

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

December 17, 2019

6:00 p.m.

**Commissioner John Schellenberger opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Roll Call: Present** –John Schellenberger, Shawn Carruthers

**Absent** – Billy Stewart

**Also Present:** Rick Fox, Attorney; Jacqueline Wenning, Auditor; James Sinks, Assessor; Brad Striegel, Council Vice President; Denise Konkle, Council President; Arnie Schnobrich, HR Director; Frank Loop, Sheriff

Change of agenda – As a result of Mr. Stewart’s absence #6 FCO 2019-33 Amending FCO 2007-6 Stormwater Management User Fees will be tabled.

**New Business:**

**1. Approval of Bids**

**Motion to accept the bids with the exception of PPG and Osborne Associates. Moved by Shawn Carruthers. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion approved unanimously.**

**2. Floyd County Professional Services Director-Theresa Gahafer**

- a. FCO 2019-33 Establishing Fund 9134 Professional Service, Department of Corrections
- b. FCO 2019-34 Establishing Fund 9137 Superior Court 3, Supreme Court Justice Service Grant

**Motion to accept FCO 2019-33 and FCO 2019-34 with unanimous consent and adopted today. Moved by Shawn Carruthers. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion approved unanimously.**

**3. Waterside Farms-Vacation of Old River Road**

Wayne McBride representing Waterside Farms requesting to vacate a section of Old River Road. After reviewing documents it was stated that there is no easement for

Waterside Farms. Shawn Carruthers stated that without an easement agreement they would be unable to vacate Waterside Farms.

Mr. McBride has been advised to work with the other two parties involved on an easement and then he can come back to discuss vacating Waterside Farms.

**No motion made.**

**4. Hardin Street Marine-Vacation of Old River Road**

Bill Kramer representing Hardin Street Marine. He stated the Waterside Farm is south and Eastridge II LLC is north of Hardin Street Marine. Hardin Street Marine does need an easement to go across Waterside Farms because it is a public road.

John Kraft appearing on behalf of Eastridge II LLC. Mr. Eastridge has no objection of the vacation of Marathon. They will object to Mr. McBride's request of easement because it will make his property landlocked. His client has no objection to the vacation of Hardin Street Marine based on the fact that they already have an easement agreement with Marathon.

**Motion to vacate Hardin Street Marine. Moved by Shawn Carruthers. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion approved unanimously.**

**Motion to approve FCO-2019-35 to vacate Hardin Street Marine with unanimous consent and adopted today. Moved by Shawn Carruthers. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion approved unanimously.**

**5. Floyd County Tobacco Prevention & Cessation Coordinator-Tina Hamilton**

- a. Smoking Prevention and Cessation Statistics in Floyd County

Tina Hamilton wanted to share statistics and data specific to her position and tobacco. Floyd County Tobacco Prevention Coalition, herself and Our Place are working to educate the community about the dangers of e-cigarettes and tobacco. They are providing education and free cessation resources that are available through the state department of health and other means. She wanted to educate and also inform they are a resource in the county to help and reduce the burden of tobacco use in Floyd County.

**6. Floyd County Attorney-Rick Fox**

- a. FCO 2019-33 Amending FCO 2007-6 Stormwater Management User Fees

**Tabled**

**7. Purdue Extension Director-Janet Steffens**

a. 2020 Contractual Service Agreement

Janet Steffens spoke on the 2020 Contractual Service Agreement. The Agreement has to do with salaries of three extension educators in the areas of agriculture natural resources, health and human sciences, community development and 4-H youth development. It also includes access to services from campus specialists who provide information to the educators that come to speak for programs. They have a district director that helps with professional development and evaluates them. In addition, they are getting a new Community Wellness Coordinator that is being shared with Harrison County but housed in Floyd County.

Purdue has an agreement with every county in Indiana and there is a 2-1/2% increase over last year resulting in an additional \$2,805.00. Ms. Steffens will be presenting this to the County Council on December 27 but wanted to inform the Commissioners of the Agreement.

Brad Striegel, Vice President County Council, recommended that since it involves salaries that have not been approved by the Council, they may want to make a motion to approve subject to County Council approval.

**Motion to approve pending funding from County Council. Moved by Shawn Carruthers. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion approved unanimously.**

**8. Director of Operations-Don Lopp**

a. Plat Westfield Springs Section 1

**Motion to sign. Moved by Shawn Carruthers. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion approved unanimously.**

b. Award – Demolition of O’Brien Home

**Motion to approve contract for demolition of O’Brien Property. Moved by Shawn Carruthers. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion approved unanimously.**

c. Strand and Associates Supplemental for Novaparke Design

**Motion to approve the contract. Moved by Shawn Carruthers. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion approved unanimously.**

d. Major Thoroughfare Study RFP approval

**Motion to approve the Thoroughfare Study. Moved by Shawn Carruthers. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.**

e. Andrews Farm

Don Lopp stated that Mr. Gibson and Mr. Urieta have reviewed the paving and have recommended the release of \$66,360.00 for paving. The stormwater will be reviewed on December 18.

**Motion to accept the partial release for Andrews Farm. Moved by Shawn Carruthers. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion moved unanimously.**

f. Novaparke-Interlocal agreement

**Motion to pass the Interlocal agreement for improvements and ownership of sanitary sewer lines for Novaparke Innovation Business Park. Motion moved by Shawn Carruthers. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion approved unanimously.**

#### **Additional Business**

a. Title to be signed for 2014 Vehicle

**Motion for Commissioner Schellenberger to sign title. Motion moved by Shawn Carruthers. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion approved unanimously**

b. Notification for underground storage tanks

Don Lopp stated it is the annual report for underground tanks.

**Motion to get a fresh copy and allowing Mr. Schellenberger to sign outside of meeting. Motion moved by Shawn Carruthers. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion approved unanimously.**

#### **9. Board & Committee Reports**

John Schellenberger attended the Rededication of the Library.

He also attended a Leadership Meeting representing the Commissioners. Also in attendance at the Leadership Meeting was Brad Striegel representing the County Council and Todd Scannell, Recorder.

- Let the record show that the Floyd County Commissioners received the November 2019 monthly report from the Clerk's office.
- Approval of the December 5, 2019 Commissioners Meeting Minutes.

**Motion to approve. Moved by Shawn Carruthers. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion approved unanimously.**

- Approval of Payroll and Claims

Jacqueline Wenning, Auditor, stated we paid Indiana Department of Revenue the August payroll taxes that we discovered were not paid and there were penalties. They were paid out of Ineligible. We now have a state contact to try to get the penalties forgiven. It appears we are now current. Shawn Carruthers asked the amount of the penalties. Jacqueline stated the penalties were \$8,535.00

**Motion to approve. Moved by Shawn Carruthers. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion approved unanimously.**

**Today's Meetings:**

4:00 P.M. Stormwater

4:30 P.M. Solid Waste

**Next Commissioners Meeting:**

January 7, 2019

Shawn Carruthers and John Schellenberger thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**Public:**

**George Mouser**, 6411 Phillip Schmidt Road, read a statement on Conservation Subdivision. He feels anyone that speaks favorably of Conservation Subdivision concept speaks for the developers not for the overwhelming majority of Floyd County residents. Last evening a member of the Planning Commission stated he liked the concept of Conservation Subdivisions because it protects the rural appearance of Floyd County. Mr. Mouser fails to see how 50-200 homes in clusters of houses 10 feet apart will look rural. The open area can consist of unbuildable land like steep slopes, swamps and flood plains. These areas would remain unbuilt regardless of Conservation Subdivisions. He feels that is not an excuse for Conservation Subdivisions.

**Joseph Moore**, Georgetown Township, stated he is not a fan of Conservation Subdivisions. He asked what the major thoroughfare study is for. Don Lopp stated they will look at classification of certain roads. The classifications are Minor Arterial, Minor Collector, Major Collector, Local Roads and Subdivision Roads. The study will determine if some roads need to be reclassified in terms of functionality. Federal funding could be available depending on classification. Traffic studies will also be performed to determine if roads need to be widened.

Mr. Moore asked about Edwardsville-Galena Road study. Mr. Lopp stated that Edwardsville-Galena Road is being looked at because it is a collector road and a route for the high school and middle school. The study will determine if it can handle the traffic and possibly be widened. Mr. Moore is all for safety but hopes a higher density of homes will not be approved because it is wider.

Mr. Moore asked when the Stormwater User Fees will be addressed since it was tabled. Mr. Schellenberger stated his personal opinion is it should go back to the Stormwater Board and County Council. At this time it is unknown when it will appear on the agenda.

Mr. Moore has concern on the temperature of the Pineview Building. He feels the county is wasting a lot of money on heating and cooling areas that are not in use. Mr. Schellenberger stated that they have two companies that are looking at providing improvements of this building. When recommendations are received he will make sure this is part of it. Mr. Lopp added that the building is wired in zones.

**Dale Mann** stated that he feels it isn't fair that the Stormwater meeting was not on the agenda at last meeting. Mr. Schellenberger stated that Bill Gibson was not at the previous meeting and his input is very valuable. Stormwater was tabled tonight because Billy Stewart is absent. Mr. Mann feels Mr. Schellenberger is not for the farmers. Mr. Schellenberger stated he is a Farm Bureau member, a beekeeper and grew up on a farm and is very involved with agriculture.

**Steve Meyer**, Regional Government Authority, shared an email from Wendy Dant Chester, Director of One Southern Indiana. In the email she mentioned that Governor Holcomb and John Schellenberger thanked the RDA and congratulated them on the work on the Regional Plan.

John Schellenberger added that Floyd County partnered with Mainstream. In November it was announced that Floyd County and Mainstream will get a two million dollar grant. \$700,000.00 will be from the county and 1.40 million dollars will be from Mainstream. They will be bringing in broadband to approximately 2,400 people and 300-350 businesses that are underserved or not served at all.

**George Mouser** feels it seems suspicious that every time the subject comes up about treating farmers fairly that it gets tabled. The reason doesn't seem valid when other legislature is passed with a commissioner is missing. In a previous meeting when this subject came up about the farmers reducing their payment, he stated Mr. Schellenberger asked how much this would reduce revenue for Stormwater. Mr. Mouser stated that it seems the county wants to squeeze money out of the farmers. The farmers do more for soil conservation and stormwater than any other organization.

**Motion to adjourn. Moved by Shawn Carruthers. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion approved unanimously.**

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Billy Stewart, President

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John Schellenberger, Commissioner

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Shawn Carruthers, Commissioner

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Attest: Jacqueline Wenning, Auditor