

**Meeting Minutes
Board of Commissioners
2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104
New Albany IN 47150
July 20, 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: Attorney Rick Fox, Auditor Jacqueline Wenning, Councilman Dale Bagshaw, Councilwoman Denise Konkle and Sheriff Frank Loop,

Shawn Carruthers led a moment of silence for the family of Councilman Tom Pickett.

Old Business:

1. Floyd County Merit Officer-Officer Cody Brewer
 - a. Floyd County Merit Officer's Contract

Cody Brewer, Merit Officer Bargaining Committee President, asked for the approval of the Merit Officer's Contract.

Motion to approve the Contract for the Floyd County Merit Officers. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Lafayette Township Fire Protection District Appointment

Motion to approve Ronald Weber to the Lafayette Township Fire Protection Board. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to appoint Dr. Chris Jenkins to the Greenville Fire District pending the resignation of David Goins. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

3. Approval of Reassessment Bid-Tabled
4. New Albany-Floyd County Animal Shelter Appointment

Motion to approve Jessica Harbeson to the New Albany-Floyd County Animal Shelter. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Floyd County Voice-Barbara Bridgewater
 - a. Vaping Hazards Presentation

Barbara Bridgewater stated she has worked with young people for a couple of decades and is currently working through Our Place, who acquired a grant through the Indiana State Department of Health to engage young people in sharing about the facts and dangers related to tobacco products. Members of the Floyd County VOICE shared dangers and hazards of teen use of tobacco and nicotine products.

6. Floyd County Resident-Mary Brewer

a. Discuss Vaccine Passport Ban

Mary Brewer stated Vaccine Passport would create two classes of citizens based on someone's private medical records and decisions. She stated that, in her opinion, it should be up to the individual if they want to get the COVID vaccine. She requested the Commissioners to pass the Resolution.

Jackie Grubbs respectfully petitioned the Commissioners to pass the Resolution or Ordinance that would ban any type of vaccine passport in Floyd County, Indiana where it be an employer, business or any other institution. She stated several other counties in Indiana has passed resolutions.

7. Open Door Youth-Shelter-Robin Montgomery

a. Vehicle Surplus

Robin Montgomery stated the Open Door Youth Shelter has 2 vehicles they do not use and would like to sell or salvage.

Motion to approve FCR 2021-9 allowing the Youth Shelter to dispose a couple vehicles. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Floyd County Engineer-Horacio Urieta

a. RFP selection for Federal Projects

Motion to approve United for the bridge inspections and JTL for the Farnsley Knob Road guard rail installation and JTL for the Blunk Knob Road guard rail installation. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Recycling Center Paving Quote

Motion to approve the contact for Libs Paving for Galena Library for Solid Waste for \$16,280.00. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve Libs Paving for Grantline Road Recycling in the amount of \$31,700.00. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Floyd County Corrections Officers-Scott Kinderman, Brett O'Loughlin and Zach Schaefer

a. Corrections Division Officers Contract for 2022-2024

Motion to approve the contract for Corrections Officers for 2022-2024. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Floyd County Auditor-Jacqueline Wenning

a. Hotel Expenses

Jacqueline Wenning asked for approval for a hotel stay for two of her staff and herself for an SRI Conference in Indianapolis. Due to a hotel scheduling error, they had to move to a different hotel with a higher rate than the approved hotel expense. She asked for approval to pay the higher rate.

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

11. Floyd County Clerk & Floyd County Auditor-Danita Burks & Jacqueline Wenning
a. Square 9 Smart Search

Melissa Coffey, Chief Deputy Clerk, asked for the Square 9 Smart Search Contract to be renewed.

Motion to approve the support renewal for Square 9 software. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

Board & Committee Reports

John Schellenberger attended the July 9 RDA meeting in Jeffersonville. The READI plan was firmed up and they will be asking for a joint resolution with the Commissioners and County Council.

John Schellenberger attended the RQAW walk through at the Health Department, Youth Shelter, Pineview, Probation and Grantline Road.

John Schellenberger and Shawn Carruthers toured the Origin Park in Clarksville.

John Schellenberger stated there was an ARP meeting with people expressing their passions and suggestions for using the ARP money.

- Let the record show the Commissioners have received the May and June 2021 monthly Clerk's Report
- Let the record show the Commissioners have received the March 2021 monthly Weight & Measurers Report
- Let the record show the Commissioners have received the May 2021 monthly Treasurer's Report
- Let the record show the Commissioners have received the May 2021 monthly New Albany-Floyd County Public Library monthly meeting minutes.
- Approval of the July 1, 2021 and July 6, 2021 Commissioners Meeting Minutes

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

- Approval of Payroll and Claims

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

Today's Meetings

4:30 p.m. Solid Waste-CANCELED

Next Commissioners Meeting:

August 3, 2021-6:00 p.m.

Comments

John Schellenberger thanked David Goins for his service at the Greenville Fire Department and his service with the Army Reserve.

The Commissioners extended their sympathy to the Tom Pickett Family. He was a great public servant.

Councilman, Dale Bagshaw, commended the Treasurer and Clerk's Office for going in to the 21st century. He likes to see citizen involvement and commend the two groups that spoke tonight. He is also against the vaccine passport. He commended the Commissioners for supporting Origin Park.

Sheriff, Frank Loop, stated the negotiations with all three of the groups were amazingly efficient. He stated he is looking for direction for requesting ARP money for his employees. John Schellenberger stated that the money given has to be classified as a bonus to essential workers.

Dale Bagshaw stated that the bonus pays given to the Health Department are not considered a raise.

Public


Joseph Moore asked if the landscaping by the County Garage is part of Innovation Park. Shawn Carruthers stated that there was a property line issue that was resolved.

Mr. Moore asked if the Fire Board is salaried or volunteer. John Schellenberger stated he would check in to it.

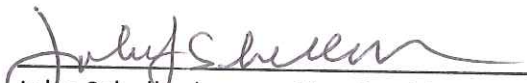
Mr. Moore asked if the Animal Shelter issue has been resolved. The Animal Shelter issue has not been resolved, according to Council Woman Denise Konkle.

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

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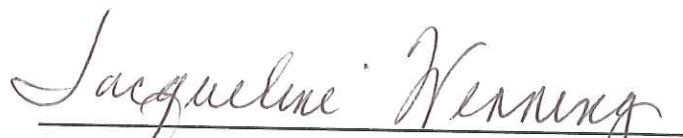
Shawn Carruthers, President



John Schellenberger, Vice President



Tim Kamer, Commissioner



Attest: Jacqueline Wenning, Auditor