

# HENDRICKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 26, 2017 MEETING

The Hendricks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, December 26, 2017 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room located on the first floor of the Hendricks County Government Center at 355 S. Washington Street, Danville, IN 46122 with the following Hendricks County personnel in attendance:

Matthew D. Whetstone

Commissioner, President

Phyllis A. Palmer

Commissioner, Vice-President

**Bob Gentry** 

Commissioner

R. Todd McCormack

Executive Director

John Ayers Nancy Marsh Engineer

Gregory E. Steuerwald

Auditor Attorney

Larry Hesson Brett Clark

Council Sheriff

Erin Hughes

Human Resources Administrator

Kevin Cavanaugh

Facilities Manager

Tammy Brinkman

Director of Public Health Nursing

**Doug Morris** 

I.T. Director

Jeremy Gooch

Chief Public Defender

Curt Higginbotham

Highway Department Superintendent

Larry Scott

Assessor

Nicole Lawson

Chief Deputy Assessor

Dave Gaston Theresa Lynch Surveyor

Recorder

Suzanne Baker

Senior Planner

D.J. Hoskins

Clerk

Laura Herzog

Voter Registration Supervisor

Tammy Dooley

Voter Registration Clerk

Catherine Haines

Court Administrator

Dan Zielinski

Circuit Court Judge

Karen Love

Superior Court No. 3 Judge

Stephenie LeMay-Luken

Superior Court No. 5 Judge

Susan Bentley

Chief Probation Officer

Patricia Baldwin

Prosecutor

#### PLEDGE TO THE FLAG, PRAYER, AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Commissioner Whetstone opened the meeting at 9:00 AM with a quorum of all three (3) Commissioners present and led the Pledge to the Flag in unison. Commissioner Palmer gave a brief prayer for those who wished to participate.

#### IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Minutes of the November 28, 2017 Commissioners' Meeting as amended. Commissioner Whetstone seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Minutes of the December 12, 2017 Commissioners' Meeting as amended. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

#### IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve Payroll Check Numbers 101420 through 101489, 106461 through 106510, and 110046 through 110379, Direct Deposit Check Numbers 159842 through 160325, and all Budgetary Claims presented from the Auditor's Office for the period beginning December 14, 2017 and ending December 27, 2017, dated December 27, 2017. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

# IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE JAIL IP CAMERA SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT

Sheriff Brett Clark reported only one of the two bids received for the Jail IP Camera System Upgrade project met the specifications and criteria, and recommended awarding the project to Security Automation Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$349,140.00. Sheriff Brett Clark advised funding for the project has been established with the Council.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve awarding the Jail IP Camera System Upgrade project to Security Automation Systems, Inc. as presented. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

## IN THE MATTER OF 2018 COMMISSIONERS' BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Whetstone requested John Ayers research if Eric Wathen, Council President, could replace Commissioner Whetstone on the Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Policy Board. John Ayers advised Tim Dombrosky has been filling in on that Board, but stated he would let Commissioner Whetstone know.

Commissioner Whetstone moved to reappoint the Commissioners to serve on the Boards and Commissions they served on in 2017 beginning January 1, 2018, except for the MPO. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION	APPOINTEE	TERM DATES
Aero Vision	Commissioner Whetstone	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Area Plan Commission	Commissioner Gentry	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Communications Advisory	Commissioner Whetstone	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Economic Development	Commissioner Whetstone	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Emergency Management	Commissioner Palmer	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Fair Board	Commissioner Palmer	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Food, Shelter, & Utility Assistance	Commissioner Palmer	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Gordon Graham Advisory	Commissioner Palmer	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Recognition Committee	Commissioner Palmer	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Senior Services	Commissioner Gentry	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Weather Closing for County Buildings	Commissioner Palmer	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Workforce Development	Commissioner Gentry	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018

Commissioner Gentry moved to reappoint the same appointees to serve on the Boards and Commissions they served on in 2017 beginning January 1, 2018, except for the Clayton-Liberty Township Public Library Board, the Hendricks Regional Health Board, and the Tourism Board, which will be appointed on a later date. Commissioner Whetstone seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION	APPOINTEE	TERM DATES
Alcoholic Beverage	Gordon Hitchings	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Board of Appeals (PTABOA)	George R. Burch	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Board of Appeals (PTABOA)	Robert Cheek	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Community Corrections Advisory	Pat Cockrum	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Community Corrections Advisory	Ginger Davis	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Community Corrections Advisory	Larry Hesson	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Community Corrections Advisory	Chuck Jones	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018

Community Corrections Advisory	Terry Kessinger	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Community Corrections Advisory  Community Corrections Advisory	Maria Larrison	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Community Corrections Advisory	Cassie McDaniel	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Community Corrections Advisory	Ben Neueriter	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Community Corrections Advisory	Jayson Puckett	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Danville Downtown Partnership	Nick Hufford	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Danville Economic Development	Ben Comer	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
District 5 Homeland Security Council	Steve Cook	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Drainage	Jack Maloney	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2020
Economic Development	Nancy L. Marsh	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Economic Development	David Whicker	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Extension Advisory	Kris Brock	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Extension Advisory	Pat Wynn	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Health Board	Debra L. Campbell	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2021
Health Board	Brian Cobb	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2021
Health Board	David Bruce Dillon, PE	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2021
Hoosier Heartland	David L. Wyeth	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Library - Brownsburg	Anita Morrison	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2021
Library - Coatesville Clay Township	Shelly Starbuck	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2021
MPO – Policy (Alternate)	Tim Dombrosky	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
MPO – Technical	John Ayers	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Parks & Recreation	Mike Hayden	01/01/2018 through 01/02/2022
Recognition Committee	John Ayers	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Recognition Committee	Erin Hughes	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Recognition Committee	Nancy Marsh	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Recognition Committee	Todd McCormack	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Redevelopment Authority	Don Allen	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Redevelopment Authority	Dan Devlin	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Redevelopment Authority	Mark Vyzal	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Redevelopment Commission	Isaac E. Lewis	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Redevelopment Commission	John Leitzman	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Regional Transit Authority	Larry Hesson	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Service Advisory – Citizens Water	Jim Mardis	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Weather Closing for County Buildings	EMA Director – Dave Warren	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Weather Closing for County Buildings	Engineer – John Ayers	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Weather Closing for County Buildings	HWY Supt – Curt Higginbotham	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018
Weather Closing for County Buildings	Sheriff – Brett Clark	01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018

## IN THE MATTER OF 2018 MACHINE TECHNICIAN CONTRACT

D.J. Hoskins presented the 2018 Machine Technician Contract for Voter's Registration with Scott Butrum in the amount of \$16,000 for the 2018 Voting Year and requested approval. The Commissioners expressed concerns of one County employee being awarded the Contract without other County employees having the opportunity to be selected. Laura Herzog advised Scott Butrum approached Voter's Registration when the previous Technician was dismissed and is open to exploring other employees. D.J. Hoskins advised she would be willing to open it up to other employees for the next Contract, but due to time restraints she would not be able to do that for the 2018 Contract. D.J. Hoskins was advised to have the Budgetary line item for this Contract moved from a Payroll line item to a Services line item, to avoid the conflict with benefits.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the 2018 Machine Technician Contract for Voter's Registration as presented, as long as the Budgetary line item for the Contract is moved from a Payroll line item to a Services line item. Commissioner Whetstone seconded the motion and the motion was approved by majority 2-1-0; Commissioner Palmer voted against the motion. Commissioner Palmer advised the Contract has been

questioned before and requested D.J. Hoskins provide the Commissioners with more options and more time before requesting approval of the Contract in the future.

### IN THE MATTER OF ZA 452/17: I-70 WEST, LLC.

Suzanne Baker presented an Ordinance to amend the zoning map of Hendricks County, from PB/Planned Business District to AGR/Agriculture Residential District, commonly known as ZA 452/17: I-70 West, LLC., S26-T14N-R1W, Liberty Township, parcel totaling 3.19 acres, located west of State Road 39 and South of East County Road 900 South, back to AGR as it was rezoned to PB in error. Suzanne Baker stated the Plan Commission unanimously approved this zoning amendment during their December 22, 2017 Meeting, 4-0-0.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Ordinance to amend ZA 452/17: I-70 West, LLC. as presented. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. Nancy Marsh assigned Ordinance No. 2017-55 to ZA 448/17: I-70 West, LLC.

# IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CONSULING AGREEMENT

Jeff Fox, representative from H.J. Spier Cp., Inc., presented the Employee Benefits Consulting Agreement and requested approval. Commissioner Palmer advised this is the first time an Agreement has been signed and stated the Agreement documents the services Jeff Fox has been providing to the County.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Employee Benefits Consulting Agreement as presented. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

## IN THE MATTER OF 2018 HEALTH AGREEMENTS/PLANS

Erin Hughes presented the Cigna Network Services Agreement, the Plan Document and Plan Description for the Hendrick County Employee Health Benefits Plan, and the Unified Group Services, Inc. Plan Supervisor Agreement for 2018 and recommended approval. Commissioner Whetstone advised the Benefits Committee had already approved the 2018 health agreements/plans during a prior meeting.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Cigna Network Services Agreement, the Plan Document and Plan Description for the Hendrick County Employee Health Benefits Plan, and the Unified Group Services, Inc. Plan Supervisor Agreement for 2018 as presented. Commissioner Whetstone seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

## IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF'S RESERVE DEPUTY INSURANCE CHANGE

Erin Hughes presented the Sheriff's Reserve Deputy Insurance changes mandated under IC 36-8-3-20, IC 36-8-3-22, and IC 36-8-3-23 to become effective on January 1, 2018 and requested approval to take the item to the Council for funding approval. The changes to the statutes increases the annual premium to \$4,376.00.

Commissioner Whetstone moved to approve the Sheriff's Reserve Deputy Insurance changes as presented, pending Council approval for funding. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

# IN THE MATTER OF NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIOID LITIGATION

Gary Wood and Richard Shevitz, representatives from Cohen & Malad, presented information regarding the opioid epidemic and the National Prescription Opioid Litigation against the manufacturers and distributors of opioids for claimants in Indiana and requested consideration to retain Cohen & Malad to represent the County.

Commissioner Whetstone thanked Gary Wood and Richard Shevitz for the information they provided and presented. Commissioner Whetstone advised Larry Hesson presented similar information to the Commissioners on November 28, 2017 and stated the Commissioners have not reached a consensus on how to proceed.

# IN THE MATTER OF 2018 TRIATHLONS AND RUNNING RACES FOR HENDRICKS COUNTY

Lee O'Connor, representative from RaceMaker Productions, presented the proposed 2018 Triathlons and Running Races for Hendricks County, as well as the proposed course map, course timeframe, and traffic control plan for each event and requested approval to proceed.

DATE OF EVENT	NAME OF EVENT	
May 20, 2018	Try Tri Triathlon	
October 7, 2018	Naptown Triathlon	

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the 2018 Triathlons and Running Races for Hendricks County as presented, pending review of the proposed road closures by John Ayers. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

# IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE 2018 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PRODUCTS AND SUPPLIES

John Ayers reported that after awarding the 2018 Highway Department Products and Supplies during the December 12, 2017 Commissioners' Meeting, Co-Alliance informed the County there had been an error made in their fuel bids. The corrected rack price amount provided to the County by Co-Alliance eliminates them as the low bidder for all fuel categories. John Ayers advised that Pinkerton Oil is now the low bidder for all fuel categories and stated the bid forms with Pinkerton Oil would need to be signed. John Ayers stated that depending upon Greg Steuerwald's direction, the County might consider drafting a letter to be sent to Co-Alliance, disqualifying their bid and correcting the fuel award to Pinkerton Oil.

Greg Steuerwald advised that upon speaking with Co-Alliance, Co-Alliance is fully aware their error resulted in the bid being awarded to them and that they are now the highest bidder, thus disqualifying them from the award. There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and John Ayers in regards to possibly rebidding the fuel to clarify and correct all bids. John Ayers opposed rebidding because it could adjust the rack prices for all bidders, resulting in the County paying more for fuel.

Commissioner Whetstone moved to disqualify Co-Alliance as the lowest responsible fuel bidder, award the fuel bid to Pinkerton Oil, and request a letter from Co-Alliance or show documentation of correspondence with Counsel acknowledging there was an error in the bid they submitted for fuel. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

# IN THE MATTER OF AWARDS FOR CULVERT NO. WA-013, CULVERT NO. WA-044, AND BRIDGE NO. 135

John Ayers presented award recommendations and contracts for Culvert No. WA-013, Culvert No. WA-044, and Bridge No. 135 and requested approval as lowest responsive and responsible bidders as follows:

CONTRACTOR	BRIDGE NUMBER	CULVERT NUMBER
Calumet		Culvert No. WA-013 and WA-044
Duncan Robertson	Bridge No. 135	

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the awards as presented. Commissioner Whetstone seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

#### IN THE MATTER OF 2017 ROAD INVENTORY CHANGES

John Ayers presented a letter to be submitted to INDOT for the County's 2017 Road Inventory changes and requested approval. John Ayers advised the County added a total of 1.298 miles to the inventory from new subdivision streets coming off of their three (3) year maintenance bond period and stated roads affected by annexations is submitted by the Towns doing the annexations, which will update and affect the totals at a later date.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the letter as presented. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

#### IN THE MATTER OF BRIDGE NO. 290

John Ayers reported he recently learned that CSX completed track work in the area for Bridge No. 290 (Dan Jones over CSX), which affected the track elevations, and AT&T identified a line along the tracks that they did not identify during the first survey. Therefore, another trip out by the survey crew is necessary to evaluate the

new information and verify the clearance from the rail to the bottom of the bridge. John Ayers presented Supplemental Agreement No. 1 from Beam, Longest and Neff, LLC. Consulting Engineers for an additional \$9,100.00 and recommended approval. John Ayers stated the cost for the survey itself is only \$1,077.25, but since it has been a year since they completed the last survey of the area, CSX has additional requirements that increased the costs to the \$9,100.00. CSX is requiring the two (2) surveyors attend eight (8) hours of safety training that the County must pay for, a charge for increased insurance, a permit fee, and flagging costs.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Supplemental Agreement as presented. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

#### IN THE MATTER OF IACC 2017 ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

Commissioner Palmer reported John Ayers was named the 2017 Engineer of the Year by the Indiana Association of County Commissioners (IACC). The Commissioners congratulated John Ayers for the honor.

# IN THE MATTER OF ENDEAVOR COMMUNICATIONS AT COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Kevin Cavanaugh reported the matter was tabled until the January 9, 2018 Commissioners' Meeting.

#### IN THE MATTER OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Kevin Cavanaugh reported the project is complete and they are in the monitoring phase.

#### IN THE MATTER OF POWER ISSUES AT THE GOVERNMENT CENTER

Kevin Cavanaugh reported there were power issues at the Government Center over the weekend that have been resolved.

# IN THE MATTER OF GOVERNMENT CENTER MEETING ROOM USE POLICY

Kevin Cavanaugh presented the proposed Government Center Meeting Room Use Policy for review and requested approval. There was discussion amongst the Commissioners regarding the terms of the Policy, specifically allowing Kevin Cavanaugh the flexibility to approve requests outside the window of a scheduled Commissioners' Meeting. Kevin Cavanaugh advised he would amend the Policy.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Government Center Meeting Room Use Policy as amended. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

# IN THE MATTER OF HENDRICKS COUNTY PERSONAL PROPERTY POLICY

Kevin Cavanaugh presented the proposed Hendricks County Personal Property Policy related to sharing and/or disposing of small articles of County property (staplers, desk accessories, file organizers, etc.) and requested feedback/comments from the Commissioners to assist with the development of the Policy. Kevin Cavanaugh stated the Policy proposal was developed with the assistance of Greg Steuerwald. Commissioner Whetstone advised the Commissioners would review the proposed Policy and provide their feedback/comments to Kevin Cavanaugh and Greg Steuerwald.

## IN THE MATTER OF WABASH VALLEY POWER SUBSTATION

Kevin Cavanaugh presented the updated plans and layout documents for the proposed Wabash Valley Power Substation at the County's East Campus, with the area adjusted as requested during the December 12, 2017 Commissioners' Meeting for an issue with the right-of-way on the east side of the property, where it conflicts with the proposed road the County has for the area. Todd McCormack and Kevin Cavanaugh advised that once the proposed plan map is approved, Wabash Valley Power will proceed with ordering the appraisals that are needed for a dollar amount to be established for the parcel.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the proposed layout submitted by Wabash Valley Power for the parcel they plan to purchase at the County's East Campus as presented. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

#### IN THE MATTER OF PAID TIME OFF (PTO)

Todd McCormack reported a statute was found relating to the matter after the decision was made during the

December 12, 2017 Commissioners' Meeting and requested the matter be revisited. Commissioner Whetstone and Todd McCormack stated the motion approved during the previous Meeting was to extend the deadline date to September 1, 2018 for all County employees to use up any accrued PTO hours in excess of the maximum rollover amount. Commissioner Whetstone was not present during the December 12, 2017 Meeting.

Commissioner Whetstone inquired if the Council approved the additional expenditure of funds caused by the motion. Todd McCormack stated the question lies with if the decision for the motion was the responsibility of the Commissioners or the Council to make. Todd McCormack advised a recent Owen County court case where a decision by the Commissioners was overturned due to the Council not being involved in the decision, as the decision involved a financial obligation, despite policy being set by the Commissioners. Todd McCormack referenced IC 36-2-16.5-5 which states, "Unless otherwise specified in the salary schedule, a probation officer is entitled to the same benefits, holidays, and hours as other county, city, or town employees." The salary schedule is adopted by the Council and it now appears the Council should've been involved before making any such motion as it is an approval process and a funding process. Commissioner Whetstone stated the Council must approve the funding process for the motion made by the Commissioners on December 12, 2017 and the matter should've gone to the Council for approval first.

Patricia Baldwin stated she feels the Prosecutor is part of the judicial branch, not part of the executive branch, and that 98% of the County Employee Manual does not fit their office. Commissioner Whetstone advised Elected Officials/Department Heads were given the opportunity to submit proposed revisions to the Employee Manual and any submissions received before the deadline date, will be taken into consideration when the Manual is revised.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners for the matter to be placed on the Agenda for the January 2, 2018 Council Meeting for a decision to be made on the funding process of the matter.

## IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE MANUAL REVISIONS

Todd McCormack reported the Commissioners received the first draft of the proposed revisions to the Employee Manual and inquired how the Commissioners would like to proceed with finalizing the revisions. There was discussion amongst the Commissioners on how to proceed with finalizing the Manual. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to hold a Workshop on January 23, 2018 at 11:00 AM for discussion of the proposed revisions to the Employee Manual and then post the matter on the Agenda for the February 13, 2018 Commissioners' Meeting for consideration for adoption.

## IN THE MATTER OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Todd McCormack reported Tim Dombrosky sent out the form for future Capital Improvement needs to the Elected Officials/Department Heads with a January 30, 2018 deadline for submission date.

# IN THE MATTER OF DANVILLE FRIENDS CHURCH SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT

Todd McCormack reported the matter is going before the Building Facilities Corporation for the continuation of the request for the sewer easement at the Fairgrounds.

# IN THE MATTER OF COURTHOUSE PHONE SYSTEM OUTAGE

Doug Morris reported he plans to replace the UPS for the Courthouse phone system around 12:00 PM on December 17, 2017, which will result in the phone system being down for a few minutes.

## IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS

Patricia Baldwin reported the parking lot behind the Courthouse Annex is being utilized by non-County employees and requested signs be posted in the parking lot to restrict the use to employees of the Prosecutor's Office only on Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, or at least restricted to County employee use only, during the same designated days and times. The parking lot isn't a County only parking lot.

Judge Dan Zielinski stated he was very disappointed in the Commissioners decision today regarding the PTO matter and some of his staff will now be losing PTO hours because of it.

Judge Karen Love stated she feels the Commissioners acted in good faith and is grateful for that and will talk to the Council. Commissioner Whetstone advised the Commissioners are standing behind their decision by asking the Council to ratify it.

#### IN THE MATTER OF WISHES TO BE HEARD

Larry Hesson presented a packet regarding the National Prescription Opioid Litigation showing Paul Hanly, Jr. of Simmons Hanly Conroy as a co-lead in the litigation. Commissioner Whetstone advised the Commissioners haven't made a selection for Counsel or if there will be a selection made. Commissioner Palmer stated making the decision is a struggle for the County as the County would be regulating someone's business.

## IN THE MATTER OF QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

No items presented.

#### IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

No items presented.

## IN THE MATTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE

#### STAFF REPORTS RECEIVED

- 1. Receipt was acknowledged for the Human Resources report of December 11, 2017 through December 22, 2017 from Erin Hughes, Human Resources Administrator.
- 2. Receipt was acknowledged for the weekly Highway Department reports of December 4, 2017 through December 8, 2017 and December 11, 2017 through December 15, 2017 from Curt Higginbotham, Highway Department Superintendent.
- 3. Receipt was acknowledged for the County Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month ending November 30, 2017 from Shawn Shelley, Treasurer.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

1. Memo from Paul Miner, Hendricks County Park Board.

#### IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Gentry moved to adjourn the Hendricks County Commissioners' Meeting at 11:40 AM on Tuesday, December 26, 2017. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Matthew D. Whetstone, President

Phyllis A. Palmer, Vice President

Bob Gentry, Member