**MEETING MINUTES**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**2524 CORYDON PIKE SUITE 104**

**NEW ALBANY IN 47150**

March 7, 2019

6:00 P.M.

**Mr. Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance**.

***Roll Call***

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

**Also present:** Scott Clark, Floyd County Auditor, Rick Fox, Attorney, Brad Striegel, Vice President County Council, Lois Endris, Treasurer, James Sinks, Assessor.

***Motion to approve $171.00 per night for lodging for Commissioners to attend Road School. Moved by Shawn Carruthers; seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.***

**Old Business:**

1. Vacation of Right Away-Jeff Eastridge
   1. Old River Road

Discussion: John Kraft on behalf of Eastridge II. Working on easement with Hardin Street Marine. John spent half an hour with Mr. McBride and an hour and a half with Mr. Eastridge at Old River Rd. State Statute concerning a closed road-Statute # IC 9-21-8-41.

***Motion to table until AprilL 2ND meeting. Moved by John Schellenberger; seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Motion passed unanimously.***

**New Business:**

1. Jesse Ballew-
   1. Development and ROW request – Anderson Avenue

Discussion: John McCoy-Jesse’s engineer spoke. Jesse would like to develop two properties with affordable housing. Price would be between $180,000.00 and $190,000.00. They will build 18 patio homes on Kamer Miller Rd & Horne Ave and 14 patio homes on Anderson Ave. Jesse is requesting some cooperation and commitment from the county to help out with the roadway costs. The county would see the revenues from the property taxes generated. Both roadways are 500 linear feet and would cost $110,000.00 per roadway. Also the county would be responsible for maintenance of the roadways. It is difficult to find affordable housing in Floyd County. Commissioners ask if we have ever subsidized a residential road. Don Lopp stated we had not. Don Lopp also stated that as far a re-coop of monies, the property taxes would go to the County General Fund and would not reimburse MVH or Local Road & Street.

1. Gary Brinkworth-
   1. Development and ROW request – Lawrence Banet Road 3

Discussion: Mr. Brinkworth presented a letter to the Commissioners. He wants to develop a piece of property on the south end of Lawrence Banet Rd. to tie into New Albany sewers. There is 800 or 900 feet of sewer line to build. They are asking to build the sewer line in the right of way on Lawrence Banet Rd. They will also need to install a lift station. Commissioners stated there is a subdivision Committee. It meets next Thursday March 14, 2019. Commissioners concern is if they decide to widen the road who will be responsible for costs to move the sewer tie-in? Mr. Brinkworth is asking for a right of way that is approved by our county engineer. County engineer would have to sign off on it.

***Motion to have county engineer to do research and get back with Commissioners. Moved by John Schellenberger; seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Motion passed unanimously.***

1. Floyd County Sheriff’s Department- Community Corrections-Professional Service-Probation & Veterans court
   1. Jail Readiness for Re-Entry Grant

Discussion: Floyd Co Sheriff, Community Corrections, Probation and Veterans Court are asking for the Commissioners support in trying to seek out other grant monies to bring into Floyd County.

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

1. Floyd County Director of Operations-Don Lopp
   1. Atom Chemical – Contract Cost Adjustment

Discussion: Atom Chemical contract amendment for a services cost increase from $85.00 monthly to $95.00 monthly. Have contracts for Pine View and Reisz Bldg. This increase is only for Reisz Bldg at this time.

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

* 1. Moser Knob Road – Update and Schedule

Discussion: Moser Knobs Rd did not get 100% finished last year. Working with E&B Paving and hopefully will be done by May 31st. We are asking to close the road completely for two months. The project is coming in under budget even with the supplemental amount of $210,000.00 for inspection fees. The final surface was not put down last year and has weathered the winter well with the exception of a couple of places.

***Motion to close Moser Knob Rd from April 1st, 2019 to May 31st, 2019. Moved by Shawn Carruthers; seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.***

A resident is working with the contractor and wants a variance to the axle weight limit that we instituted last year in order to build a home. Not asking for approval tonight just letting Commissioners know we will be drafting an agreement about the weight limits with the resident.

***Motion to approve acknowledgement of the upcoming agreement. Moved by John Schellenberger; seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Motion passed unanimously.***

* 1. Bridge 9 and Bridge 3 – Update and Schedule

Discussion: Certified letters for right of way acquisitions have been sent to property owners. United is going to review our current ordinance, done within 30 days and not to exceed $2,500.00 in terms of a traffic study.

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

1. Floyd County Assessor-James Sinks
   1. Pay Increase for Part-time

Discussion: Asking to approve a pay raise for his part time employees, Steve Burks and Brie Ann Fleming, from $12.25 to $14.95 per hour. County has a procedure for pay raises. We have a Salary Appeals Board and County Council. Specialty employees make a higher wage. Our advice is to take this to the Salary Appeals Board then to the county council. This is not the appropriate board to address this issue.

* 1. Air quality study

Discussion: Radon is an odorless and colorless gas. The #1 cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. Readings are high in the Assessor’s office. Mr. Sinks is asking on behalf of his staff for a Radon Gas study be done. We also have possible black mold on furnace pipes. The bldg. authority should be approached for the study.

***Motion to allow Mr. Sinks to talk to Sherri Baker to have Bldg. Authority investigate having the study done then come back to the Commissioners with their recommendations. Moved by John Schellenberger; seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Motion passed unanimously.***

1. Fitch & Associates-Engagement Agreement

Discussion: Approval of engagement letter. Fitch goes into communities and looks at all different parameters. They then submit their findings for an ambulance service for that community. John had Rick Fox look over the engagement letter and he found no problems with it.

***Motion to approve Fitch engagement letter with payment coming from hospital interest fund. Moved by John Schellenberger; seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Opposed by Billy Stewart. Motion passed.***

***Motion to include ambulance study by Fitch into the Umbaugh study if the county decides to pursue Fitch study and is paid from hospital interest fund. Moved by John Schellenberger; seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Opposed by Billy Stewart. Motion passed.***

1. Board & Committee Reports

Billy Stewart:

* Legacy Foundation Committee. We are currently drafting a spending policy.
* Subdivision Committee. We are currently working on upgrading the subdivision rules to go along with our comprehensive plan.

Shawn Carruthers:

* Horseshoe Committee
* River Hills Development Board-Jason Applegate speaking; last meeting we adopted appointments to the board and executive board members. They are going to look into emergency services grants.

John Schellenberger;

* Solid Waste Sub Committee - looking into curb-side recycling
* Health Dept Committee
* EMA quarterly meeting
* Soil & Water meeting
* Redevelopment Commission
* Regional Development Authority

Let the record show we received the monthly report from the NAFC Public Library for December 2018 and January 2019.

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

Approval of the February 19, 2019 Commissioners Meeting Minutes.

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

***Motion passed unanimously***

Approval of Payroll and Claims-River Link claim has late penalties for Community Corrections.

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

Scott Clark-asking for approval for an ordinance for a new fund (9136-Interpreter Grant).

***Motion to adopt ordinance 2019-7 by unanimous consent. Moved by John Schellenberger; seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Motion passed unanimously.***

***Reminder: Joint Meeting on Tuesday March 12, 2019 at 5:00 pm.***

Any elected officials want to speak: none

Public:

Steve Burks feels it sets a bad example to discuss spending $22,500.00 and won’t discuss a $2.00 pay raise for employees.

George Mouser says he will send an email on his stance on the subject of the conservation subdivision concept and it’s of some urgency. He is totally opposed to this. He knows Mr. Lopp is in favor of this but the over whelming majority of Floyd County residents do not want high development. This just makes money for developers. Mr. Stewart said in a meeting we have to follow the law, so you changed the law so you could follow the law. The law was changed to accommodate the developer’s profit. It went from 54 houses to 79 houses, a 51% increase. That’s a big profit. I will send you an email if I can get around to doing it.

Dale Mann wants the Commissioners to ask Jesse Ballew what he has done in Clark County. Doesn’t think County should go into the business of building residential roads. He also thinks the radon testing should be done immediately.

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

***Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm***

**Today’s Meetings:**

4:30 P.M. Stormwater

**Next Commissioners Meeting:**

March 19, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

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BILLY STEWART***, PRESIDENT***

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JOHN SCHELLENBERGER***, MEMBER***

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SHAWN CARRUTHERS, ***MEMBER***

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***ATTEST:*** SCOTT CLARK, ***FLOYD COUNTY AUDITOR***