

**Meeting Minutes
Board of Commissioners
2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104
New Albany IN 47150
October 15, 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; Auditor, Diana Topping and Prosecutor, Chris Lane

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

Motion to add Old Business #1 regarding the retainer agreement with Barnes and Thornburg. Add a brief presentation from County Prosecutor, Chris Lane, on the opioid interdiction presentation and Purdue contractual services agreement for 2025. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

1. County Attorney-Rick Fox

- a. Retainer Agreement with Barnes & Thornburg for Health Department & Judicial Center

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

New Business:

1. Stormwater Director-Chris Moore

- a. Citizen Reporter App – Demo and Release

Chris Moore demonstrated the Citizen Reporter app. Citizens in Floyd County can now report issues they see out in the field by using the published QR code. Al Knable suggested having something posted with regards to expectation about when a person can expect to get a response. He also strongly encouraged on the disclaimer page to have something that says if you are experiencing an emergency to call 911. He applauded Mr. Moore for putting this together.

2. Building and Development Director-Nick Creevy

- a. Title VI Implementation Plan Update

Motion to approve Title VI Implementation Plan Update. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Old Vincennes Slide Correction Wall Design Contact

Nick Creevy said they have a contract with Mac Construction. The engineer estimate was \$3,046,246.00. The bid came in at \$2,823,000.00.

Motion to approve Mac for the Old Vincennes Road Slide Corrections. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Bridge 27 Rehabilitation Consultant Service Agreement

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

d. Floyd County Bridge Inventory 2022-2025 Presentation

United Consulting, John SanGiorgio, gave a presentation on the Bridge Inventory. He said the bridge inspections are required by the Federal Highway Administration every two years and as long as the county is in compliance, which Floyd County is, they are reimbursed by the Federal Highway Administration for 80% of the inspection costs on the contract. Floyd County currently has 94 bridges that need inspection. The average age of the bridges in Floyd County is 46 years old, which is on par with the Indiana State average. There are 39 bridges that are over 50 years old.

e. Bridge 38 Baylor-Wissman Road Update

Mr. SanGiorgio gave an update on Bridge 38, Baylor Wissman Road. The bridge is currently being replaced due to deterioration and at the same time they are designing a road for Baylor Wissman Road due to substandard curves and the narrow roadway. The project will be done in two phases. The first phase is the replacement of the bridge with a wider structure, so it will not be a single lane bridge. The second phase will be a realignment of Baylor Wissman Road. They are planning on cutting into the hill to increase the sight distance to make the road meet design standards. The earliest it could be constructed is early 2026 with local funding or 2030 with federal funding.

3. Director of Operations and Planning-Don Lopp

a. Novaparke Update

Don Lopp said they have seven other active projects potentially coming into the site. They range from life science to health to natural type science and advanced manufacturing projects that have been filtered through the IADC. They have started to see more interest in terms of building 2 being used for training facility. On October 23, they have the US Patent Workshop. October 16 is the kickoff with IUS and Small Business Development Corp on the next big pitch, which is their part of a global entrepreneurial week, which ends with on November 20th pitch contest for local entrepreneurs.

b. North Tucker Rd - Regional Park

Don Lopp said on November 12 there will be a grand opening on phase one, which is Melvin and Vickie Jensen Nature Preserve and Trail.

They are in the process of Brookline Trail being improved and hopefully, by the end of the week, they'll start the State Road 64 intersection as well. They also have the first trailhead at the top of the hill. They have quotes for paving. The low quote is from All Terrain for \$24,960.00

Motion to approve the quote from All Terrain. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

Don Lopp said at the end of the month the County will be putting in for different projects for the five-year funding through KIPDA. Bridge 38 is one of the projects. Bridge 51 construction inspections, some improvements on US 150 and Schreiber Road and John Pectol Road are other projects being submitted.

4. County Prosecutor-Chris Lane

a. Opioid Interdiction Team Presentation

Prosecutor, Chris Lane, explained the Opioid settlement that was distributed to Floyd County. It was organized into two silos, restricted and unrestricted, and put in the hands of JRAC specifically for treatment for drug offenders or those addicted to narcotics and drugs. The Opioid Interdiction team was formed to try to stop the flow of the poison into the community. Sheriff, Steve Bush, said they will work on a MOU, in terms of how the equipment is used and manage it with other agencies.

Auditor, Diana Topping, commended the Commissioners and JRAC with their foresight for the unrestricted funds. She said Floyd County is the only county, to her knowledge, that is utilizing the unrestricted funds in the way that we are utilizing them. That has protected them in a way they can help prevent the flood into our community, as well as, using the restricted funds to help recover the community from this massive epidemic that exists. She commended the law enforcement agencies in this area. She is very thankful that these multiple agencies are willing to work together the way they have. The officers involved in bringing forth the equipment requests put a lot of time and forethought into what they requested. The current balance in the unrestricted fund is \$668,170.64 and the current outlay request from the different departments runs at \$327,210.94.

Motion to approve and Commissioner Sharp sign the MOU outside of the meeting. Moved by Al Knable. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

5. County Attorney-Rick Fox

a. FCO 2024-26 Establishing Non-Reverting Fund for Floyd County Offices Building Maintenance Fund 4102

Attorney, Rick Fox, said he foresees the rent money that is collected from the purchase of the Chase Building going into the fund and additional sources. It is to pay for the maintenance of the building for the county offices that are going to be there, as well as, the tenants.

Motion to approve, with unanimous consent, Floyd County Ordinance 2024-26 Establishing Non-Reverting Fund for Floyd County Offices Building Maintenance Fund number 4102.

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

b. Purdue Contractual Services Agreement for 2025

Attorney Rick Fox said the County will be paying Purdue \$132,680.00 for the county extensive services in four program areas, Agriculture, Natural Resources, Health and Human Sciences Community Development and 4H Youth Development.

Motion to approve Purdue Contractual Services for 2025 in the amount of \$132,680.00.

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

6. EMS Task Force Recommendation

Jason Sharp said the EMS Task Force met last month. They heard presentations on standalone EMS and Fire based EMS. After a vote of 4-1, the recommendation was for a standalone county emergency medical system. There were several things that was advantageous to the board. First, it was scalable, which means they can increase as demand increases and also if other jurisdictions wanted to get on board such as City of New Albany. It also allows us to oversee the budget, the personnel and monitor clinical care response time and ensure we're providing top of the line equipment to the people of Floyd County. They also liked, if there's going to be a funding mechanism established, they will bill the insurance and what is left over would be written off.

Al Knable said they are gathering information on all three options for EMS.

John Schellenberger said there are two options. Fire based and Countywide. They need to see which is most cost effective and going to give the most benefit. He said Highlander is already fire based so we are halfway there.

Jason Sharp said Highlander would still be responding to their district and be back up County based system and County based would back up Highlander.

Board and Committee Reports

Jason Sharp

- 10/4 – Was guest speaker of Kiwanis of Historic New Albany. Discussed multitude of issues facing Floyd County
- 10/7 – Toured Rauch Industries with several other candidates. Everyone was asked a battery of questions. It was great to see everything they do.

John Schellenberger

- 10/3 – Attended JRAC meeting
- Attended the Indiana County Commissioners via zoom.
- Attended Envoy meeting
- Attended Redevelopment meeting

Al Knable

- 10/2 – Attended reception for Josh Kornberg's farewell
- 10/3 - Met with Aaron Combs of the Building Authority to go over their reorganization and administrative offices
- 10/8 – Conference call with Envoy regarding some structural analysis and architecture analysis for Chase Building and the Court project
- 10/10 – Envoy Conference call
- 10/11 – Harvest Homecoming Business Luncheon
- 10/15 – 4:00 Strand Meeting, 5:00 United Meeting

- Approval of the Commissioners Meeting Minutes for October 1, 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 Jason Sharp. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

Joseph Moore, Georgetown Township, said he's hoping however they go with EMS that they reduce overlap. Requested a sign on Baylor Wissman Road curve to stay in your lane. He asked about only having one early voting places the first couple of weeks.

Dale Mann, Georgetown, said there is a private option for EMS. The fire departments do a good job getting there first before the EMS.

John Schellenberger responded by saying the fire departments would respond but couldn't transport.

Bill Kinzer, New Albany, asked if there has been a set cost on the ambulance service they want to set up. John Schellenberger said the Council is entertaining a LIT for .5%.

Closing Comments:

John Schellenberger said early voting started at the fairgrounds and later in the week Floyd Knobs Community Club will be open for early voting. There will be eight polls open on Election Day. He said Floyd County voters need to do their due diligence and see where the candidates stand and if it fits their vision for Floyd County. This year's local election is too important and there are several issues that will affect safety ambulance service in our county.

Al Knable said there was a horrific event happen at Harvest Homecoming to an individual from one of our neighboring counties that visited here and two were wounded and he prays for their recovery. He said the full resources of Floyd County are ready to help when and if they can to help bring peace back to the community and justice to the individual or individuals who perpetrated the act.

Next Commissioners Meeting:

Monday, November 4, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

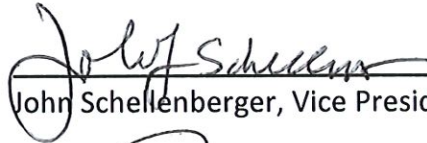
Motion to adjourn. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

Approved on November 4, 2024


BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS




Al Knable, President



John Schellenberger, Vice President



Jason Sharp, Commissioner



Attest: Diana M. Topping, Auditor

