

**Meeting Minutes
Board of Commissioners
2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104
New Albany IN 47150
October 17, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

Al Knable called the meeting to order and led the *Pledge of Allegiance*

Present: President, Al Knable, John Schellenberger and Jason Sharp

Also Present: Attorney, Rick Fox; Sheriff, Steve Bush; Auditor, Diana Topping; and Councilperson, Denise Konkle

Al Knable led a moment of silence, prayer, meditation or reflection

New Business:

1. Director of Operations and Planning-Don Lopp TABLED

- a. Strand Contract Amendment – Old Vincennes Road (Highlander Point)
- b. Able Alarm Contract Update
- c. American Rescue Plan Project Update

2. County Engineer-Horacio Urieta

- a. Bid Approval Road Paving Project 2023

Horacio Urieta stated the low bid was E&B Paving at \$108,660.00

Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Director of Building & Development-Nick Creevy

- a. Title VI Implementation Plan Update

Nick Creevy stated this is an annual update required by INDOT to stay in compliance to continue to receive federal funding.

Rick Fox noticed a typo in the document. In the second section for the Commissioners to sign there is a word bidden and should be bidders.

Motion to approve contingent upon correction from Legal. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

4. County Attorney-Rick Fox

- a. FCO 2023-36 Public Records Request

Attorney, Rick Fox, stated they set the fees with regard to public records with a Public Request Policy. Any request will be filtered by IT Director, Gary Bierman and Mr. Fox can advise from a legal prospective if there is anything privileged and cannot be released.

Mr. Fox stated under Title V, Open Records Act in Indiana, the public has the right to view the records. This ordinance pertains to when the public requests the records. The requests need to be specific to what documents are requested. The documents can be sent out electronically or paper formats.

Auditor, Diana Topping, stated the County has no formalized process. She likes the idea that the IT Director will be working with Mr. Fox to safeguard against releasing information that should not be released.

Denise Konkle asked if the County Council will follow the same process. She stated Attorney, Steve Langdon, has reviewed any request for County Council. Mr. Fox stated Mr. Langdon can still review for the Council.

Sheriff, Steve Bush, asked if there are fees for printing information. Mr. Fox stated there is a fee for schedule attached to the Ordinance. Sheriff Bush stated the Sheriff's department has their own process and Mr. Bierman would not have access. Mr. Fox stated this Ordinance does not pertain to the Sheriff Department.

Joseph Moore, Georgetown Township, stated he has asked for records and the response is always fantastic. He asked if there is short notice for a meeting if this will lengthen the process. Mr. Fox stated he can't address as a generic answer. Diana Topping stated the form will still go to the department heads and will be taken care of, as usual, but will be passed on to IT or Legal if it pertains to sensitive information.

Motion to approve with unanimous consent FCO 2023-36 Public Records Request. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Qualified Entity Purchase Agreement - IBB CFR 2023E

Attorney, Rick Fox, stated this for the bond with Indiana Bond Bank that was approved and applied for \$6.9 million associated with the Road and Bridge Bond.

Motion to approve. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Board & Committee Reports

Jason Sharp

- Still waiting on Collective Bargaining Unit for a contract for Dispatchers.
- Oct 6 met with Representatives of the Doden Campaign for Governor
- Oct 10 attended event with Senator Braun. They discussed happenings statewide and nationally.
- Oct 14 – Harvest Homecoming

John Schellenberger

- On Tuesday, October 10 attended the Envoy presentation to the County Council and the Commissioners. Followed by the County Council, Judicial LIT meeting and Budget meetings.
- October 11th attended the quarterly EMA meeting. Later that day, attended the public hearing for Bridge 51, the Blackiston Road Bridge, it was well attended with many residents attending.
- October 12th, met with HMC and INDOT to discuss improvements at US 150 and Highlander Point. It was a well-attended meeting with developers, tenants, landowners and Don Lopp and Nick Creevy. INDOT revealed their proposed solution at that corridor but also listened to concerns from those attending and there were some valid concerns and possible solutions. This was a preliminary meeting and additional meetings will be held.

- Monday, October 16, at noon, attended the monthly JRAC meeting. Later in the day, Commissioners met with Don Lopp to discuss current projects and funding shortfalls. Shortly after that meeting, attended the Council's budget meeting at 5:30 and their monthly meeting at 6:00
- On Tuesday, October 17, attended the Redevelopment Meeting. In the early afternoon, met with Horatio, Cameron and a resident to discuss removing the knoll at Skyline Drive and Spickert Knob Rd.

Al Knable

- Attended several of the meetings with John and Jason
- The Resolution for GO Bond will be pushed to the Joint Commissioner-Council Meeting on October 24. Also, the funding for IT, potential funding for PERF and Building Authority that the Council removed from the budget will be discussed. He stated IT will be funded one way or the other. Rick Fox will look into the cuts and will determine if County Council had exceeded their authority on a few things.
- Approval of the Commissioners Meeting Minutes for October 3, 2023

Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

- Approval of Payroll and Claims

Diana Topping stated the Auditor's office can do an AP correction on the claim for Reedy Group that was paid out of the incorrect line. She would like permission to release the claim.

Motion to approve. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

Today's Meetings

Stormwater-4:30 p.m.

Next Commissioners Meeting:

Monday, November 6, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Sheriff, Steve Bush, commented on the outpouring of volunteers for the search of the elderly man that was missing.

He stated there will be a lot added on employees if they have to contribute to PERF and pay more for health insurance because of a misunderstanding on the Wellness points. He asked for an extension of the deadline for the Wellness Points.

John Schellenberger stated there has been ample notice to get the 100 points.

Al Knable stated he will have Michelle Portwood to do an inquiry with the brokers if the deadline can be extended.


Dale Mann, Georgetown, asked if they had read Mr. Mouser's letter concerning impact fees. He stated a lot of other states use impact fees.

Jason Sharp thanked all the Public Safety Agencies that help search for the elderly gentleman that was missing. He said Floyd County EMA did a fantastic job coordinating the volunteers. He said the citizens and neighbors were the heroes.

John Schellenberger stated they are looking for applicants for the Floyd County Health Department Board. The Commissioners will appoint 5 persons knowledgeable in clinical and public health. At least one must be a physician. The other appointments include Registered Nurse, Registered Pharmacist, Dentist, hospital administrator, Social Worker, Attorney with expertise in health matters, school superintendent, Veterinarian, Professional Engineer, Environmental Scientist, Physician Assistant and a Public Health Professional including Epidemiologist. The deadline is November 15 to send resumes to Suzanna Worrall.

Motion to adjourn. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

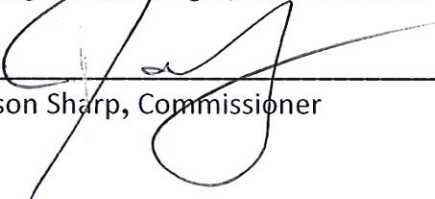
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John Schellenberger, Vice President



Jason Sharp, Commissioner



Attest: Diana M. Topping, Auditor