# Meeting Minutes Board of Commissioners 2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104 New Albany IN 47150 July 19, 2022 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, Auditor Jacqueline Wenning, Assessor James Sinks, Treasurer Steve Burks, Clerk Danita Burks, Sheriff Frank Loop and Councilman Dale Bagshaw

Shawn Carruthers led a moment of silence remembering the shooting victims in Indianapolis and around the world.

## **Old Business:**

- 1. County Attorney-Rick Fox REMOVED
  - a. FCO 2022-17 Defining Procedures to Convert a Private Road to County Road
- 2. Commissioner-Tim Kamer REMOVED
  - a. FCO 2022-20 Establish an Opioid Advisory Committee

# **New Business:**

- 1. Director of Operations-Don Lopp
- a. FCR 2022-13 Floyd County 2022 Legacy Foundation Revenue Bonds Motion to approve FCR 2022-13 Floyd County 2022 Legacy Foundation Revenue Bonds for Regional Park. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Parity Report Agreement/Engagement Letter
  Don Lopp stated Indiana Bond Banks requires a Parity Study for the issuance of bonds.
  Motion for the Reedy Group to do the Parity Study for the bonds. Moved by Tim Kamer.
  Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Transit Plan Contracts with KIPDA & Lochmueller Motion to approve Transit Plan Contracts with KIPDA & Lochmueller. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Community Crossing Matching Grant 2022 Financial Commitment Letter Motion to allow the president to sign. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.
  - 2. County Auditor-Jacqueline Wenning
    - a. Mileage Reimbursement

Auditor, Jacqueline Wenning, asked the Commissioners to consider modifying the mileage reimbursement from \$.44 per mile to the state reimbursement of \$.49 per mile or federal rate of \$.58 per mile. She stated Governor Holcomb is considering reviewing the mileage reimbursement every three months. Attorney Rick Fox suggested tracking the state rate and make the change in the handbook.

Motion for modifying the mileage reimbursement to follow the state level as well as modify the handbook to reflect the same policy. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

# 3. County Commissioner-Tim Kamer

## a. EMS Feedback-Citizen Letter

Tim Kamer stated they like to share anytime they receive accolades or kudos for Departments or partners. New Chapel Ambulance received a letter from the Lewis family thanking them for the service they provided when transporting a family member to doctor appointments and hospitals. They were a blessing to their family for all their acts of kindness.

# 4. Approval of Hotel Rate over \$150.00 for Family H.O.P.E. Court Coordinator Theresa Gahafer

Tim Kamer asked if the hotel policy should be adjusted by region. Sheriff, Frank Loop, stated the Indiana Code states the hotel rate for travel should be whatever the single room rate is for the particular hotel.

An ordinance will be presented at the next meeting to modify mileage, hotel and per diem in the handbook.

Motion to approve Theresa's hotel rates. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.

# 5. Approval of Solicitation Permit for Urbanex Pest Control

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

# 6. Board & Committee Reports

John Schellenberger attended the Indiana Association of County Commissioners. Mental Health was discussed.

John Schellenberger attended the RDA meeting in Salem. Floyd County was awarded \$4.2 million for the READI project.

John Schellenberger attended the EMS advisory board meeting.

An email was received from Elizabeth James of Charter Communications stating they were awarded a bid to serve three additional residents on Willis Road. They encourage people to go to in.gov/ocra/broadband/icp/ to register for internet service.

Tim Kamer attended the Legacy Foundation Grant distribution. They granted out 8 recipients totally \$415,000.00 to the community. Our initial investment to the Legacy Foundation was \$13 million. Our balance is \$14.6 million while distributing nearly three quarters of a million dollars to the public.

Shawn Carruthers, John Schellenberger, Dale Bagshaw, Judge Stiller and corrections personnel attended a community conversation about the grant that Ann Carruthers is doing in the community.

- Let the record show the Commissioners received the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report from New Chapel Ambulance Service
- Let the record show the Commissioners received the June 6, 2022 New Albany-Floyd County Public Library meeting minutes

John Schellenberger stated he has not received the quarterly reports from New Chapel. He takes issue to the average on-scene time. They state 8.17 minutes. He questions how the average on-scene time is calculated. Tim Kamer stated he has received Q1 and Q2 reports and will have them forward them to Suzanna in the future.

- Approval of the July 5, 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.

# **Today's Meetings:**

Recycling-3:00 p.m. 2050 Project Public Hearing-4:00 p.m.

#### **Next Commissioners Meeting:**

August 2, 2022-6:00 p.m.

John Schellenberger and Tim Kamer thanked everyone for coming.

County Council President, Dale Bagshaw, stated there will be a lot of work in the next few weeks to move forward with the Grant Line Road and Judicial Center projects.

Clerk, Danita Burks, thanked them for the increase in mileage.

## Public:

A resident of Renn Road asked how they know if they are on the list to receive internet service. Other residents on her road have received it but she and a few others have not. John

Schellenberger stated he would give her the web address to register for service. The information will go to state, they will package those residents together and will go out to bid to broadband providers. The web address is in.gov/ocra/broadband/icp/ to register for broadband.

Dale Mann, Georgetown, stated they are spending millions of dollars for a government center that maybe the public does not want. He thinks it should be put on as a referendum. He also stated the officers should have cameras. He has dealt with New Chapel and has had an excellent experience.

Tim Kamer stated he has discussed with Sheriff Loop about the cameras and the amount of infrastructure that is need would be millions of dollars. He suggested speaking with Sheriff Loop to discuss the issue.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Shawn Carruthers, President

John Schellenberger, Vice President

Tim Kamer, Commissioner

Attest: Acqueline Wenning, Auditor