

**Meeting Minutes
Board of Commissioners
2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104
New Albany IN 47150
March 15, 2022
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, Assessor James Sinks and Councilpersons Dale Bagshaw and Denise Konkle

Shawn Carruthers led a moment of silence for the community and the people of Ukraine.

New Business:

1. *Building Authority-Scott Stewart*

- a. FCR 2022-04 Support of Establishment of a Target Budget for the Renovation and Conversion of the New Albany-Floyd County City-County Building into the Floyd County Judicial Center and the Evaluation of the North Annex At 3305 Grant Line Road as a Possible Location for the Floyd County Government & Life Center

Motion to approve FCR 2022-04. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. 2050 Renovation Update

Scott Stewart stated the next step is the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the City County Building project. They are looking for a developer and development team. The RFQ will be issued by the end of March. Bidders will have approximately 90 days to come back with a budget, scope and schedule. The Building Authority and Commissioners will review the candidates. After a month or two review, they will decide on a developer. There will be no change orders. He stated the same process would be followed for the Grantline Road project. Tim Kamer stated they would get public input once they gather more information. It is the communities' money and they will have the opportunity to be included.

2. *Director of Building & Development-Nick Creevy*

- a. The Springs of Old Georgetown Phase I – Plat 1499

Motion to approve Plat 1499, the Springs of Old Georgetown. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the development agreement for the Springs of Old Georgetown. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. The Woods at St. Mary's – Plat 1529

Motion to approve Plat 1529 for the Woods at St. Mary's. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Director of Operations and Planning-Don Lopp

a. Approval Contract – Oakes Road

Don Lopp stated CNR was the low bid for \$566,000.00

Motion to approve CNR for Oakes Road. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Silver Creek Water – Request Amend ARP Water project

Scott Ham, Operations Director for Silver Creek Water, requested to amend the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds from fire hydrant placement to equipment purchase. He stated there isn't enough right of way for the hydrant placements. They would like to purchase a vacuum excavator. The Silver Creek Water Board of Directors would contribute \$171,938.00 and the balance of \$143,747.00 would come from ARP money.

Tim Kamer stated he has reservations with diverting money they have from ARP toward an asset that will go toward another entity. He would rather explore some other avenue. When they diverted the money from public safety, they are getting less of a value.

Mr. Ham stated this would contribute to public safety by being able to complete jobs quicker with less equipment in the roadway. This equipment will be used to replace lead lines.

Don Lopp stated equipment is eligible for ARP money.

Mr. Ham stated the original plan was to install 15 hydrants with the ARP funds. The master plan states, if diverting the funds to the vacuum excavator is approved, they will install 30 hydrants in the next 3 years.

Motion to allow Silver Creek Water to divert the ARP utility grant to the purchase of a vacuum excavator and for the installation of fire hydrants. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Greenville Water – Request Amend ARP Water Project- TABLED

d. Charlestown Road Trail – Update

Don Lopp stated they are pursuing right of way for trail from Kevin Hammersmith Park and County Line Road. They have received 1.2 million dollars from KIPDA for this project.

e. Novaparke – WiFi Contract- TABLED

f. FCR 2022-05 Employee Travel and Vehicle Usage - TABLED

g. EMA-Motorola Radios

Don Lopp stated the Commissioners previously approved Radios for first responders. \$250,000.00 is from ARP fund and \$250,000.00 from E-911 fund. They are collecting approximately \$60,000.00 from the Fire Departments for implementation. Kent Barrow informed him there are additional charges of \$42,246.00. He requested to come before them at the next meeting to take \$42,246.00 out of EDIT.

Tim Kamer asked if they could use the CARES money in County General. Don Lopp stated it would have to be approved by County Council. John Schellenberger stated he prefers to use EDIT.

Motion to use EDIT Funds to pay the difference of \$42,246.00 for the Motorola Radios. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

Don Lopp stated Pamela Drive is scheduled to be closed 240 days for bridge replacement.

Motion to allow Pamela Drive to be closed for 240 days for Louisville Paving to replace the bridge. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

Don Lopp stated the New Albany Floyd County Library would like to put in raised garden beds at the Galena Digital Library. They would pay for materials and expenses but need Commissioner approval.

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

4. County Engineer-Horacio Urieta

a. Grant Line Road Intersection

Bids were opened for the Grantline Intersection.

Mac Construction - \$377,000.00

Ragle Incorporated - \$348,340.50

Motion to take under advisement. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

5. County Attorney-Rick Fox

a. Floyd/4H Lease IDEM

Rick Fox presented a lease agreement for an air monitoring station by IDEM on Floyd County property at the 4H Fairgrounds. They will pay \$300.00 per month for rent to 4H. Floyd County owns the property. 4H leases the property.

The contract will be sign by e-signature.

Motion to proceed with State of Indiana land lease for the air monitoring station at 4H fairgrounds. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

b. FCR 2022-06 Community Corrections Carrying Firearms County Buildings

Motion to approve FCR 2022-06 allowing certain members of Community Corrections to carry firearms. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Interlocal Agreement to Share Riverboat Revenue with Harrison County

Rick Fox stated this is an annual agreement.

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

6. Approval of Reedy Group Invoice in the amount of \$45,000.00 for Jail BAN invoice to be paid out of Fund 9119 (Hospital Fund)

County Council approved the payment of the invoice to pay out of the Hospital Fund.

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

7. Appointment to River Hills Board

Motion to approve Jeremy Kramer as the third Commissioner appointment to the River Hills Board. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Board & Committee Reports

John Schellenberger- Southern Indiana Workforce call.

Tim Kamer - Legacy Foundation Meeting. The grant cycle opens on April 1. He encouraged business and non-profits to apply.

- Approval of the March 1, 2022 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.

John Schellenberger stated he received phone calls with concerns on public safety because of the County Council decision to vote against the ambulance upgrade. Lafayette and Greenville Fire districts have ambulances that are 19 years old and respond to all emergencies with their ambulances. The upgrade would be beneficial for all Floyd County. He asked the County Council to reconsider the vote and refurbish the ambulances using part of the 1.6 million dollars of CARES money.

PUBLIC

Dale Bagshaw, President County Council, commended the Commissioners for passing the resolution for the project. He prefers to keep all offices downtown.

James Sinks, Assessor, stated the Commissioners approved the Tyler Communications contract on 8/3/2021 but the documents were not signed. Attorney, Rick Fox, will review the contracts before obtaining signatures.

Dale Mann, Georgetown, asked if they could put a referendum on the ballot about spending the millions of dollars on the North Annex. He thinks the public needs to have a say. Tim Kamer stated it would be 3-4 years before it can go on the docket. The next best solution would be a well-advertised Town Hall meeting.

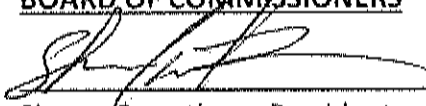
Mr. Mann stated Georgetown has many of the cookie cutter subdivisions. He asked how many houses were approved. Don Lopp stated Nick Creevy could give him the phone number to answer his question.

Joseph Moore, Georgetown, commended Don Lopp on the new sign. He also commended Scott Stewart of the Building Authority for going over the details on the City County Building project. He stated if the owners of Pineview Building would apply for annexation to the City of New Albany, they could renovate it to house the administrative offices instead of spending

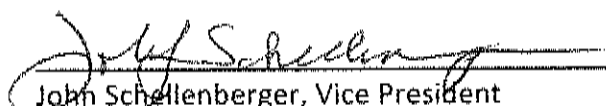
millions on building a new building at the North Annex. Attorney, Rick Fox, stated he has been in communications with the City attorney for at least two years asking for voluntary annexation. The City has not responded affirmatively.

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


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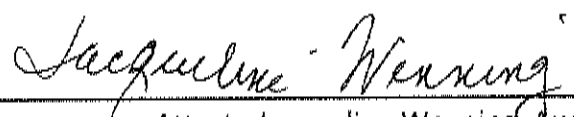
Shawn Carruthers, President



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Tim Kamer, Commissioner



Attest: Jacqueline Wenning, Auditor