

Meeting Minutes
Board of Commissioners
2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104
New Albany IN 47150
September 21, 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 Councilman Adam Roberts

Shawn Carruthers led a moment of silence for our community and country.

New Business:

1. Floyd County Little League-Travis Andres & Svend Jansen
 - a. Infrastructure needs for FCLL

Councilman Adam Roberts stated his constituents represents Floyd County Little League (FCLL) and New Albany Little League (NALL). He asked the Commissioners to listen to the presentation and help find funding for Floyd County Little League.

Travis Andres, President of Baseball at HYR and Svend Jansen, Vice President of Softball at FKCC, presented the need for a partnership to help improve the quality of the two parks that make up the little league. They stated the two ballparks have not had any improvements to the infrastructures in decades. They showed the deteriorating bleachers, roads, parking lots, lighting and concession stands in comparison to New Albany Little League, which was County supported. Mr. Andres stated the handicap parking at HYR is in the grass.

Mr. Andres and Mr. Jansen invited the Commissioners to tour the ballparks.

John Schellenberger asked if they considered combining the two parks to one location. Mr. Andres stated there is no way to support property acquisition at this time, both parks currently lease the properties. He feels at this time that updating the two parks is the more feasible solution.

Tim Kamer suggested scheduling a tour and see if they are open to a long-term strategy of potentially procuring land.

2. Building Authority-Scott Stewart
 - a. City County Building Update

Scot Stewart from Building Authority, and Lara Dawson from RQAW gave an update on the plans for the transformation of the City County Building to a Judicial Center, relocation of the County Taxing and Administrative Offices and finding a new home for the Health Department. They are currently in the design phase. Ms. Dawson gave a presentation on space planning for the Judicial Center with 2 different options. They hope to have a formal recommendation in October.

3. Director of Operations & Planning-Don Lopp

a. American Rescue Plan Update

Don Lopp stated they had submitted the quarterly report, they are in the process of updating the County website with an American Rescue Plan page, notified the water companies of their awards and hope to have, by November, a form for a call for projects.

b. Contract – Novaparke Website

Don Lopp stated this is a general service contract for Quilted Media to create the Novaparke website.

Motion to approve the General Services Contract for Quilted Media. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Floyd County Attorney-Rick Fox

a. Engagement Letter for Vincennes Place

Attorney Rick Fox stated the engagement letter for legal representation from Greg Fifer with respect to Vincennes Place. Mr. Fox's law firm has individuals that are associated with Vincennes Place and would like to recuse themselves from any representation with regards with the stormwater issues.

Motion to approve the contract with Applegate, Fifer and Pulliam engagement letter for legal representation for Vincennes Place for stormwater issues. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

b. FCR 2021-10 Floyd County Foundation Capital Improvements Account

Rick Fox stated the resolution is in regards to the Commissioners spend rate monies coming from the foundation for the Capital Improvement Account. The spend rate is 5%. Based upon the balance as of January 1 it translates to \$736,258.46 to be deposited into the Capital Improvement Account.

Motion to approve FCR 2021-10. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

c. FCR 2021-11 Regional Development Plan Prepared by The
Our Southern Indiana Regional Development Authority For
Submission to The Indiana Economic Development Corporation

John Schellenberger stated the resolution by the Floyd County Commissioners to support the RDA and READI to obtain grants.

Motion to approve FCR 2021-11 in support of the Regional Development Plan. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Board & Committee Reports

Tim Kamer stated he has been working with HR Director Michelle Portwood on time tracking software. They are in contract review with the same software the Sheriff's Department is using. He also is working on possibly replacing Harris System. He attended a BZA meeting in support of The Farm.

John Schellenberger stated he attended the EMA meeting and a contract meeting for the Road Department.

Shawn Carruthers stated he attended the contract meeting for the Road Department.

- Approval of the September 7, 2021 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 encouraged everyone to get their COVID booster if they are immune compromised.

Councilman Dale Bagshaw stated he is excited to see what is happening with the Judicial Center and likes the title of Health and Wellness Department for the Health Department. He looks forward to the County Council and Commissioners working together to get the wages and benefits in balance for employees.

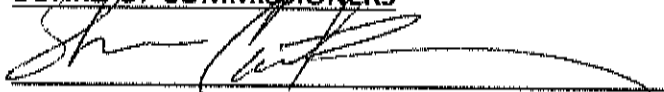
Public:

Mr. Floyd, Georgetown, stated he is upset that Evans Jacobi Road is too narrow in places for two vehicles. He has had to replace three mirrors on his vehicle. Shawn Carruthers stated that it takes a lot of time to widen roads. Easements and utilities have to be considered. Tim Kamer suggested to send an email to the Director of Operations to start the process to have his concerns addressed.

Dale Mann, Georgetown, agrees with Mr. Floyd on Evans Jacobi Road. He agrees that the FCLL needs to be treated like NALL. He also stated that all of the County employees need to be treated the same.

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

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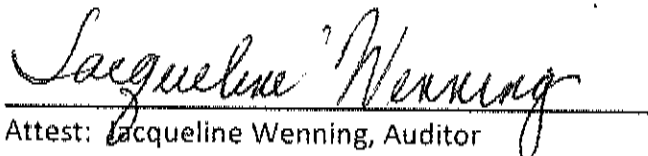


Shawn Carruthers, President



John Schellenberger, Vice President

Tim Kamer, Commissioner



Attest: Saegueline Wenning, Auditor