

**Meeting Minutes
Board of Commissioners
2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104
New Albany IN 47150
February 20, 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: Auditor, Diana Topping; Council Persons, Dale Bagshaw and Denise Konkle;
Assessor, Terry Watson

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

New Business:

1. Parks and Recreations Director-Matt Denison

- a. Floyd County Elementary Basketball League Championship Winners
- Georgetown Elementary Boys
 - Grant Line Elementary Girls

The members of the Championship teams were announced, came forward and had pictures taken with the Commissioners.

2. County Highway Superintendent-Ronnie Tuell

- a. Surplus Disposal

Ronnie Tuell asked approval to take the wood from the Mitsch property bridge for his personal use. The wood would otherwise go to the land fill.

Motion to allow Ronnie Tuell to have the wood from the demolition of the Mitsch Bridge.

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

3. County Engineer-Horacio Urieta

- a. Approval of Community Crossing Road Paving Bids

Motion to accept the Mac Construction bid of \$672,978.00. Moved by John Schellenberger.

Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Paoli Pike Deed of Dedication

Jason Sams of ARC stated they purchased the property at Paoli Pike and Scottsville Road. It was discovered that half of Paoli Pike was within their boundaries. They would like to execute a deed dedication to the county.

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

4. Director of Operations and Planning-Don Lopp

- a. 2023 Employee Recognition

Don Lopp recognized Employees with milestones of the Highway and Operations Department
Mathew Bockting – 5 years

Doug Kaiser – 5 years
Candace Howell – 5 years
Robert Fulkerson – 10 years
John Livers – 10 years
Cindy Behr – 15 years

b. Southern Indiana Works Summer Program

Don Lopp stated the program allows youth to participate for 6 weeks, 20 hours per week. They would like to get 6 individuals to participate. There is no monetary expectations from the County, it is funded through the program.

Motion to approve Floyd County to participate in the Southern Indiana Works Summer Program. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Old Vincennes Road – Highlander Point Project – MOU City of New Albany Sewer

Don Lopp stated the agreement for the County would put into the bid documents and bid out the relocation of sanitary sewers in phase 1. The City would be paying for that phase. Mr. Fox had reviewed the documents.

Motion to approve MOU with the City of New Albany. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Old Vincennes Road Bid Opening

E&B Paving - \$2,955,900.00

Danny Cristiani - \$2,425,845.00

Mac Construction - \$2,518,972.00

Motion to take under advisement. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

e. North Tucker Road Project Update

Don Lopp stated Bridge Bids will be opened at the next meeting for the bridge work.

f. State Road 62 – Signalization Project Notice to Proceed

Motion to authorize Libs Paving notice to proceed. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

g. EDA Grant Close-out

Motion to approve President Knable to sign EDA Grant close-out outside of the meeting. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

h. Mitsch Farm Lease

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

5. Solicitation Permits

a. Redemption Solar & Roofing

Dixon Romney of Redemption Solar and Roofing requested a Solicitation Permit.

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

6. FCO 2024-03 Building Closure and Delay Policy

Al Knable read the ordinance into the record.

Motion to approve, with unanimous consent, FCO 2024-03 . Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Health Board Appointment for City of New Albany

Al Knable stated the City of New Albany has one appointment to the Board of Health. The City submits three nominations to the Commissioners. The Commissioners chose Dr. Travis Madison, NAFC School Corporation Superintendent.

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

8. Board & Committee Reports

Jason Sharp

Friday, February 9

- Met with Envoy Owners' Rep in regards to the County Building project. Conducted interviews of architect

Monday, February 12

- Attended Floyd County Plan Commission Meeting. They allowed an extension of two properties and tabled a request from a local developer asking to re-plat a subdivision due to incomplete and unresolved issues

Tuesday, February 13

- Attended an EMS Advisory Board meeting. They discussed the 2 bids submitted for the EMS RFP. They will discuss further at the Joint Commissioner-Council Meeting on February 27.

Friday, February 16

- Met with the other Commissioners along with Don Lopp and Nick Creevy to discuss Impact Fees and forming a committee to discuss feasibility.

Monday, February 19

- Met with Nick Creevy and members of local fire departments to discuss the fire department input during the plan review portion of new developments.

John Schellenberger

Thursday February 8

- Attended the JRAC meeting.
- Attended the Highlander Fire District special meeting, they are purchasing ALS equipment for their ambulances. All equipment should be received within several months, they will be filing for ALS certification.

Tuesday, February 13

- Traveled to Indianapolis to testify before a Senate committee on HB1121 along with Chief Klein and the Firefighter union president providing testimony to the committee regarding the revenue a unit of government loses when units merge, specifically Highlander Fire District. I was there as well to join in the Indiana County Commissioners to talk with senate and reps regarding bills affecting our counties.

- Was invited to join the Farm Bureau delegation-Matthew Payne, Melba Lloyd and Councilman Dale Bagshaw as they met with our local reps Clere, Engleman and Fleming, in addition to Senator Byrne and Senator Garten.
- Attended the EMS Advisory Board meeting discussed the RFPs.
- Attended the County Council meeting

Wednesday, February 14

- Attended the monthly Indiana County Commissioners Board of Directors via a Zoom call.

Thursday, February 15th

- Was on a call with County Engineer, Storm Water Director and Road Superintendent to discuss with Sourcewell for capital equipment purchases.
- Attended the One Southern Indiana Meet and Greet-elected officials at the Indiana Cities Water headquarters. I had a chance to tell what was happening in our county-broadband, Novaparke, merging of Lafayette and Greenville Fire Districts, EMS RFPs.

Friday, February 16th

- Commissioners met with Don Lopp and Nick Creevy to discuss impact fees and residential TIF.

Saturday, February 17

- Attended the men's Lenten breakfast at Edwardsville Christian Church to enjoy fellowship with men from various denominations.
- Attended the 4-H Agri-breakfast

Tuesday, February 20

- Attended the Redevelopment meeting at 10
- EMA LEPC meeting at 11.

Al Knable

Wednesday, February 7

- Met with Animal Rescue League and other concerned citizens regarding possible avenues for charitable funding for the Floyd County Animal Shelter

Thursday, February 8

- Legacy Foundation Meeting

Friday, February 9

- Met with Representatives of Sifel Financial Corporation about possibly doing financial analysis for the County.
- Interviewed two Architectural Firms for the building project

Tuesday, February 13

- EMS Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 14

- Caesars Foundation Meeting. The New Albany City Council named Stephanie Griffith to the Board.

Thursday, February 15

- Met with Envoy via phone call

Friday, February 16

- Meeting for Impact Fees. They are establishing the parameters for a committee. The State has specific guidelines with regards of what types of impact can be imposed, limitations and the composition of any committee formed to discuss the implementation of the fees.
- Attended Ribbon Cutting of FS Exteriors.

- Marine Corps League requests for a roadblock on May 11, 2024, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Paoli Pike and Scottsville Road. They will be collecting donations for Toys for Tots.

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

- Approval of the Commissioners Meeting Minutes for February 6, 2024

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

- Approval of Payroll and Claims

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

Next Commissioners Meeting:

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Draper, New Washington Animal Control, reported for January, they had 48 calls for service, brought in 43 animals to the shelter and currently have 9 that are not in foster care or adopted.

Al Knable stated they have had good feedback on the service.

Public

Joseph Moore, Georgetown Township, asked about moving signage to the County Garage to Tunnel Hill Road and Novapark.

He suggested the public could help the animal shelter by donating old linens.

Dale Mann, Georgetown, stated North Harrison High School FFA is having a breakfast on Saturday, February 24 for 50 cents to prove what a farmer makes off the meal.


Gayle Henderson, Floyd County, spoke on the EMS bid openings. She is concerned about public safety. She asked the Commissioners questions about New Chapel and Ameripro. She hopes to hear more discussions about excellence than expenses.

Al Knable stated the Commissioners welcome comment by the public. The next public meeting to discuss EMS is February 27 at 4:00pm and an EMS Advisory Board Meeting on March 12 at 5:00 pm. The Commissioners are very approachable.

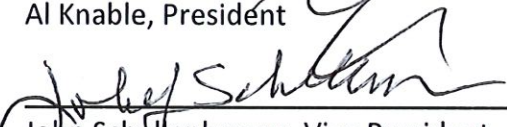
Melissa Zink spoke about Senate Bill 414 concerning septic systems and the new technology passed by the State. She has been trying to install a septic system for 2 years. She would like Floyd County to use the new technology. John Schellenberger stated the Indiana County Commissioners have concerns for part of the bill. He will follow up with her about any changes to the bill.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Al Knable, President



John Schellenberger, Vice President



Jason Sharp, Commissioner



Attest: Diana M. Topping, Auditor