

**Meeting Minutes
Board of Commissioners
2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104
New Albany IN 47150
December 20, 2022**

Shawn Carruthers called the meeting to order and led the *Pledge of Allegiance*

Shawn Carruthers led a moment of silence for our first responders, our children and community

Present: President Shawn Carruthers, Vice President John Schellenberger and Tim Kamer

Also Present: Attorney Rick Fox, Judge Maria Granger, Council members Denise Konkle and Connie Moon

Scott Stewart presented a plaque to Shawn Carruthers and thanked him for service to the County and community.

New Business:

1. *Approval of 2023 Annual Bids*

Motion to approve the bids that were taken under advisement at the last meeting. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

2. *River Hills-Chelsea Crump*

a. ORCA Grant Application

Chelsea Crump presented the application for the Fairmount Neighborhood Center and reviewed the required documentation.

Motion to approve FCR 2022-25 Resolution Authorizing application submission and local match commitment. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

3. *Lafayette & Greenville Fire District Attorneys- John Kraft & Steve Langdon*

a. FCO 2022-41 Creating a New Combined Highlander Fire Protection District
Attorney John Kraft from Young, Endres and Kraft and Bridget Cantrell from Church, Langdon, Lopp, Banet spoke on combining Lafayette and Greenville Fire Protection Districts to create Highlander Fire Protection District. Mr. Kraft stated that the Districts that have debt will remain in place until said debt is paid. After the debt is paid the District will be dissolved. There will be no duplicate taxing.

Tim Kamer stated he would like to see the impact to the Greenville stakeholders from DLGF before moving forward. He would not be able to vote in favor of this until he sees the tax study and some sort of information from DLGF to see what the tax impact is. He is ok with waiting until January. He does support the combining of the two fire districts but is hyper diligent on seeing the tax implications.

Mr. Kraft stated if this is not passed in 2022 then it will be moved to 2024.

John Schellenberger stated that both Fire Boards have passed this, have worked on this for months and feel they have done their due diligence.

Tony Jenkins, Greenville Fire Board, stated Reuben Cummings had completed a tax assessment and there was no impact for Greenville.

A meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, December 27 with Reuben Cummings in attendance to go over his calculations and to answer any questions they may have.

Motion to table and have a special meeting on Tuesday, December 27, 6:00pm. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

4. County Attorney-Rick Fox

- a. FCO 2022-42 Establishing Fund 1237 Opioid Restricted Funds & Fund 1238 Opioid Unrestricted Funds

John Schellenberger asked David Bottorff, executive director of Association of Indiana Counties, who is in control of the settlement proceeds, replied that the Council is responsible for the appropriations but the Commissioners are responsible for the spending. He asked Rick Fox if the Resolution for the Committee should come from the Commissioners. Mr. Fox stated it should be set by the Commissioners. Tim Kamer stated they should work with the County Council.

Motion to approve FCO 2022-42 Establishing Fund 1237 Opioid Restricted Funds & Fund 1238 Opioid Unrestricted Funds, with unanimous consent. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Superior Court 3-Judge Granger

- a. FCO 2022-43 Establishing Hope Court Donations Fund # 9104

Motion to approve with unanimous consent FCO 2022-43 Establishing Hope Court Donations Fund # 9104.

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

6. Building & Development Director-Nick Creevy

- a. Plat 1548 Partial Re-plat of Northside Charlestown Road

Motion to approve Plat 1548 Partial Re-plat of Northside Charlestown Road. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. FCO 2022-44 Map Amendments to the Floyd County Zoning Ordinance MF to PD
- c. FCO 2022-45 Map Amendments to the Floyd County Zoning ordinance NC to MF

Motion to approve, with unanimous consent, FCO 2022-44 and FCO 2022-45. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Community Corrections Director-Daraius Randelia

- a. FCO 2022-46 Establishing Fund #9146 Community Corrections IDOC Grant

Motion to approve FCO 2022-46 Establishing Fund #9146 Community Corrections IDOC Grant, with unanimous consent. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. FCO 2022-47 Establishing Fund #1123 Community Corrections IDOC CTP

Motion to approve FCO 2022-47 amending the title on Fund #1123 Community Corrections IDOC CTP, with unanimous consent. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

8. *ERC, Inc.-John Damico*

- a. FCO 2022-48 Floyd County Stormwater Ordinance-Business Plan

John Damico gave a presentation on the need to increase the Storm Water fees.

Tim Kamer stated this is a need and not a want. It is important to keep the program going and to keep the community safe.

Motion to approve, with unanimous consent, FCO 2022-48 Floyd County Stormwater Ordinance-Business Plan. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

9. *Director of Operations & Planning-Don Lopp*

- a. Novaparke – READI Grant – Contract for Architectural Services

Motion to approve the contract with Michell Allen Ritz for Architectural Services at Novaparke. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Letter of Intent – Edwardsville School Project

Motion to approve the letter of intent for the Edwardsville School project. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Bridge 51 – Project Update

Don Lopp stated he had a meeting with INDOT for Environmental review. There will be a public hearing in February and contacting property owners that have been identified to be contacted.

- d. Bridge 24 – Project Update

Don Lopp stated this Bridge is on Georgetown Greenville Road. It has been submitted to INDOT as a 2028 capital project. It is a 2.2 million dollar project with a \$456,000.00 local match. There will be a presentation to INDOT on January 4.

- e. FCO 2022-49 Revision to Unsafe Building Non-Reverting Fund

Motion to approve FCO 2022-49 with unanimous consent. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

- f. Department of Operations and Public Works Employee Recognition

Don Lopp recognized employees for years of service for Public Works Employees and Department of Operations.

Chris Hopper – 30 years

Eddie Campbell – 30 years

Troy Juliot - 25 years

Charles Paragon – 20 years

Sherry Frazee – 15 years

Chris Moore – 15 years

Ronnie Tuell – 15 years

Piper Evans – 15 years

Tom Hudgins – 15 years

The Commissioners thanked them for their service.

g. General Obligation Bond Invoice Approval

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

10. County Engineer-Horacio Urieta

a. Change Order #2 Grantline Road & St. Joe Road Project

Horacio Urieta stated the total amount is \$19,663.50. Clark County will pay ½ of the amount.

Motion to approve the change order. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

11. County Commissioner-Tim Kamer

a. FCR 2022-26 Resolution to Execute Documents after Meetings

Tim Kamer stated the Resolution is to eliminate the constant signing of documents during the meeting. All documents will be signed after the meeting.

Motion to approve FCR 2022-26. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Care Center Services Agreement

Tim Kamer stated the Care Center is Blue Mind. They will have a facility in Jeffersonville and will have one eventually in New Albany.

Motion to accept the Care Center Service Agreement. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

13. Board & Committee Reports

John Schellenberger stated Ronnie Tuell, Horacio Urieta and himself met with three residents of Altawood concerning the problem of speeding through the subdivision. The County installed 2 speed tables. This is a pilot program to see how the speed tables fair through the winter.

- Let the record show the Commissioners received the Clerks Monthly report for November 2022.
- Let the record show the Commissioners received the New Albany-Floyd County Library November meeting minutes
- Approval of the December 6, 2022 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.

Next Commissioners Meeting:

January 3, 2023-5:45 p.m. Organization Meeting

January 3, 2023-6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

Closing Statements

John Schellenberger thanked Shawn Carruthers for his service to the County. He has been a full time Commissioner. In the past 4 years the Commissioners have made Floyd County a better place to raise our families.

John Schellenberger highlighted the Commissioners' accomplishments under Shawn Carruthers' leadership

- Paved and striped many county roads
- Rehab and built new bridges
- Increased the County park footprint with the purchase of the Regional park, purchase of the Jensen property, increased parking at Kevin Hammersmith Park and created the Accessible Playground and Splash pad
- They have been successful in obtaining 50 million dollars in READI grant, received over four million for Novaparke, invested in 4.2 million dollars for Broadband
- Invested with ARPA funds to upgrade water utilities and work with the Health Department to identify failing septic systems and extend package treatment plans to those subdivisions
- Provided responsible leadership during COVID pandemic by keeping the County open for business while safeguarding the employees and families
- Preserved 1.5 million dollars in the CARES Fund with fugal spending while requesting reimbursement from FEMA.

Mr. Schellenberger stated it was a pleasure and an honor to serve with Mr. Carruthers.

Tim Kamer stated Shawn Carruthers did an amazing job and appreciated working with him.

Attorney, Rick Fox, stated he has been representing the Commissioners for 16 years. He works closely with the Commissioner President and stated that Mr. Carruthers is at the top of the list when it comes to his professionalism and handling the business of Floyd County.

Shawn Carruthers appreciated all the kind comments. He is really proud of bringing broadband to Floyd County even before the pandemic hit, Novaparke, paving the roads, Kevin Hammersmith Park Accessible Playground, and the Floyd County transit plan. He stated these projects were a group effort, not just one Commissioner. He appreciates Tim Kamer, John Schellenberger and Rick Fox.

Council member, Denise Konkle, thanked Shawn Carruthers for his leadership and his humble servant heart.

Public

Heather Peters, Greenville, IN, stated she is confused that they were very thoughtful with the Stormwater issue but is trying to ram through the combining of two Fire Districts without any tax study. They are taking the recommendations from two appointed boards with no communication with the town councils of the two districts. She thinks it is a great idea but would like to see a tax study. She is concerned about all the tax increases that have been discussed. She stated she appreciates all that Shawn Carruthers has done for Floyd County.

Dale Mann, Georgetown, thanked the Commissioners for putting value in agricultural land.

Connie Moon, County Council, stated she is happy they are doing their due diligence on the Fire Department.


She stated she has been working on the Opioid Committee with Tim Kamer. She has had a huge response from inside and outside county government to come together to give their insight on how to spend the money. She hopes the Commissioners will pass the same ordinance as the County Council.

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


BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



John Schellenberger, Commissioner



Tim Kamer, Commissioner



Al Knable, Commissioner



Attest: Diana M. Topping, Auditor