

**Meeting Minutes
Board of Commissioners
2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104
New Albany IN 47150
August 6, 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; Sheriff, Steve Bush and Councilman, Dale Bagshaw

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

Motion to add under Horacio Urieta for a plat correction for Old Vincennes slide. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to add under Horacio Urieta the Jersey Park culvert replacement. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 6 will be removed from agenda

New Business:

1. Director of Operations and Planning-Don Lopp

a. Altawood-Buffalo Trail Sewer Project – Change Order – Close-out

Don Lopp said the total change order is \$7,410.00. The County's portion is \$4,227.00.

Motion to approve \$7,410.00 for the change order to close out Altawood - Buffalo Trail sewer project. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

b. SR 62 – Signalization Project – Change Order – Close-out

Don Lopp said the change order is for \$6,745.00 for an additional dig out that was required as they went through the lanes on 62 and Carolyn Avenue.

Motion to approve the change order for \$6,745.00. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Old Vincennes Road – Project Update

Don Lopp said the project was scheduled to begin on June 1. The telecommunication utilities received notice October 2023 to proceed. There are still four utilities to move. The project will need to be delayed until the spring.

d. Charlestown Road Trail – Project Update

The project was awarded by INDOT to the low bidder, Milestone Construction out of Columbus. INDOT is funding 100% of the construction for \$3,346,600.00. They are funding 90% of the construction inspection which is \$392,500.00. Construction starts in September and is scheduled to be completed July 2025.

2. Director of Building and Development-Nick Creevy

- a. Paoli Pike Multi-Modal Plan Consultant Contract-Clark Dietz

Motion to approve Clark Dietz, Paoli Pike Multi-Modal Plan Consultant Contract. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. FCO 2024-20 Rezoning Zoning Map Amendment – 6527 Corydon Ridge Road, Rural Residential to Residential Suburban

Jake Elder, applicant with Elder Company located at 501 E. Pearl Street, New Albany, IN along with Jason Copperwaite from Paul Primavera are seeking approval of the Planning Commission’s favorable recommendation to rezone the property located at 6527 Corydon Ridge Road from Rural Residential to Rural Suburban. Their intent is to allow for a garden style patio home community detached. He met with Parks Supervisor, Matt Denison and agreed to clear vegetation by the park, sure to retain any and all mature trees and other bushes that do not interfere with overhead power lines. Mr. Denison would like two points of access so walkers could extend their walk in the neighborhood or any adjacent neighborhoods could cut through this neighborhood to gain access to the park. They have agreed to make sure the front had a more rural aesthetic.

Mr. Elder read a letter from Mr. Phillip Stevens that is in favor of the rezoning for this project. Rebecca Ross 5031 Cress Lane, Floyds Knobs, spoke in favor of the proposal.

Tim Harbison said the neighborhood on Frank Ott Road was originally sold to be patio homes that are all two story residences. He asked if there is a definition for patio homes and who enforces it. Don Lopp said, in the zoning ordinance, they have definitions regarding types of homes, single family detached or single family attached. The enforcement component would be the Plan Commission and Building Services.

Motion to approve FCO 2024-20 Rezoning Zoning Map Amendment – 6527 Corydon Ridge Road, Rural Residential to Residential Suburban. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

- a. FCR 2024-10 Bridge 51 Offers and Litigation

Motion to approve FCR 2024-10 Bridge 51 Offers and Litigation. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Statement of Just Compensation Bridge 51

Rick Fox said it is for 6.6 acres. The owner is Beeler. The offer is \$860,700.00

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

3. County Engineer-Horacio Urieta

- a. Change Order for the Floyd County Local Spring Paving 2024

Horacio Urieta said the change order for Phillip Schmidt Road and Scottsville Road had a total savings of \$8,869.22.

Motion to approve the change order for Floyd County Local Spring Paving 2024 in the amount of \$8,869.22. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Mainstream Fiber Network Permit Agreement.

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

c. Jersey Park Culver Replacement

Motion to reject previous bids based upon unacceptable prices. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

Horacio Urieta met with contractors to explain that it was too much money. The County will provide the pipe 80 feet long, 12 feet diameter for the culvert. He received bids from Civilcon, IDS and Main Core. The lowest was Civilcon for \$48,595.76 for the pipe.

Motion to approve buying the pipe from Civilcon for \$48,595.76 for the Jersey Park Culvert Replacement. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to take under advisement Temple and Temple's quote for \$142,825.00 for the installation of the pipe. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Plat Correction for Old Vincennes Road Slide

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

4. Chief Probation Officer-Kelly Deuser

a. 1237 Opioid Restricted Fund - Juvenile Probation School Attendance Liaison (Fund 1237-236)

Magistrate, Julie Flannigan stated JRAC voted at their quarterly meeting to create a position and fund it with Opioid money. It is a 2 year County paid position with full benefits at the salary of \$50,000.00 a year. The position was sent up for a salary analysis and they agreed it is a PAT A position. After 2 years they will seek further funding from additional other sources.

Kelly Deuser asked the Commissioners to approve the recommendation of the Floyd County JRAC. They were granted \$165,328.92 in funds 1237-236. The amount will cover salaries and all benefits.

Motion to approve \$165,328.92 for Juvenile Probation School Attendance Liaison. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

5. County Health Department-Luanne Jenson

a. Health Department Building Appraisal

Dr. Luanne Jensen asked for reimbursement of the appraisals for the property on Grant Line Road. The total for both appraisals is \$6,500.00. She asked when the appraisals are received, when they will be able to move forward with the purchase of the building. Al Knable said they will have to decide when they can determine how it will be paid for. John Schellenberger said he would rather table until the appraisals come in.

Motion to pay for the appraisals of \$6,500.00. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Al Knable. Motion passed 2-1. John Schellenberger abstained.

Dr. Dan Eichenberger stated the owner of the building is frustrated with the timing. There is a second party interested and if they don't move forward the Health Department may lose the building. He shared a packet with the Commissioners with preliminary numbers from two architectural firms. The purchase price is to be determined awaiting appraisals and a lease option. The building would need approximately \$770,000.00 in renovations.

FCR 2024-11 A Resolution to Amend and Replace FCR2024-08 for the Appraisal of Real Property
Motion to approve FCR 2024-11. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

6. County Resident-Melissa Zink - REMOVED

- a. Senate Bill 414 On-Site Sewage Systems

7. Sheriff-Steve Bush

- a. Medical Contract Agreement with Advanced Correctional Health

The contract was received by the Commissioners shortly before the meeting. They asked to table so it can be reviewed.

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

- b. New Albany Floyd County Schools School Resource Officer Agreement

New Albany Floyd County Schools pay 82% of salaries.

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

- c. Collective Bargaining Agreement Corrections Officers

Sheriff Bush stated Councilperson, Danny Short and Connie Moon and Commissioner Sharp are on the committee for negotiations. Mr. Sharp said they approved the contract. John Schellenberger said he is in favor of the salaries but has issues with the benefits. Financial Advisors, Baker Tilly, projected the General fund to have a deficient of \$4 million in 2025 and Corrections will have a deficient of \$1.4 million. He said the County Council should vet the contracts since they are responsible for funding. He will not approve until the Council approves the funding. They deserve a fair wage and retirement.

Jason Sharp said every employee is important but the Correction Officers deal with some of the roughest people at times and it's a thankless job.

Al Knable stated an approval by the Commissioners does not pass the contracts until it is vetted by the County Council for funding.

Motion to approve Collective Bargaining Agreement for Corrections Officers. Move by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Al Knable. Motion passed 2-1. John Schellenberger abstained.

d. Collective Bargaining Agreement Merit Officers

Jason Sharp said the same people were on the Merit Officers' contract. Officer, Cody Brewer, did a good job representing the officers.

Motion to approve Collective Bargaining Agreement for Merit Officers. Move by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Al Knable. Motion passed 2-1. John Schellenberger abstained.

8. County Attorney-Rick Fox

a. Floyd County Extension Office - Lease Renewal

Rick Fox stated the lease is with Purdue and the monthly installment is \$4,019.35. The lease is from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

Councilman, Dale Bagshaw said the Extension office is an amazing group. They are over 4H. Knable added they are well known in the agricultural community. John Schellenberger said they put on Pollinator Day in April. They have a program for diabetes education.

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

b. FCO 2024-21 Door-to-Door Solicitation Ordinance

Rick Fox said the Ordinance has been revised. There is a license fee of \$50 for a 10 day license, 120 day license for \$150.00 and one year for \$300.00. There is a \$250.00 application fee. There are restrictions on license and door to door solicitation. Door to door solicitation may be conducted during set hours. Subject to revocation, identification cards will be issued and there will be a process to approve people to get a permit. The violations have been increased to \$100.00 for first violation, \$500.00 second violation, \$1,000.00 each for three or more violations.

Motion to approve, with unanimous consent, FCO 2024-21 Door to Door Solicitation. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Modification to Building Authority Contract

Rick Fox said the County Council asked to revise the contract to align the Building Authority budget with the County Council budgetary process. The modified contract will go before the Building Authority.

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

9. Solicitation Permit-Moxie Pest Control

Matteo Estes, Regional Manager of Moxie Pest Control, asked for a Solicitation permit. Sheriff, Steve Bush, said the Sheriff's Department has had multiple contacts. The company was stopped at least once and were told not to go door to door but they continued. Mr. Estes said

he moved that person out of town once he was told. John Schellenberger said they will have to follow the process that was just approved in the previous Ordinance.

Motion to table to the second meeting in September. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

- Approval of the Commissioners Meeting Minutes for July 16, 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.

10. Board & Committee Reports

John Schellenberger

- July 18th attended the joint workshop with the commissioners and the county council
- July 24th, attended a zoom call for the Indiana County Commissioners ICC discussing the winter conference
- July 25th, attended a meeting to negotiate a contract with the Teamsters representing our Public Works Dept.
- July 30th, attended the Redevelopment Commission meeting
- July 30th, attended the event at Novaparke with Don Lopp and met with STARTedUP Innovation Educator Fellowship and talk about Novaparke, its history etc. STARTedUP is a professional development program designed to empower students and teachers to instill a mindset of innovation to see problems in the world as opportunities.
- August 1st, attended the monthly JRAC subcommittee meeting on Mental Health and Addiction
- August 1st, attended the Assured Partners, True Rx update for our insurance.
- August 1st, attended the virtual check-in with Envoy to discuss renovation of the city-county building
- August 2nd, He and Don Lopp attended the August RDA meeting

Jason Sharp

- July 18th attended the Floyd County Council Workshop
- July 19th attended the Joint Council Commissioner Meeting, EMS operation was reported by AmeriPro and Highlander Fire
- July 19th met with Kyle Lanoue from Prosser School of Technology in regard to opening up more training opportunities for law enforcement, fire and EMS. They were very receptive about assisting with that.

- July 24th attended an EMS task force meeting. The Task Force is wanting to hear a presentation from Putnam County, Mississippi. He made contact with Anthony Taylor, their Deputy Chief of Operations and he will be making a presentation on their system to the Task Force on August 15th at 3:00 p.m. He encouraged the public to attend to hear about the pioneering changes that Putnam County has implemented since their EMS LIT was put into place.
- July 25th he, Commissioner Schellenberger and Councilman Danny Short began their negotiations with Teamsters in regards to the Floyd County Road Department contract
- August 1st attended a meeting with the Envoy rep in regard to the County Building and proposed annex.

Al Knable

- He attended several of the aforementioned meetings by Commissioners Schellenberger and Sharp.
- July 17th attended a Ribbon Cutting Indiana Hot Yoga
- August 2nd attended a secondary meeting after the Envoy call with Michell Allen Ritz to start looking for space utilization for the Chase Building.

Today's Meetings:

Stormwater Meeting @ 4:30 p.m.

Next Commissioners Meeting:

Tuesday, August 20, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Closing Comments:

John Schellenberger said the RDA meeting he attended with Don Lopp announced they had 74 different projects that the government had submitted. They selected 30 and the number one project was the Edwardsville School Community Center located within the Gateway Village. He said Don Lopp does a good job and is a visionary. He was a key part of putting this together. The County is eligible for part of the Lily Endowment based upon housing and restoring a blighted area.

John Schellenberger mentioned the Emergency Management Agency was called to assist in locating a hiker who had been missing 7-10 days in Wolfe County. Jason Mauch took the Indiana Unites Search and Rescue Dogs. The hiker was located in several hours and was taken to safety and received medical care. He appreciates what the Floyd County EMA does. Mr. Mauch was selected for Indiana Department of Homeland Security Incident Management Assistant Team. The team will respond to local and regional states, statewide incidents and possibly be deployed by FEMA in the event of a national incident. If he is deployed, the county will be reimbursed for his salary and benefits.

Jason Sharp gave props to the Health Department and their board. They have been working really hard and wants to acknowledge and say thank you for everything they do.

Jason Sharp thanked all of the Corrections and Merit Officers for everything they do to help keep the community safe.

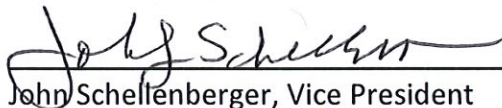
Motion to adjourn. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

Approved on September 3 , 2024

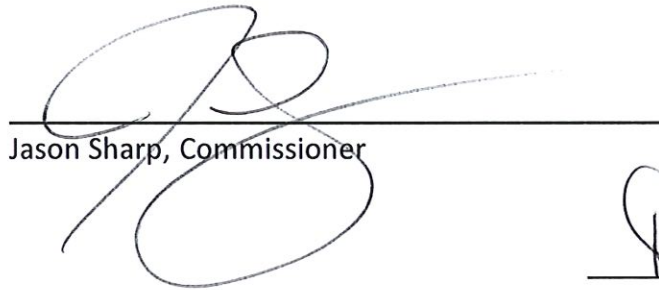
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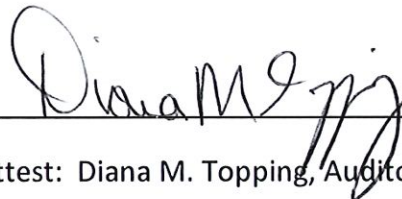
Al Knable, President



John Schellenberger, Vice President



Jason Sharp, Commissioner



Attest: Diana M. Topping, Auditor