

**Meeting Minutes
Board of Commissioners
2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104
New Albany IN 47150
March 16, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

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

Present: President Shawn Carruthers, Vice President John Schellenberger and Tim Kamer

Also Present: Assessor James Sinks, Auditor Jacqueline Wenning, Council member Dale Bagshaw and HR Director Michelle Portwood

Shawn Carruthers led a moment of silence for anyone in our community affected by COVID

New Business:

1. Chalet Drive-Quick Claim Deed-Abigail Fargen Riley

Abigail Fargen Riley of Applegate, Fifer, Pulliam stated the firm assisted with Bob Shine's estate and the Indiana University Foundation with putting an easement and maintenance agreement to get to the house and the neighbor's property. There is a deed from 1968 where the prior owner conveyed the property to Floyd County but it doesn't appear that it was ever accepted by Floyd County. Bob Shine had maintained the road followed by the Indiana University Foundation after his death.

Rick Fox stated he reviewed the information and would recommend approving the quick-claim deed. Don Lopp agreed with Mr. Fox.

Motion to approve the quick-claim deed. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Tire Blowout on County Line Road

Rick Fox stated he has information on an individual that claimed to have a blowout with regards to a tire that occurred when running over a lane marker reflector on County Line Road. It was turned in to the County's insurance agent and was declined. It is being brought in front of the Commissioners if they would like to entertain paying this claim. Mr. Fox stated that in the past the policy has been that road hazards have not been covered.

Motion to not approve the request to cover road hazard for reimbursement. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Director of Operations and Planning -Don Lopp

a. Mowing Contract

Don Lopp stated that Crocodile Cutters' contract is for \$550.00 per cutting for 4-H Fairgrounds and \$350.00 per cutting for the North Annex of Sam Peden Park.

Motion to approve the Crocodile Cutters' Contract to mow the 4-H property and the North Annex. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Bridge 51 update JTL

Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz gave updates on several projects.

Bridge 51-the preliminary field check was held and the archaeological field work is being completed. The next milestone will be submitting the draft and environmental documents to INDOT.

Bridge 506 – they are updating the plans and estimates will be prepared by April 1, permit submittals will be completed by May 1 followed by utility coordination.

Blunk Knob/ Farnsley Knob - the Commissioners received a copy of the abbreviated Engineers' report.

Kevin Hammersmith Park Parking Lot – they will be onsite with a drill rig and survey crew.

c. Mainstream Broadband Update

Zach Stephens from Mainstream Broadband gave an update of the broadband project. All of the southern and northern sections are to be completed by the end of the year. John Schellenberger asked about an area on Fertig Creek Road where a few homes cannot get service. Mr. Stephens stated that there are a few homes that are in an island to their own and did not receive NLC funding but once the grant funded areas are completed they will go back to include the entire county. Mr. Stephens stated that he feels that they are in the last 5% of the project. Once the NLC footprint is completed they will expand outside of the expansion zone.

4. Board & Committee Reports

John Schellenberger

– He and Shawn Carruthers attended the EMA COVID 19 call. Floyd County is now in the blue category.

- Attended the Floyd County Health Department quarterly meeting.

- Attended the Redevelopment Meeting discussing Novaparke's progress.

- Attended the RDA meeting in Salem. Don Lopp and Riverhills gave an excellent presentation on certified parks.

- Attended EMS Advisory Board meeting.

- He and Shawn Carruthers attended the School Board Meeting. The Commissioners were recognized for their support in the community for broadband access.

Shawn Carruthers

-Attended the Horseshoe Foundation Board. Free tickets are available at the library for the network of museums in the area.

- Approval for American Legion Post 42, Floyds Knobs, road block to help raise money for Veterans programs. Saturday, April 3rd, from 10-2 at the corner of Paoli Pike and Scottsville Road

Motion to approve American Legion 42 to do the road block on April 3. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Motion passed unanimously.

- Let the record show the Floyd County Commissioners received the January 2021 Monthly Treasurer's report.

- Approval of the March 2, 2021 Commissioners Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Motion passed unanimously.

- Approval of the February 23, 2021 Joint Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Motion passed unanimously.

- Approval of Payroll and Claims
Jacqueline Wenning stated there was an exception on the Kentucky State Tax payment. A change in filing was implemented but we were not notified. She will be reaching out to get the penalties removed for late filing.
Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Motion passed unanimously.

Today's Meetings

4:30 p.m.-Solid Waste

Next Commissioners Meeting:

April 6, 2021-6:00 p.m.

John Schellenberger stated that if they had established the RDA three years earlier they likely would have broadband already established in the community.

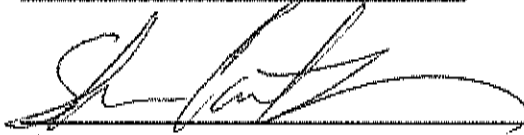
John Schellenberger gave an update on the COVID vaccine. The Health Department has started taking vaccines to the homebound.

John Schellenberger stated HB 1381 Commercial Wind and Solar standards is in the Senate and has been assigned to the Senate Utilities Committee.

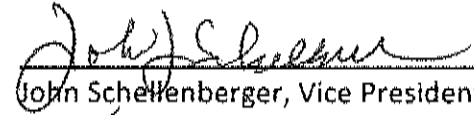
Roger Jeffers stated they want to set up a tour of Parks for the Commissioners, County Council and Parks Board in late summer.

Motion to adjourn. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Motion passed unanimously.

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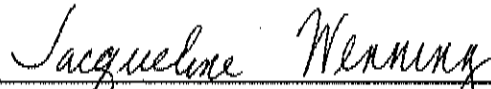
Shawn Carruthers, President



John Schellenberger, Vice President



Tim Kamer, Commissioner


Attest: Jacqueline Wenning, Auditor