

Meeting Minutes
Board of Commissioners
2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104
New Albany IN 47150
April 4, 2023
6:00 P.M.

Tim Kamer called the meeting to order and led the *Pledge of Allegiance*

Tim Kamer led the opening prayer

Present: President, Tim Kamer; Vice President, Al Knable; and John Schellenberger

Also Present: Attorney, Rick Fox; Auditor, Diana Topping; Sheriff, Steve Bush; and Councilman, Dale Bagshaw

Added to the agenda:

Crocodile Cutter Contract

Marine Corps Road Block, June 17, 9:00am-2:00pm Scottsville Road at Paoli Pike

Two Mile Fringe for City Planning Committee Appointment

Change #5 to Highlander Fire District

Motion to approve changes to the agenda. Moved by Al Knable. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

1. County Attorney-Rick Fox

- a. FCR 2023-06 Resolution Concerning Certain Members of Community Corrections Carrying Firearms in the City/County Building

Motion to approve. Moved by Al Knable. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. Director of Operations and Planning-Don Lopp

- a. FCO 2023-10 – Establishing LATCF Non-Reverting Fund

Motion to approve with unanimous consent. Moved by Al Knable. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Old Vincennes Road – ROW Administrative Settlement

Motion to approve ROW Administrative Settlement for Old Vincennes Road. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Al Knable. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. SAM Letter of Authorization

Don Lopp is designated as the entity administrator.

Motion to approve. Moved by Al Knable. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

- d. Fencing Quote for two cemeteries at Novaparke and Misch Properties

Low bid was from Ratz Fencing for \$11,702.00.

Motion to take under advisement. Moved by Al Knable. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Building and Development-Nick Creevy
 - a. Contract for Unsafe Building Litigation

Approval for engagement letter up to \$3,000.00 to handle unsafe building litigation. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Al Knable. Motion passed unanimously.

3. County Engineer-Horacio Urieta
 - a. Blunk Knob and Fence Quote

Horacio Urieta walked the full length of the road to review the need of a guardrail.

Motion to allow the Road Department to continue the installation of the guardrail on Blunk Knob Road. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Al Knable. Motion passed unanimously.

4. County Commissioner-Al Knable
 - a. Letter of Intent to Purchase

Commissioner Knable presented a letter of intent to study the possible purchase of 222 Pearl Street, the Old Whitehouse building, for use of administrative offices. The term is for 90 days with \$5,000.00 in an escrow account.

John Schellenberger would like to see a comprehensive plan and a commitment from the County Council before moving forward.

Motion to approve the letter of intent. Moved by Al Knable. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed 2-1. John Schellenberger opposed.

Commissioner Knable stated they received an updated letter of intent from First Financial Corporate.

5. Highlander Fire District Board Appointments

Lafayette – 1 year term Al Butler

2 year term John Fekete

3 year term Ron Webber

4 year term Mark Huth

4 year at-large Christopher Aponte

Greenville - 1 year term Kyle Kruer

2 year term Steve Simpson

3 year term Michael Nevin

4 year term Matt Smith

The At-Large position will alternate between Lafayette and Greenville.

Al Knable stated they had a lot of good candidates and encouraged the ones not chosen to stay involved.

Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Al Knable. Motion passed unanimously.

6. EMS Board Appointments

Georgetown-Franklin James Mayfield
Highlander Lafayette Greenville – Brandon Alexander
New Albany – TBD
EMS Fire Expert – Christopher Aponte
Sheriff Dispatch – TBD
Emergency Physicians - Dr. Tom Harris, Dr. Steve Pahner, Dr. Daniel O’Brien
Commissioners

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Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Al Knable. Motion passed unanimously.

Two-Mile Fringe – City Planning Committee Appointment
Motion to appoint Eric J. Merten. Moved by Al Knable. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Board & Committee Reports

John Schellenberger

3/22/23 WaterStep Breakfast in Louisville

3/29/23 Met with Blunk Knob Road Residents with Horacio Urieta concerning guardrail placement

3/24/23 Met with Assured Partners along with Michelle Portwood, Suzanna Worrall and Al Knable to review 2022 reports

3/28/23 Visited Novaparke with Horacio Urieta

3/30/23 Attended public meeting at Pineview. Ice Miller presented the County wide transit study.

4/5/23 will travel to Crawford County for monthly luncheon with Crawford, Clark, Scott, Harrison and Washington Counties’ Commissioners.

4/13/23 will travel to Indianapolis for monthly Indiana Association of County Commissioners

4/18/23 will meet with Spectrum with Nick Creevy to discuss the next level of connections.

Al Knable

3/24/23 Met with Assured Partners

3/28/23 Met with Tyler Warman from Governor Holcomb’s office

3/28/23 Attended Purdue Extension Board Meeting

3/31/23 Met with United Engineering concerning Old Vincennes Road Project
Attended the Fire District and EMS interviews

Tim Kamer

Attended the Fire District and EMS interviews

4/4/23 Met with County Council leadership to review the Reedy update

Sheriff Steve Bush – Proclamations

Communications week – April 9-15

Corrections Week – May 7-13

Police Week - May 14-20

Motion to adopt the proclamations. Moved by Al Knable. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

- Approval of the March 21, 2023 Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve. Moved by Al Knable. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

- Approval of the January 24, 2023 Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Al Knable. Motion passed unanimously.

- Approval of Payroll and Claims

Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Al Knable. Motion passed unanimously.

Today's Meetings

Stormwater-4:00 P.M.

Executive Session-5:00 P.M.

Next Commissioners Meeting:

April 18, 2023-6:00 p.m.

Closing Comments:

John Schellenberger thanked everyone for coming and to have a blessed Easter.

He stated he was skeptical for interviewing for the Highlander Fire District and suggests doing the same for Georgetown and New Albany Fire Districts.

Al Knable thanked everyone for coming and agrees with John Schellenberger about interviewing for the other Fire Districts.

Tim Kamer thanked everyone for coming.

Dale Bagshaw, County Council, asked about a County Council member on the EMS Board.

He stated he is on board with the renovation of the Court House.

Motion to adjourn. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Al Knable. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tim Kamer, President

Al Knable, Vice President

John Schellenberger, Commissioner

Attest: Diana M. Topping, Auditor