

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**Board of Commissioners
2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104
New Albany IN 47150
December 19, 2022
2:00 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, Council member elect Jim Freiburger, Council members Denise Konkle and Brad Striegel

New Business:

1. 2050 Project Review

Scott Stewart gave a summary of what has transpired, as of this year, on Project 2050.

Tom John, Ice Miller, stated they are at a decision point to make on the 2050 project.

He stated that both projects will have to be paid by income tax.

Shawn Carruthers stated it will be \$21.00 a month on property taxes to maintain Floyd County but a decision needs to be made because of the condition of the City County Building. He is comfortable moving forward.

Tim Kamer stated he has a hard time asking business owners to pay \$2,000.00 extra a year. He asked if they would entertain the idea of taking this to a singular site for 45 million dollars. He doesn't see Grantline Road project being what Charlestown Road is.

Tom John stated that starting over with the project would be expensive and would, more than likely, have less participation from vendors.

John Schellenberger stated he is one of those tax payers but knows this is necessary and is ready to move forward.

Rick Fox stated that if the Commissioners move forward but the Council could not approve the funding.

Tom John suggested a resolution be created for a commitment from Council.

Chuck Edwards, Building Authority Superintendent, went over the scenario if they change the direction of the project and the cost that entails.

Tim Kamer stated he better understands the implications of changing the project and feels more equipped now on selling the current project to the taxpayers.

John Schellenberger stated some of the ARPA funds have been committed for.

Brad Striegel, County Council, asked for written communication from the Commissioners so they know exactly what the ask is and they can digest it with Reedy Group. He would like more precise information.

Scenario 4 is the recommendation of the Building Authority for operating deficit and both projects with separate site work bond for Grant Line Road.

Tim Kamer stated he has had a hard time coming to this decision but feels looking back, in the future, that this will be the right call.


Motion to support Scenario 4 to move forward with the project with an exploration of the Legacy Foundation and Community Foundation to offset the cost as much as possible with the Council's approval. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

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


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John Schellenberger, Commissioner



Tim Kamer, Commissioner



Al Knable, Commissioner



Attest: Diana M. Topping, Auditor