 2025-14 Notice of Septic District Advertisement. Moved by Frank Loop. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

Attorney, Rick Fox, formally tendered to the Commissioners the decision of Scott Waters, the hearing officer, with regards to the Onsite Wastewater Management District.

c. Car Seat Inspection Station Contract

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

2. Lumos Presentation

Public- Lili Lutgens, 4303 Emerald Way, New Albany, said Lumos was great when they were putting fiber optics in her neighborhood.

George Kemp, director of construction relations for Lumos, spoke of the practices of Lumos. He said if they find out that their contractors are not meeting their standards, they fire them.

Al Knable said he was surprised by the content of his presentation because if everything was as rosy as he said they would have never issued a stop work order.

Jason Sharp said the County had some very serious issues involving natural gas and some other utilities. They had issues with holes being left in people's yards and their property disrupted. He would like to see a real change, making sure the people out there have been taken care of before rescinding the stop work order.

Nick Creevy said they had a productive meeting with Lumos, Centerpoint and fire representatives.

ve a good action plan regarding the safety items.

3. Building & Development Services Director-Nick Creevy

a. FCO 2025-17 Establishing a Non-Reverting Fund for Broadband TIF Fund #4511
Public-Dale Mann Georgetown, asked to have the Broadband TIF ordinance explained before voting on it.

Nick Creevy said the ordinance is to create a fund to receive TIF proceeds.

Auditor, Diana Topping, said the county has collected on Broadband TIF for three settlements. It had been conjoined with the Highlander TIF as far as receipted purposes. This ordinance is to establish a holding fund.

Nick Creevy said the monies can be spent on capital improvements within the TIF allocation area.

Motion to approve, with unanimous consent, FCO 2025-17 Establishing a Non-Reverting Fund for Broadband TIF Fund #4511. Moved by Frank Loop. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Floyds Knobs Water Utility Permitting Request

Danny Standiford discussed three items that he would like the Commissioners to consider. The first item was Road cut permit fees for emergency work. The issues that come up after business hours.

The second item concerned an invoice that he sent to the County for \$23,801.45 to abandon the 4-inch cast iron main on Old Vincennes Road. The Water Company is hoping to utilize some of the ARP funds that were left over from other projects.

The third issue is on the Northwest corner of Schreiber and Old Vincennes Roads. The main is in the way of the install of the storm drain and some concrete structures that go with the storm drain. Cristiani's crew believes they can get the storm pipe installed around the water main. It will leave the 8-inch water main in the new intersection. He asked if they would like the water main removed so it is not in the intersection. The estimate to relocate the water main is approximately \$9,105.00.

The Commissioners will take all three items under advisement.

c. Acceptance of the Paoli Pike Pedestrian Study

Rob Huckabee with Clark Deitz, presented the Paoli Pike sidewalk master plan. The project would go from Buffalo Trail to Highway 150. The cost would be \$4 million for the phase that is from East Luther and Buffalo Trail and another \$2 million to continue to Highway 150.

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

4. New Employee Announcement- Al Knable

The Commissioner announced new employees and positions.

Stan Heil as Floyd County Chief Financial Officer effective July 1.

Donnie Haire as Director of Facilities

Brenda Gray as Administrative Assistant

Nick Creevy as Chief Operations Officer

5. County Attorney-Fox Law Office

a. County Building Triple Net Lease Agreement

Attorney, Rick Fox, said the Building Authority was set up for bonding purposes for the City County Building when it was built. They also took on additional responsibilities of management of the building. The County has decided to take over the management of the building but the Building Authority owns the building.

The Commissioners thanked Bill Fender for the work he had put into the Building Authority Board.
Motion to accept the County Building Triple Net Lease Agreement, as written. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Frank Loop. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Termination of Employee Contract

Attorney, Kristi Fox said Stan Heil's contract agreement will be terminated since he is now an employee of the county, effective June 30 at midnight.

Motion to approve the termination of employee contract. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Frank Loop. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Contract Employee Agreement

Attorney, Kristi Fox, said the contract is for Suzanna Worrall for her services in taking care of the different functions of the new Chase building that was purchased last November. The contract is limited from November 1, 2024 to July 1, 2025 for a set amount of \$3,000.00

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

d. FCO 2025-18 Intent and in Favor of Dissolving the Solid Waste District

Public – Lili Lutgens asked that while they are considering cutting Solid Waste that they think about transitioning into something where private enterprise takes over.

Attorney, Kristi Fox, said it is not a mandatory requirement in the State of Indiana to have a Solid Waste District. This Ordinance will start the discussion of dissolving the district and considering different options.

Motion to approve, with unanimous consent, FCO 2025-18 Intent and in Favor of Dissolving the Solid Waste District. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Frank Loop. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Mowing Contract

They received 3 quotes for NovaParke. Lamb's was the lowest.

Motion to accept the low bid from Lamb's Lawn Service and Landscaping to cut and trim grass areas at NovaParke. Moved by Frank Loop. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

f. Knowink Master Agreement

Attorney, Rick Fox, said this contract has to do with poll books for the Election Board. The current vendor, VR Systems, moved out of state. Knowink currently serves 79 Counties in Indiana. The cost of the poll books is \$111,275.00

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

6. County Auditor-Diana Topping

a. Opioid Oversight Committee Approval

Auditor, Diana Topping, had sent information to the Commissioners detailing the items that the Opioid Oversight Committee had gone over and their recommended approvals. The items listed were software for the prosecutor's office along with some equipment, as well as, some additional equipment for the SIU team, equipment for NAPD to deploy actually out in the community while utilizing the fight of the drug influx in the community. It will require an additional appropriation from the Council. She commended the officers they have worked with on the board. They don't ask for things they don't actually need and don't buy it if they are not going to use it.

Jason Sharp said he has had really good conversations with Mr. Banks' office regarding the way Floyd County has outlined and handled the Opioid settlement money.

Auditor Topping said she brags at conferences about what the Commissioners did with the unrestricted funds.

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

7. Announcement of County Building Names

City County Building is now the Floyd County Judicial Center

Chase Building on Spring Street is now Floyd County Government Center

Chase Building on Grant Line Road is now Floyd County Department of Health Human Services and Inspection Center

8. Board and Committee Report

Jason Sharp

- Attended Opioid Committee Meeting
- Attended County Council Workshop with Baker Tilly Presentation discussing the impact of Senate Bill 1.

Al Knable

- 6/5/25 – Closed on the Floyd County health Department building
Met with Building Reps for the Floyd County Government Center
 - 6/11/25 – Caesars Foundation meeting
Had a discussion with Parks Department
 - 6/12/25 – Met with Lumos
 - Last week interviewed several applicants for the new Superintendent of the Road Department
 - 6/17/25 – Redevelopment Commission
Solid Waste meeting
- Approval of the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for June 3, 2025

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

- Approval of Payroll and Claims

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

Public

Rhonda Iglasius, New Albany, offered to volunteer to do research or get public comment concerning recycling. She has been recycling for 25 years and wants to make the world for her grandkids.


She lives on a private drive with 11 residents and would like direction on what they can potentially do for it to be a County Road.

Linda Russell discussed her mother's fake death certificate, obituary and headstone. She also discussed some mail she had received.

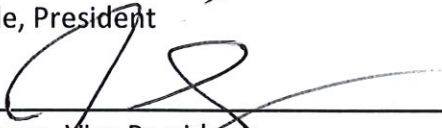
Motion to adjourn. Moved by Frank Loop. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

Approved on July 1, 2025.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS




Al Knable, President



Jason Sharp, Vice President



Frank Loop, Commissioner



Attest: Diana M. Topping, Auditor