

**Meeting Minutes
Board of Commissioners
2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104
New Albany IN 47150
January 16, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

Al Knable called the meeting to order and led the *Pledge of Allegiance*

Present: President, Al Knable; Vice President, John Schellenberger and Jason Sharp

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

Al Knable led a moment of silence for prayer, meditation or reflection

Al Knable asked everyone to keep the family members of community leader, Bob Lane, in their thoughts and prayers due to his passing.

Al Knable stated Larry Bibelhauser was appointed to the Board of Zoning and Appeals at the last meeting in error. His term had not expired.

Motion to accept on the agenda and approve Guy Heitkemper for the Board of Zoning and Appeals with a term beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2027. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. Director of Operations and Planning-Don Lopp

a. Blackiston Mill Road Bridge 51 – Supplemental Contract – Jacobi Toombs Lanz
Don Lopp stated the first contract is for additional permitting requirements requested by INDOT and IDNR, also finalizing the additional work that went from categorically excluded to environmental assessment in terms of environmental. Supplemental 2 is \$55,247.00 and is grant eligible at 80/20.

Motion to approve Supplemental Contract 2 for Bridge 51. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

Don Lopp stated Supplemental 3 is for Right of Way Acquisition services. It is part of the Right of Way funds, secured through KIPDA, they already have and will not exceed the amount of \$253,360.00.

Motion to approve Supplemental 3 on Blackiston Mill Bridge 51. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

b. State Road 62 – Carolyn Avenue – Construction Contract – Libs Paving

Motion to approve Libs Paving contract for State Road 62 and Carolyn Avenue. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Boiler Repair- Reisz Building – Lusk

Don Lopp stated the repair is for boiler 1 and 2 for \$43,058.00. Both boilers have surpassed their useful life.

Motion to approve Lusk for the boiler repair at the Reisz Building. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Novaparke – Economic Development Administration Grant Close out

Motion for allowance of signature of Commissioner Knable outside the meeting. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Exploration Way – Construction Close out – American Structurepoint/Excel

Don Lopp stated Change Order 3 is for a reduction of \$10,584.30.

Motion to approve change order 3 for Exploration Way with Excel. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

f. Old Vincennes Road Highlander Point update

Don Lopp stated the next phase is from Tuscany Drive to Duffy Road. It will be completed in two seasons. The first will be utility relocation and drainage improvements from Kruer Lane to Kroger Gas Station starting June 1, 2024 and completed by end of September 2024. The second season will cover Kroger Gas Station to short of Duffy Road beginning June 1, 2025 and completed September 2025.

g. Website update

Suzanna Worrall stated she and IT Director, Gary Bierman, have been working with the state and Tyler Technology to switch over the old website to the new website. The new state website will allow more users and some departments will have an assigned person to maintain their department's website. She demonstrated the new website.

2. Floyd County Sheriff-Steve Bush

a. Review and Approval of Memorandum of Understanding to the Merit Contract Sheriff, Steve Bush, stated even though it is a contract negotiation year, they wanted to clean up language on the contract before negotiations begin. They added in the terminology, Police Specialist and removing Acting Sergeant and Sergeant rank.

Motion to approve the MOU for the Merit Contract. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Floyd County Sheriff's Office-ESAC Report

Motion to approve the Sheriff's ESAC Report. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

Don Lopp stated they are getting requests regarding space at the County Building. Al Knable stated the Commissioners have decided to have an indefinite moratorium on any movement within the County Building. They will not entertain any further requests for 2024. They will honor any requests granted in 2023.

3. Floyd County Prosecutor's Chief of Staff-Cami Lipps

- a. Floyd County Prosecutor's Office-ESAC Report

Motion to approve Floyd County Prosecutor's Office-ESAC Report. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Floyd County Attorney-Rick Fox

- a. FCO 2024-01 Modification to Animal Ordinance

Motion to add FCO 2024-01 Modification to Animal Ordinance to the agenda. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

Attorney, Rick Fox, stated the modification is to give County Council an At- Large lay appointment that is a Floyd County resident and clean up some language.

Motion to approve, with unanimous consent, to make the modifications as stated by Attorney, Rick Fox, to the Animal Control Ordinance. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Board & Committee Reports

Jason Sharp

- January 8 - met with New Albany Township Fire Protection Board discussed future plans of a County wide GIS study
- January 11 – met with DLGF Commissioner, Daniel Shackle, to learn the services they offer and hear of future changes
- January 11 – met with Joint Committee between Commissioners and Council to discuss data that was requested to the Building Authority. The Council members requesting the data was satisfied with the data they received.
- January 12- met with head of the Professional Firefighters Union to discuss using their contacts to perform a county-wide GIS study
- Plan Commission did not meet due to the lack of agenda items

John Schellenberger

- January 5 - attended the monthly RDA meeting at Ivy Tech. Hanover College received a READI 1.0 grant for their new and upcoming veterinarian doctor and nursing associate program. Eli Lilly employs the majority of the associate degrees in veterinarian nursing.

There are only 33 vet programs and fewer for the veterinarian nursing program in the US. Purdue is the closest for veterinarian program and Kentucky does not offer a similar program. Hanover College is building a new campus and repurposing an old farmhouse.

Al Knable

- January 4 – met with Don Lopp and met via zoom with the owner representative from the Envoy Group on the County Building
- January 5 – met with County Council President, Danny Short, to discuss the cooperation of the two bodies
- January 10 – attended Caesar Foundation meeting
- January 11 – attended the Martin Luther King, Jr dinner hosted by New Albany Floyd County School Cooperation

- Approval of the Commissioners Meeting Minutes for January 2, 2024

Motion to approve. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

- Approval of Payroll and Claims

Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

Public

Dale Mann, Georgetown, asked if the Council appointment for Animal Control Board is for a Floyd County resident, including New Albany. Attorney, Rick Fox, stated it is for any Floyd County resident.

He asked about impact fees. Al Knable stated they have a current study going with regards to two proposals for new developments. The next step would be the development of an advisory board. The board meetings will be public.

Mr. Mann stated he thinks they should do an efficiency study.

Closing Comments

John Schellenberger stated last year there was attempt to dissolve the Highlander Fire District. This year Highlander is in their third week of providing protection to Greenville and Lafayette. He believes it is one of the good things that has happened this year.

The Commissioners have issued an RFP for Ambulance Service. They will be getting them back in February and will start working with the Council on a new service

The Animal Control Ordinance is another positive change for 2024.

He stated they need to continue building, providing and improving public services for EMS, Fire Protection and Police Protection.

Al Knable thanked the Sheriff Deputy attending the meeting for keeping everyone safe.

Today's Meetings

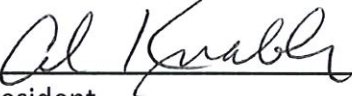
Recycling Meeting - 4:30 p.m.

Next Commissioners Meeting:

Tuesday, February 6, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

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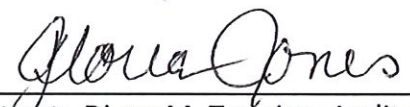
Al Knable, President



John Schellenberger, Vice President



Jason Sharp, Commissioner



Attest: Diana M. Topping, Auditor
Gloria Jones
Chief Dep. Auditor