

**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
2524 CORYDON PIKE SUITE 104  
NEW ALBANY IN 47150**

March 19, 2019  
6:00 P.M.

**Mr. Billy Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:03pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Billy Stewart, John Schellenberger, Shawn Carruthers

**Also present:** Scott Clark, Auditor, Rick Fox, Attorney, James Sinks, Assessor, Denise Konkle, Council President, Brad Striegel, Council Vice-President, Dale Bagshaw, council member, Frank Loop, Sheriff.

**Old Business:**

- a. Jesse Ballew-Development and ROW request – Anderson Avenue. Mr. Ballew was not present. Commissioners need more research because they don't want to open a Pandora's Box by paying for things for developers. The county needs to come up with a policy before proceeding. First step is to get input from some folks from the county. We need an ordinance and a funding source. County must have guidelines concerning this.
- b. Gary Brinkworth- Development and ROW request – Lawrence Banet Road. Mr. Brinkworth was not present. Need info provided to Commissioners that was requested. Don Lopp has not spoken with anyone concerning this. He also has not received anything from Mr. Brinkworth. County needs a policy regarding cutting newly paved roads.

**New Business:**

1. Floyd County Resident-Bradley Mook - Road Cut Kamer Miller Road  
Mr. Mook was not present so there was no action.
2. Floyd County Sheriff's Department-Frank Loop  
Sheriff Loop requests a resolution for transferring county property to Scott County. His department sold a police car to Scott County and he needs the bill of sale signed. It is

Resolution # 2019-6. Money needs to be returned to the fund the vehicle was paid from.

**Motion to approve Resolution # 2019-6. Moved by John Schellenberger; seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Motion passed unanimously.**

Each Commissioner was given a copy of an emblem that has been put on all Floyd County police cars commemorating the 200 years the Sheriff's Department has been in operation.

Jail construction is moving along. The Department will be using The Children's Academy kitchen until the jail kitchen is completed. Sheriff Loop invited the Commissioners to the jail for a tour anytime.

Sheriff Loop will be opening a 2<sup>nd</sup> office substation in the near future in the Highlander Point shopping center in Floyds Knobs.

3. Floyd County Human Resource Director-Arnold Schnobrich
  - a. FCO 2019-8 Amending FCO 1995-7 Personnel Policy Ordinance  
Working on an option for the County to consider for retirees medical benefits. Employees that become disabled or terminally ill and unable to work could have insurance coverage until they can get on Medicare. Rick Fox will review draft.
4. Floyd County Director of Operations-Don Lopp
  - a. Bridge 9 – Atkins Road  
Update on Bridge #9 (Atkins Road). We've met with two property owners for acquisition for right of way. Will meet with third property owner on Saturday. Bridge 3-We will be meeting with one property owner tomorrow evening regarding right of way acquisition.
  - b. KHMP – Close out State permit –Notice of termination for Kevin Hammersmith Memorial Park. Project is complete. Need signature to send to DNR to close out project.  
  
**Motion to sign Notice of Termination. Moved by John Schellenberger; seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Motion passed unanimously.**
  - c. Old Vincennes Road – Update

Request to review a couple of sections of Old Vincennes Road at the top to see if repairs need to be done. Ask for approval for United Consulting to review the sections.

**Motion to approve United Consulting to review the top of Old Vincennes Road. Moved by John Schellenberger; seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Motion passed unanimously.**

d. Federal Aid Project – Update

Blunk Knob and Farnsley Knob-we are finalizing preliminary engineering. We'll be combining funds for Blunk Knob. We will be doing Farnsley Knob as a local project. Charlestown Road trail project-we are finalizing the environmental review. Bill Gibson has been in touch with the property owner regarding the drainage issue. We've moved portions of that project back to right of way. Later in the year we will also be doing a traffic study in regards to speed.

Annual bridge inspections are taking place this month.

e. Paving Quotes: attached

f. Affordable Housing Study Request

Request to send out "Request for Proposals" for the affordability and senior housing study

g. Major Thoroughfare Study Request

Request to send out "Request for Proposals" for the major thoroughfare study. We have not had one in 11 years

**Motion to approve moving forward with both studies. Moved by John Schellenberger; seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Motion passed unanimously**

h. Bicentennial Program Update

We will have a luncheon at the 4H Fairgrounds for folks who have had property in Floyd County for 50, 100, 150 & 200 years in the same family. We'll be getting that out to the media and the public.

We have submitted our grant request to OCRA for the placement of buffaloes on the trail with the cooperation with the School Corporation in terms of having the school children paint those.

The library has a movie night the second Saturday in June, July and August at the digital library.

We will doing a time capsule project in July.

We are working on a location for late summer or fall for the bicentennial type of concert.

Greenville is working on a parade for some time in May.

i. IT Department

Request to make Gary Bierman the permanent IT manager. Also for him to have the same salary as Mr. Bewley. And to start the process to hire an IT assistant.

**Motion to approve Gary Bierman as the new IT director and have Mr. Bewley's salary. Moved by John Schellenberger; seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Motion passed unanimously.**

j. Town of Georgetown Inter-local Agreement

Request to approve inter local agreement with town of Georgetown. We are to provide planning and services to work with them on updates to their comprehensive plan, subdivision and zoning work. We are looking at providing staff for approximately 6 months. Georgetown has agreed to pay \$6,500.00

**Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger; seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Motion passed unanimously.**

k. Contract IDEM air monitoring station-Table

l. Mowing Contract

Request to approve mowing contract. We piggy back with the Parks Dept for mowing.

**Motion to approve mowing contract. Moved by John Schellenberger; seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Motion passed unanimously.**

m. Annex Easement

Request to approve easement for water line on North Annex property. Bill Gibson and Rick Fox have reviewed it.

**Motion to approve easement. Moved by John Schellenberger; seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Motion passed unanimously.**

Information only: We received a letter from American Tower requesting an easement and has offered a variety of payment plans.

Joint memorandum of agreement between Floyd County and the City of New Albany regarding the use of electricity for the Kevin Hammersmith Memorial Park entrance sign. That was passed by the Board of Works. They have a copy they have signed. Asking to get a copy signed by the Commissioners. Monthly costs will be averaged over 12 months. Any costs over that amount will be invoiced to us. Then we have 18 months to get out of the agreement.

**Motion to approve agreement between New Albany City and Floyd County for electricity for KHMP entrance sign. Moved by John Schellenberger; seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Motion passed unanimously.**

5. Approval & Funding of Umbaugh Cash Flow Analysis Contract.

Billy Stewart asks Denise Konkle if council approved the contract. She stated they had not but that they had appropriated the funds for it. Ms. Conkle asked Mr. Clark of another fund addition. Mr. Clark recommended fund 1233, the LIT – Jail tax fund since the revenues are over \$4 million year over year. John Schellenberger then asks to add 5 more funds to the contract for Umbaugh to review.

Fund 2000, 2100, 8895, 8897, 8899, 1233.

**Motion to approve with 5 funds John mentioned prior and fund 1233 Jail Tax Fund. Rick Fox to amend contract to include additional funds. Moved by John Schellenberger; seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Motion passed unanimously**

**Motion to approve Umbaugh financial study from Hospital Interest fund. Moved by John Schellenberger; seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Motion passed unanimously.**

Board of Committee Reports:

Billy Stewart-Subdivision meeting was cancelled due to losing power to the bldg. It is rescheduled.

John Schellenberger-attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Floyd County Parks Board retreat. It was held in Lapping Park and all the board members were present.

Shawn Carruthers-attended Horseshoe Foundation meeting. We are trying to improve roads to the Boat. Because of flooding, revenues are being lost. The Cadillac plan would be to elevate the road.

6. Board & Committee Reports

- Let the Record show the Floyd County Commissioners received the February 2019 Monthly report for the Floyd County Clerk's Office
- Let the Records show the Floyd County Commissioners received the October 2018 Monthly report for the Floyd County Treasurer's Office
- Approval of the March 7, 2019 Commissioners Meeting Minutes.

**Motion to approve. Moved by Shawn Carruthers; seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Approval of Payroll and Claims

**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 2, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

John Schellenberger wants another vote on the approval of the Greenville ambulance. Council did not approve but John wants everyone to know how committed Commissioners are to this ambulance. Billy made the comment that this is very important issue with all the traffic in the county. We have the money to pay for this. Not sure why Council would not approve it.

**Motion to approve contract with New Chapel for the ambulance. Moved by John Schellenberger; seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Motion passed unanimously.**

Billy wants to thank the City of New Albany for working with Floyd County on the light at KHMP.

Mr. James Sinks-Assessor: Most people come to the commissioners to ask for money or complain, but not me. Mr. Sinks wants to thank the Commissioners for getting on the Radon gas problem so quickly. Mr. Sinks showed before and after pictures. The full ventilation system

was over-hauled. Radon numbers have plummeted. Commissioners thanked Mr. Sinks for bringing the problem to their attention.

Jamie Noel-Mr. Noel spoke to the sheriff to make sure that the numbers for response times that are being reported are accurate. Decision was made to let the sheriff's office report the response times for accuracy.

Billy ask Don Lopp to come to the podium. Do we have funds we can use without council approval? Yes, EDIT. John disagrees to use EDIT money for the ambulance. It should come from Hospital or Hospital Interest fund.

**Billy ask for a motion to put on their next agenda to spend \$66,000.00 from EDIT funds. Moved by Shawn Carruthers; seconded by Billy Stewart. John opposed only because we are setting a precedent. The County Council needs to step up and do their due diligence. Billy agrees. Motion passed.**

Joseph Moore-thanked the Commissioners for not setting a precedent for developer funding. We should approach Horseshoe for help with the roads. They are the ones that directly benefit.

George Mouser-Wants to know if it has been determined that a fire district will be formed in Greenville Township. Billy states it is ongoing. Mr. Mouser wants to know if there has been any advertising for volunteers. Billy stated that is the job of the Township Board. Mr. Mouser wants the Commissioners to take the initiative to do this. Mr. Mouser states he won't complain if he has to pay a little more in taxes.

Arnie Schnobrich-HR Director: update on wellness GO365

**Motion to adjourn. Moved by Shawn Carruthers; seconded by John Schellenberger  
Motion passed unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm**