

Floyd County Council  
Minutes  
September 10, 2024  
4:00 P.M.  
Pineview Government Center  
Commissioners Meeting Room #104

Danny Short called the meeting to order and led the *Pledge of Allegiance*

Roll Call – Full Quorum

Also Present- Attorney, April Geltmaker; Auditor, Diana Topping; Chief Deputy Auditor, Gloria Jones; Sheriff, Steve Bush and Public Defender, Matt Lorch

Tony Toran led the invocation.

Acceptance of the Agenda

Motion to approve. Moved by Dale Bagshaw. Seconded by Tony Toran. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes 8-13-24 Public Hearing

8-13-24 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve. Moved by Dale Bagshaw. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.

Public

Old Business

1. Blessings in a Backpack – (OB#1)

a. *Donation of \$10,000.00 out of Riverboat  
7303-000-3000-64 Community Projects*

Motion to approve OB 1a. Moved by Tony Toran. Seconded by Denise Konkle. Motion passed 6-1. Connie Moon opposed.

New Business

1. Floyd County Council Resolution 2024-03 (NB#1)

*Resolution of the Floyd County Council Approving a Lease with the Floyd County,  
Indiana Building Corporation, Pledging Cumulative Capital Development Fund  
Revenues to the Payment of Lease Rentals thereunder and Approving Matters  
Related thereto*

Brad Bingham, Barnes and Thornburg, said the Commissioners signed the purchase agreement for the Chase Building as part of the sequence to provide a new county office space for the county office holders. The purchase price was \$8,000,650.00. There's also some needed renovations and equipment to make it usable for the county's needs. They are going through

a lease financing structure. A non-profit building corporation is created. They actually borrow the money. They then buy the asset and then lease it back to the county. The county makes lease rental payments to pay the bonds. Once the bonds are gone then the property, by law and by lease terms, has to be transferred to the county.

**Motion to approve Floyd County Resolution 2024-03. Moved by Connie Moon. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.**

**2. ATOD Task Force – Rhonda Boyd-Alstott (NB#2)**

*a. Request for Additional Appropriation*

*Fund: County Drug Free Community*

*Current Unappropriated Fund Balance: \$72,495.03*

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
1148	000	3000	01	ATOD Grant	\$ 44,380.70	\$ 44,380.70

**Motion to approve 2a. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Tony Toran. Motion passed unanimously.**

**3. Parks and Rec – Matt Denison (NB#3)**

*a. Request for Additional Appropriation*

*Fund: County Parks and Rec Admin*

*Current Unappropriated Fund Balance: -\$247,562.77*

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
1219	000	3000	05	Liability Insurance	\$ 7,602.22	\$ 7,602.22

**Motion to approve 3a. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.**

**4. Public Defender – Matt Lorch (NB#4)**

*a. Request for Transfer*

*Fund: County General –Public Defender*

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	Inc/ Dec	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1000	271	1000-09 <i>Line Bal: \$500.00</i>	D	Conference	\$ 500.00
1000	271	3000-08	I	Pauper Transcript Fees	\$ 500.00
1000	271	2000-02 <i>Line Bal: \$434.25</i>	D	Postage	\$ 434.24
1000	271	3000-08	I	Pauper Transcript Fees	\$ 434.24

**Motion to approve 4a. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.**

## 5. Floyd County EMA – Kent Barrow(NB#5)

### a. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: County General-EMA

Current Unappropriated Fund Balance: \$526,869.72

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
1000	361	2000	08	Equipment Supplies	\$ 3,075.80	\$ 3,075.80

**Motion to approve 5a. Moved by Tony Toran. Seconded by Brad Striegel. Motion passed unanimously.**

### b. Request for Transfer

Fund: County General-EMA

Line Bal: \$1,500.00

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	Inc/Dec	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1000	361	3000-18	D	Siren Repair	\$ 722.83
1000	361	2000-09	I	Clothing Allowance	\$ 722.83

**Motion to approve 5b. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Tony Toran. Motion passed unanimously.**

## 6. Director of Operations– Don Lopp (NB#6)

### a. Request for New Line Item

4509-000-4000-01 Construction

**Motion to approve 6a. Moved by Connie Moon. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.**

### b. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: Redwire TIF Non-Reverting Fund

Current Unappropriated Fund Balance: \$6,070,000.00

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
4509	000	4000	01	Construction	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00

**Motion to approve 6b. Moved by Tony Toran. Seconded by Brad Striegel. Motion passed unanimously.**

### c. Request for New Line Item

4400-000-3000-01 Debt Service

**Motion to approve 6c. Moved by Dale Bagshaw. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously. Motion passed unanimously.**

### d. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: Redwire TIF Debt Service

Fund Balance: \$0.00

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED

4400	000	3000	01	Debt Service	\$ 515,729.12	\$ 515,729.12
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Motion to approve. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

*e. Request for Additional Appropriation*

Fund: Local Road & Street

Current Unappropriated Fund Balance: - \$161,650.75

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	Line	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
1169	000	3000	02	Repair Equipment	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00

Motion to approve 6e. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

**7. Floyd County Assessor – Terry Watson (NB#7)**

*a. Request for Transfer*

Fund: Reassessment/Mapping

Line Bal: \$847.90

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	Inc/Dec	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1188	000	3000-01	D	Level's Bonuses	\$ 417.70
1188	000	2000-02	I	Plat room Office Supplies	\$ 417.70

Motion to approve 7a. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Tony Toran. Motion passed unanimously.

**8. Floyd County Auditor – Diana Topping (NB#8)**

*a. Request for Additional Appropriation*

Fund: County General - Commissioner

Current Unappropriated Balance: \$444,431.07

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	Line	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
1000	068	1000	07	Group Health Insurance	\$ 512,652.24	\$ 512,652.24

Motion to approve 8a. Moved by Connie Moon. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

*b. Request for New Line Item*

8897-000-1000-04 Title IV-D Coordinator Supplemental

Motion to approve 8b & c. Moved by Tony Toran. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.

*c. Request for Additional Appropriation*

Fund: Prosecutor Title IV-D

Current Unappropriated Balance: \$278,974.79

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	Line	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
8897	000	1000	04	Title IV-D Coordinator Supplemental	\$ 2,178.25	\$ 2,178.25

**Motion to approve 8b & c. Moved by Tony Toran. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.**

**d. Request for New Line Item**

9143-000-1000-31 Administrative Assistant 3

**Motion to approve 8d & e. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.**

**e. Request for Transfer**

*Fund: Community Corrections Adult EY*

*Line Balance: \$25,822.72*

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	Inc/ Dec	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
9143	000	1000-21	D	Admin Asst 2	\$ 11,000.00
9143	000	1000-31	I	Admin Asst 3	\$ 11,000.00

**Motion to approve 8d & e. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.**

**f. Request for Transfer**

*Fund: County General - Superior Crt 2*

*Line Balance: \$2,500.00*

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	Inc/ Dec	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1000	226	2000-05	D	Computer Supplies	\$ 2,500.00
1000	226	3000-02	I	Maint & Equip	\$ 2,500.00

**Motion to approve 8f. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.**

**9. Floyd County Council (NB#9)**

***a. Floyd Co Ordinance 2024-10 September 10, 2024 Transfers***

**Motion to approve. Moved by Dale Bagshaw. Seconded by Brad Striegel. Motion passed unanimously.**

***b. Sheriff's Department Contracts***

***Merit Officers Contract***

Brad Striegel read a statement concerning the Bargaining Committee process. He apologized to the men and women of the Sheriff's Department that got caught up in the middle of dysfunction that exists on this council. He stated the members of the Bargaining Committee

did not share information with the rest of the Council and was a disservice to not replace the person that left the Bargaining Committee.

Connie Moon stated the same process was used when the Dispatch Contract was approved. She trusted the Council members that was on that Committee did their job and no information was shared with the rest of the Council.

Jim Freiberger stated he was on the Committee and voiced concerns after the first meeting. By the second meeting an offer had been made without him knowing the details of it. He is perturbed with the Commissioners for not discussing this with Council before approving the contract. He thought the Commissioners should have made concessions to offset the cost. Denise Konkle said this process was not handled well. It was never a no for her but she wanted more information before voting.

Dale Bagshaw said, in his opinion, this contract is no different than any other contract. It is the Council job to fund what the Commissioners pass.

Tony Toran said the delayed decision was not necessarily a decision denied. They asked for information and have now received it. He thanked all the individuals who did come together, the Auditor, Sheriff's Department, the members of the Council that was forthcoming with the information they needed.

**Motion to approve 9b Merit Officers' contract. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed 6-1. Jim Freiberger opposed.**

Officer, Cody Brewer, thanked Council on behalf of the Merit Officers and the Bargaining Committee for working this out, working with them and helping them get better with the process.

#### *Corrections Officer Contract*

Brad Striegel would like clarification is regarding sick time. He said about 70% of the Correction Officers are on a 12 hour shift and about 30% are on an 8 hour shift.

Phillip James said he would like to add the verbiage 8 regularly schedule work days. He read section 19.2 of the contract. Corrections Employees shall be entitled to 8 regularly scheduled work days per year, which shall accrue as the first day of each calendar year.

**Motion to approve Corrections Officer Contract with the caveat that there's a memorandum of understanding put in there about sick time with the verbiage change in 19.2 of the contract that was read into the record. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed 6-1. Jim Freiberger opposed.**

#### *c. EMS LIT/Public Safety LIT*

##### *Ordinance 2024-08 Modifying Local Income Tax Rates*

Danny Short said he wanted to revisit Public Safety Tax. It is more flexible. If they combine the Public Safety Tax with the redistribution of the LIT rates it will come to a total of \$8.8 million. It could ease budgets for Community Corrections and Probation if they have a bad year with grants. It could free up General Fund monies that's going to the Sheriff's Department. It provides funds for Georgetown, Greenville and Highlander for Public Safety. It

would be LIT rate of .5%. EMS LIT at .20 I would be \$150.00 per year for someone earning \$75,000.00. Public Safety LIT would be \$375.00 per year. Connie Moon said they need to know the magic number that they need. They could do more with the Public Safety LIT than the EMS LIT. Denise Konkle said they shouldn't put a tax in until they understand what they need. She said they need an EMS tax for the next two years and need to cover \$1.3 million. She said they could do a .1% which is \$50.00 on someone making \$50,000.00 a year. She will only go to her constituents for what is needed now. Dale Bagshaw said we would give a lot of money to other entities with the Public Safety LIT. He said they need to see what the County needs not worry about the other entities. He is uncomfortable giving ungrateful people a lot of money then they say they don't raise taxes but the County raises taxes all the time.

### **Committee Reports**

Connie Moon reported on JRAC. They have received numerous applications for the JRAC grant. A group has been formed to review the applications and make their recommendations. It will go to the Commissioners in October.

Auditor, Diana Topping, said she has lived in Floyd County the majority of her life, been a County employee since 2015 and became an elected official since January 2023. She asked them to stop kicking the can down the road. Don't just fix the current problem. It is their job to come up with a sustainable plan, to manage the County's finances in a healthy way so they are not back at this next year or the next.

### **Public**

A gentleman from Greenville said he agrees with Auditor Topping. They need to quit kicking it down the road and raise taxes if it is needed. He said Highlander Fire Department was basically set up to take the pressure off of Greenville Township. He said now Greenville Township has \$300,000.00 sitting there. Why don't they ask Greenville to help out. He asked why the county doesn't sell the property on Grantline Road.

**Motion to adjourn. Moved by Dale Bagshaw. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.**

Signed the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024

**FLOYD COUNTY COUNCIL**

Danny Short

Danny Short, President

Connie Moon

Connie Moon, Vice President

Dale Bagshaw

Dale Bagshaw, member

Jim Freiberger

Jim Freiberger, member

Denise Konkle

Denise Konkle, member

Brad Striegel

Brad Striegel, member

Tony Toran

Tony Toran, member

Diana M. Topping

ATTEST, Diana M. Topping, Auditor