

**Meeting Minutes  
Board of Commissioners  
2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104  
New Albany IN 47150  
December 21, 2021**

Shawn Carruthers called the meeting to order and led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

**Present:** President Shawn Carruthers, Vice President John Schellenberger and Tim Kamer(virtual)

**Also Present:** Attorney Rick Fox, Assessor James Sinks, Auditor Jacqueline Wenning, Sheriff Frank Loop and Council member Denise Konkle.

Shawn Carruthers led a moment of silence for the residents that have been touched by COVID and the tornado victims in Kentucky

**New Business:**

The Commissioners presented ARP funding awards to 9 of the 28 Local Non-Profits impacted by the pandemic. The beneficiaries acknowledged were Big Brothers/Big Sisters, CASA, Clean Socks, Homeless Coalition of Southern Indiana, Hope Southern Indiana, St Elizabeth, Salvation Army, Rauch and YMCA.

**1. Approval of Annual Bids**

**Motion to accept the bids excluding bids for guardrails. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.**

**2. Mainstream Fiber-Zach Stephens**

a. Progress Update

Zach Stephens gave an update on the Broadband expansion. He stated, as of now, they have only a few outlying sections of individual census block that still need to have their last laterals run to be connected by the end of 2021. They currently have between 160 and 180 active customers and have over 200 customers somewhere in the installation workflow. There is an extended installation time because it is new infrastructure. He stated the next step of expansion is running into complications for state level funding because of other providers requesting funding in the same areas.

**3. County EMA Director-Kent Barrow**

a. FCO 2021-29 2020 Establishing MHMP Grant Fund # 8112

**Motion to pass with unanimous consent FCO 2021-29 Establishing MHMP Grant Fund 8112. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.**

**4. Stormwater Director-Chris Moore**

a. Stormwater User Fee Policy

b. FCO 2021-30 System of Stormwater Management User Fees

**Motion to approve with unanimous consent FCO 2021-30 System of Stormwater Management User Fees. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously**

**5. Building Authority – Aaron Combs**

Aaron Combs gave a summary of 2021. He stated that in 2021 they assessed and quantified the condition of the City County Building and its systems. The need for renovations is unchallengeable. The preliminary design is complete but are only 15% into the projects.

Step 1- The County Commissioners, along with the County Council, must confirm what the County can afford or are willing to spend on the transformation of the City County Building into a Judicial Center. They would like a decision by the end of January 2022.

Step 1a – Confirmation of target budget that will enable the architect to proceed with design development. This stage will take 4-6 months.

Step 2 – Commissioners authorized the Building Authority a request for information to measure private sector interest in developing the Grant Line Road Annex to a new county administrative center. The plans could also include Lifespring and the New Albany Floyd County Library, who is considering an annex similar to the one in Galena. This development could be known as the Floyd County Government and Community Center. The replies of the RFIs are due by the end of January.

Step 3 – Reducing the potential financing obligations for taxpayers takes three forms. The financial advisors have offered a preliminary assessment of four financing scenarios for the Judicial Center.

Step 4– Following the adoption of a budget and initiation of design development the architect and engineers will recommend a range of delivery options for review. This step will also include the initial development of a phasing plan that will address the continuation of government operations of judicial and administrative during the renovation project.

#### **6. Director of Operations-Don Lopp**

##### **a. Plat – Westfield Section 2**

**Motion to approve Plat for Westfield-Section 2. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously**

##### **b. EMA – Radio Agreement**

EMA Director, Kent Barrow, stated they would like to purchase new Motorola Radios for the Highway Department and Prosecutor’s office. The current radios were purchased in 2006. The new radios will be supported by the state.

**Motion to approve FCR-2021-17 the Board of Commissioners of Floyd County, Indiana for Certified Lessee Resolution for the lease with Motorola Solutions. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion to approve the contract with Motorola for the purchase of 427 radios in the amount \$2,542,260.00. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.**

##### **c. American Rescue Plan**

##### **FCO 2021-31 Amending ARP Plan**

Shawn Carruthers excused himself because of conflict of interest.

Don Lopp stated the inclusion of New Albany Floyd County Educational Foundation for \$25,000.00 and an Additional \$20,000 for HYR due to clerical omissions in the original plan.

Don Lopp stated the additions to the ARP Plan for areas with failing septic. He added East Knable for \$150,000.00, Tunnel Hill for \$200,000.00 and Whipperwill for \$550,000.00. This will bring the total for sanitary sewer to \$1,560,000.00 in allocation in the plan.

He asked to fund the local portion of the EMA radios through ARP funding and the Legacy Foundation Silo Funding through fund 9130.

**Motion to approve the \$25,000.00 for the Educational Foundation, \$20,000.00 for HYR, funding for sewers for Buffalo Trace, Altawood, East Knable, Tunnel Hill and Whipperwill Suidivision and \$250,000.00 from ARPA Lost Revenue for EMA Radios in addition to Legacy and or the EDIT Fund. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion to approve with unanimous consent FCO 2021-31 Floyd County Board of Commissioners Ordinance amending the American Rescue Plan Implementation Plan. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.**

d. Update Broadband

Don Lopp stated he will be presenting a Broadband plan for second quarter 2022.

e. Road and Paving 2022 Project Updates

Don Lopp gave a presentation on the upcoming Road and Paving projects.

#### **Road Projects scheduled for letting**

- St. Joseph and Grant Line Road Signalized Intersection - First Qtr.
- Oakes Road Re-Alignment – First Qtr.
- Old Vincennes Road Phase 3 –Second Qtr.
- Old Vincennes Road Hill PER – First Qtr.
- Baylor Wisman Road Study – First Qtr.

#### **Community Crossing**

- Renn Road
- Corydon Ridge (SR64-Park)
- Tom Evans
- Bald Knob
- Charlestown Road (L. ENDRES PWKY to County Line)
- Old Lanesville Road
- Georgetown – Lanesville Road
- Scottsville Road (County Line to Buck Creek)
- Local Roads Rated 3 – 7 Miles
- Local Roads Rated 5-6 – 12 Preservation

#### **Total System 353 Miles**

- Minor Arterial rating increased from 5.9-8.4
- Major Collector rating increased from 6.3 -7.7
- Minor Collector rating increased from 5.3 -9.2
- Local Road Rating increased from 6.2 – 7.1

#### **Focus**

- Local Road Paving – Paser 3 and 4 being Priority
- Paving Preservation – Extending Life of higher Functional Roads

f. Transit Study

KIPDA has approximately \$800,000.00 available. He would like to apply for a Transit study for the entire County for on demand and fixed route. It would be \$20,000.00 local match the total would be approximately \$200,000.00.

**Motion to approve the Transit Study through the KIPDA Grant. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.**

Don Lopp stated that all departments should have the ability to ask for vacation payouts.

**7. County Engineer-Horacio Urieta**

**a. 2021 Paving Packages Update**

**Motion to approve change order #1 for Libs Paving for \$8,243.37, change Order #2 for Libs Paving for \$50,679.02 and Package #3 for Community Crossings for Libs Paving in the amount of \$67,101.45.**

**Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.**

**b. Patriot Engineering Contract**

**Motion to approve Patriot Engineering Contract. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.**

**8. County Prosecutor-Chris Lane – REMOVED**

**a. Discussion of FCO 2021-23**

**9. County Attorney-Rick Fox**

**a. FCR 2021-15 Commissioners & Solid Waste Board approving the Exchange of Vehicles**

**Motion to approve FCR 2021-15 Commissioners and Solid Waste Board approving the exchange of vehicles. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.**

**b. FCO 2021-32 COVID/CARES Grant Fund**

**Motion to approve, with unanimous consent, FCO 2021-23 COVID/CARES Grant Fund. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Approval of the December 7, 2021 Commissioners Meeting Minutes

**Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Approval of Payroll and Claims

**Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Let the record show the Commissioners have received the monthly Treasurer's report for October 2021.

**Today's Meetings**

4:00 p.m. Stormwater

4:30 p.m. Solid Waste

**Next Commissioners Meeting:**

January 4, 2022-6:00 p.m.

**Closing Remarks**

John Schellenberger stated that One Southern Indiana RDA received \$50 million in READI grants. The RDA was created when there was no financial carrot to do so.

John Schellenberger stated they took supplies down to Mayfield, Kentucky.

Shawn Carruthers gave a shout out to Summit Trucking and Insulated Roofing for helping with the tornado efforts. Also, the local police departments gave an escort to Mayfield.

John Schellenberger stated the Health Department is giving COVID vaccines at IUS. They have all vaccines.

Shawn Carruthers stated the Georgetown Fire Protection District and the American Red Cross hosted a Blood Drive on December 23.

Tim Kamer stated he was excited about the READI grant.

Assessor James Sinks asked if he needed to be associated with the Storm Water Ordinance. Chris Moore stated his office would only be needed if there were questions about how the property was accessed.

Sheriff Frank Loop stated he had a Resolution 2021-16 for the Interlocal Agreement between the Sheriff's Department and Community Corrections to receive money from Community Corrections. Rick Fox and Steve Langdon have reviewed the Resolution. The County Council approved the Resolution on December 14, 2021

**Motion to approve FRC 2021-16 Resolution of the County Council of Floyd County and Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Floyd County. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.**

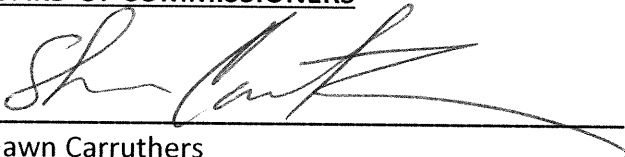
Roger Jeffers stated they have raised 1.274 million dollars for the Handicap Assessable Playground at Kevin Hammersmith Park. They had one individual pay for the entire spray pad at a cost of \$300,000.00. May 21, 2022 will be the grand opening for the playground and spray pad.

**Public**

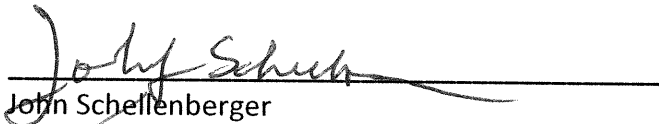
**Motion to adjourn. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM

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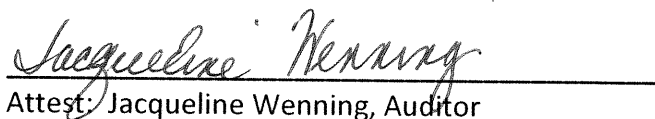
Shawn Carruthers



John Schellenberger



Tim Kamer, Commissioner



Attest: Jacqueline Wenning, Auditor