

Meeting Minutes
Board of Commissioners
2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104
New Albany IN 47150
September 7, 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, Assessor James Sinks, and Auditor Jacqueline Wenning

Shawn Carruthers led a moment of silence for the residents that have been touched by COVID.

New Business:

1. Director of Operations and Planning-Don Lopp
 - a. Glenwood Plat Section 10

Motion to approve Glenwood Plat Section 10. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. ARP Plan update

Don Lopp requested a change to the ARP Capital Plan Ordinance 2021-16 to amend the plat for water and sewer projects. The total amount is now \$3,279,765.00.

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

- c. DHPW vacancy status

Don Lopp stated there are 6 vacancies with the Highway and Public Works staff. He asked for direction on how to attract applicants. They will be 3 routes short on snow routes if not filled.

- d. Grantline Road and St. Joe Road Improvement Project

Motion to approve intersection improvements at Grantline Road and St. Joe Road. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

- e. Building and Development Services Director

Don Lopp introduced Nick Creevy as the new Building and Development Director.

2. Floyd County ATOD Task Force

- a. Floyd County Drug Free Communities Fund

Casey Nesmith requested approval of the Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug (ATOD) Task Force Comprehensive Plan. He provided a breakdown of funds that Floyd County will receive in the amount of \$39,994.98.

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

- b. Center for Disease Control Drug Free Community Grant in partnership with Our Place

Casey Nesmith stated he is also the Prevention Coordinator with Our Place Drug and Alcohol Education Services. Our Place, along with the Task Force, applied for a Drug Free Communities grant through the CDC last year. They were awarded a 5-year grant with an opportunity to extend to 10 years. He discussed the goals for this grant. The goals include increase community collaboration, reduce youth substance abuse, look at local policies, reduce social access to minors, legalization issues surrounding marijuana and looking at places that sell paraphernalia.

3. Board & Committee Reports

John Schellenberger and Shawn Carruthers attended the EMA meeting. Tim Kamer met with RQAW on the plans for the City County Building.

- Approval of the August 17, 2021 Commissioners Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

- Approval of the August 19, 2021 Joint Meeting Minutes

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

- Approval of Payroll and Claims

John Schellenberger stated he would like to create guidelines for credit card use. The credit cards are being used for purchases that were not intended for. It also makes more work on the Auditor's office. Shawn Carruthers and Tim Kamer agreed.

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

Today's Meetings

4:30 p.m. Stormwater

Next Commissioners Meeting:

September 21, 2021-6:00 p.m.

John Schellenberger stated the Health Department is partnering with IUS to do drive through vaccinations. They are open Monday and Thursday 9:00-3:00 and Tuesday 2:00-7:00. The Commissioners purchased a new tent with CARES money to use at the clinic. He gave a shout-out to the entire Health Department for the work they have done with COVID testing and vaccinations along with their regular duties.

John Schellenberger stated that Clark County reported they had 12 overdoses in 24 hours. The New Albany Fire Department will be trained to use Narcan. He stated Georgetown, Greenville and Lafayette Fire Departments have also been trained to use Narcan for overdoses.

Jacqueline Wenning and Shawn Carruthers congratulated Joe Spoelker of Rauch Industries on his retirement.

James Sinks congratulated Shannon Begley on passing the level 1 Indiana Assessor certificate.

Public:

Steve Meyer, River Hills Board Secretary, asked for a letter of support for the plan to apply for money from Build Back Better. Also, he thanked the Commissioners and County Council for their support of the RDA.

P.J. Moore, Georgetown Township, stated he was approached by a Town Councilman concerning the weeds along the roads in Georgetown that are obstructing views. He learned that the Township Trustee is responsible for Georgetown. He stated Indiana code IC15-16-9-1 lists at least 6 kinds of entities and agencies, including county ones, that are required from July to September to do anything possible to suppress Johnson grass.

Mr. Moore stated he had a resident enquire about pet shelters in emergency situations when evacuating.

Mr. Moore asked why the other County offices couldn't move to Pineview instead of building a new building. He understands the building is about 100 yards outside of the City limits, but if the County and City got together and discussed annexing the property to the city it would save millions of dollars.

Mr. Moore suggested touring the Optimist Club property. The property has beautiful flower and butterfly gardens.

Joe Spoelker, Rauch Industries and RBR Alliance, stated he will be retiring. He thanked the Commissioners and Council for their support of Rauch Industries.

Dale Mann, Georgetown, thank the Commissioners for the Stormwater Ordinance. He also agreed with PJ Moore about moving the other County offices to Pineview instead of building a new structure.

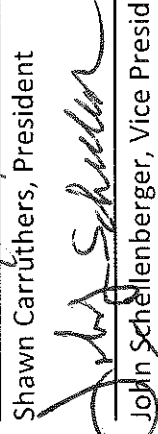
Mr. Mann stated the overgrown Johnson Grass is covering up signs in Georgetown.


Mr. Mann stated he thinks they should use some of the American Rescue Plan funds to put cameras in the Sheriff Deputies' vehicles.

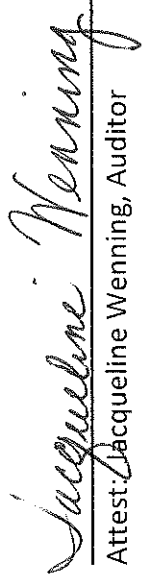
Motion to adjourn. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

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Shawn Carruthers, President


John Schellenberger, Vice President


Tim Kamer, Commissioner


Attest: Jacqueline Wenning, Auditor