



HENDRICKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 27, 2024 MEETING

The Hendricks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 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:

Phyllis A. Palmer	Commissioner, President
Bob Gentry	Commissioner, Vice President
Dennis W. Dawes	Commissioner
R. Todd McCormack	Executive Director
Greg Steuerwald	County Attorney
Mila M. Shaffer	Administration and Public Affairs
Nancy Marsh	Auditor
John Ayers	Engineer
Jack Sadler	Sheriff
Jack Swalley	Facilities Manager
Curt Higginbotham	Highway Department Superintendent
Tim Dombrosky	Planning & Building Director
Dr. David Stopperich	Health Officer
Krista Click	Health Department Administrator
Catherine Haines	Court Administrator
Caleb Thompson	Government Center Security Deputy
John Gramling	I.T. Application Support Specialist
Ryan Lemley	Parks & Recreation Superintendent
Scott Larsen	Merit Chief Deputy (Attended Remotely)
Krista Click	Health Department Administrator (Attended Remotely)
Kim Galloway	Assistant Engineer (Attended Remotely)
Paul Weddle	Assistant Facilities Manager (Attended Remotely)
Terry Benton	Highway Department Office Manager (Attended Remotely)
Paula Alkire	Financial Administrator (Attended Remotely)

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

Commissioner Palmer 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 Dawes gave a brief prayer for those who wished to participate.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Minutes of the August 13, 2024 Commissioners' Meeting as presented. Commissioner Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve Check Number 110601, Direct Deposit Numbers 252395-252935, and Budgetary Claims presented from the Auditor's Office for the period beginning August 15, 2024 and ending August 28, 2024. Commissioner Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No matters presented.

IN THE MATTER OF ZA 514/24: YOHANNES ZERAY

Tim Dombrosky presented proposed Ordinance No. 2024-33 to amend the zoning map of Hendricks County from AGR/Agricultural Residential District to AGB/Agricultural Business District, commonly known as ZA 514/24: Yohannes Zeray, S9-T14N-R1W, Liberty Township, parcel totaling 6.89 acres, located approximately 0.16 mile west of CR 0 on the south side of US HWY 40, at 225 W. US HWY 40, Clayton, Hendricks County, Indiana. Tim Dombrosky advised the Ordinance is to rezone to allow for a slaughterhouse and stated the Plan Commission voted unanimously 5-0 during their August 13, 2024 Public Hearing to send an unfavorable recommendation for rezoning to the Commissioners due to the proximity of the highway and the existence agricultural nature of the area. Tim Dombrosky reported he emailed the remonstrance information to the Commissioners; Commissioner Palmer and Commissioner Dawes acknowledged reviewing it.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners, Tim Dombrosky, and John Ayers regarding the matter.

Commissioner Gentry moved to deny the rezoning request and accept the Plan Commission's unfavorable recommendation. Commissioner Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. Commissioner Palmer clarified to the audience that the Commissioners did not approve the rezoning request for the slaughterhouse.

IN THE MATTER OF ZA 516/24: BROWNSBURG YOUTH SPORTS PUD DISTRICT

Tim Dombrosky presented proposed Ordinance No. 2024-34 for ZA 516/24: Brownsburg Youth Sports PUD District to rezone approximately 60 acres to a PUD and advised a PUD is a custom rezoning Ordinance that only allows what's written in the Ordinance that specifically outlines what the development will look like. Tim Dombrosky stated the Plan Commission voted unanimously 6-0 during their August 13, 2024 Public Hearing to send a favorable recommendation for rezoning to the Commissioners. Tim Dombrosky reported the hours of operation were discussed and the facility will only be open from 8:00 AM-11:00 PM.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and Tim Dombrosky regarding the matter.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the rezoning request and accept the Plan Commission's favorable recommendation. Commissioner Dawes seconded the motion and advised he's worked closely with them all along and stated lots of people are owed a thanks for their help. The motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

Adam Steuerwald, Barnes & Thornburg, presented Resolution No. 2024-35 approving the issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$19,051,000.00 for the design, construct and equip of a new Highway Garage and requested approval.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners, John Ayers, and Adam Steuerwald regarding the matter.

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

IN THE MATTER OF INDOT SECTION 5311 2ND QUARTER CLAIM VOUCHER FOR LINK

Yolanda Kincaid, LINK representative, presented the INDOT Section 5311 2nd Quarter Claim Voucher for \$164,550.00 and requested approval. Yolanda Kincaid advised the Auditor's Office has reviewed and approved the documentation submitted for the claim.

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

IN THE MATTER OF WORK RELEASE SECURITY AUTOMATION SYSTEMS UPDATE

John Gramling presented the Security Automation Systems update proposal for \$52,860.00 to connect the security

system in the Work Release Modular to the regular Facility and requested approval.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners, Nancy Marsh, and John Gramling regarding the matter.

Commissioner Dawes moved to approve the updated proposal as presented. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF HEALTH DEPT. LEASE WITH HRH AND PROPOSED RENOVATIONS

Krista Click reported that due to funding from Indiana's Health First, the Health Department has expanded their educational and outreach efforts, causing an office space situation. Krista Click presented a proposed Lease with HRH for \$1,074.34 per month for three years to lease 202 Meadow Drive for the relocation of Healthy Families and requested approval. Krista Click advised \$1.00 per month would go towards rent and the remaining \$1,073.34 would go to the HendricksGO! Program to help expand their services. Krista Click stated they would also like to utilize more of their Indiana's Health First funding for some renovations on the leased space.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners, Nancy Marsh, and Krista Click regarding the matter.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve moving forward with the Lease and renovations as presented. Commissioner Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DECLARING PROPERTY OF NO VALUE

Jack Swalley presented a list of items from the East Campus Building and requested they be declared of no value and properly disposed of (Exhibit A).

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and Jack Swalley regarding the matter.

Commissioner Dawes moved to declare the items on the list of no value and to dispose of them. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF FAIR ON THE SQUARE

Jack Swalley reported Danville Tri Kappa would like to utilize the Courthouse grounds for Fair on the Square on September 7-8, 2024 and requested approval. Jack Swalley stated he supported their request.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to approve the requested use of the Courthouse grounds.

IN THE MATTER OF GSF CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

Jack Swalley and Greg Steuerwald presented the GSF Judiciary Confidentiality Agreement for GSF employees that may come in contact with confidential, sensitive information there and requested approval.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners, Greg Steuerwald, and Jack Swalley regarding the matter.

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

IN THE MATTER OF NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

John Ayers presented the Notice to Bidders for One (1) Self-Propelled Road Widener and recommended approval. Bids shall be due by 9:00 AM on September 24, 2024.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners, John Ayers, and Curt Higginbotham regarding the matter.

Commissioner Dawes moved to approve the Notice as recommended. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR NO TRUCKS ON CR 1000 E.

John Ayers presented a proposed ordinance for no truck traffic on portions of CR 1000 E. within the County's jurisdiction between I-74 and CR 600 N. and recommended a public hearing be scheduled.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners, John Ayers, and Sheriff Jack Sadler regarding the matter.

Commissioner Dawes moved to schedule the public hearing on September 24, 2024. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR
CR 700 S. AT CR 525 E. CURVE CORRECTION**

John Ayers presented Amendment No. 1 to the Resolution Group Agreement for \$76,200.00 for the final design of the CR 700 S. at CR 525 E. Curve Correction Project and recommended approval.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and John Ayers regarding the matter.

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Amendment as recommended. Commissioner Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mike Roberts, 7365 N. 350 E. in Brownsburg, thanked the Commissioners from his neighborhood for passing the Ordinance at the August 13, 2024 Commissioners' Meeting to lower the speed limit to 30 MPH and inquired when the updated signage would be completed. John Ayers stated he would check on it.

Jim Murphy, 10726 N. State Road 267 in Brownsburg, reported the Town of Brownsburg continues to annex areas along the Ronald Reagan Parkway and inquired if the County Commissioners plan to implement Resolution No. 2006-02 that he brought up at the last Commissioners' Meeting so County residents would feel like they have some sort of representation against it and their commercial rezoning.

Commissioner Palmer inquired if John Ayers had the chance to review the Resolution. John Ayers stated he had not. Commissioner Palmer inquired if Tim Dombrosky cared to comment. Tim Dombrosky advised he has not looked at the Resolution, and cannot say for sure, but has a hard time believing the Resolution is binding. Commissioner Palmer requested Tim Dombrosky look at the Ronald Reagan Parkway Master Plan and the Resolution and send the Commissioners an email with his opinion. Greg Steuerwald advised he researched the statute and the process the Town of Brownsburg used for the latest rezoning is permitted by statute.

David Weyant, P.O. Box 513 in Brownsburg, reported normally public service is a thankless job and thanked the Commissioners for what they're doing and their transparent, approachable, and collaborative nature he's encountered with County staff while following the Brownsburg Youth Sports Project. David Weyant advised that type of environment is fostered by the standards set by the Commissioners that everyone else follows. David Weyant added to Jim Murphy's comment regarding the Ronald Reagan agreement that there's a step in there that says the municipalities will meet with the County prior to things happening, and that meeting or discussion never took place with the recent rezoning that impacted the Highland Springs and Highland Greens neighborhoods, publicly or privately and everyone was taken by surprise. David Weyant stated what Jim Murphy and friends are trying to do is make sure the County adheres to that original agreement and makes things a collaborative effort with the Towns. David Weyant thanked the Commissioners for their time and efforts.

Amy Mace, Cummins Behavioral Health, reported a new grant is available from the Indiana FSSA Division of Mental Health and Addiction called the Community Cares Initiative Grant Pilot Program. Amy Mace stated the Program was established for the purpose of assisting in the cost of starting or expanding mobile integrated healthcare programs and mobile crisis team in Indiana, but advised the Grant is only available to counties, cities or towns. Amy Mace inquired if the County would be interested in partnering with Cummins as the passthrough entity for the Grant and stated they would handle the majority of the paperwork and work closely with the Auditor's Office.

Todd McCormack stated his concern was the extra work the Grant would create for the Auditor's Office and advised that if the Commissioners were willing to participate, they would need to present a letter of intent by September 6, 2024. There was discussion amongst the Commissioners, Todd McCormack, Nancy Marsh, and Amy Mace regarding the matter. Nancy Marsh stated her office would be willing to work with Cummins.

Commissioner Dawes moved to approve partnering with Cummins as the passthrough for the Grant as requested. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion. Commissioner Palmer called for comments/questions. Commissioner Gentry stated he know The Willow Center has a similar program and works with the schools and inquired if this would be a duplication of services. Amy Mace stated The Willow Center is one of their competitors but advised they would not be duplicating services. Commissioner Dawes inquired if Cummins already offered mobile services. Amy Mace stated they already offer the mobile services and the Grant would help cover some of their costs. The motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

No matters presented.

IN THE MATTER OF CR 525 E. AND CR 100 S. ROUNDABOUT

John Ayers reported plans are being finalized for the roundabout at CR 525 E. and CR 100 S. and advised he has spoken with the HOA President regarding the matter. John Ayers advised the HOA is requesting the County shift the alignment of the roundabout north and east and stated he does not recommend it. John Ayers stated none of the houses in the Parks of Prestwick are being affected.

Commissioner Palmer advised she attended the last HOA meeting and stated the residents were very vocal about it. Commissioner Gentry inquired how long the project has been in the works. John Ayers stated he believes design was started two years ago and advised they are ready to start purchasing right-of-way and then construction. Commissioner Gentry inquired if Commissioner Palmer and John Ayers are familiar with the residents that said they did not know about the roundabout and if they recently moved in. John Ayers stated the project has been in the works for a couple of years and does not think the owners of the house on the corner are new residents, but isn't sure, and advised a public hearing is not required because the intersection is not being relocated. John Ayers stated there has always been an intersection at this location, which is less than 200 feet from the home, and the County is improving it from a two-way stop to a roundabout. John Ayers inquired if it was okay to move forward with the project as designed or if they want more interaction with the HOA President. Commissioner Palmer stated she did not feel she should decide due to being a resident in the subdivision and suggested John Ayers speak with Jeff Smallwood, HOA Board Member.

It was the majority recommendation of the Commissioners to move forward with the project as it was designed.

IN THE MATTER OF PROPOSED EMPLOYEE MANUAL AMENDMENTS

Todd McCormack reported the Council has submitted two proposed amendments for the Employee Manual and inquired how the Commissioners would like for these Amendments to be presented. Todd McCormack presented two recommended options on how to present the amendments:

- Commissioners send the proposed amendments to Elected Officials/Department Heads prior to their September 10, 2024 meeting and request that concerned Elected Officials/Department Heads provide written feedback prior to them being voted on at that meeting, or;
- Commissioners introduce the proposed amendments at the September 10, 2024 meeting, but not vote on them until the next meeting, and request that concerned Elected Officials/Department Heads provide written feedback prior to the next meeting.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and Todd McCormack regarding the matter. Commissioner Palmer advised the Council presented the proposed amendments to the Commissioners at the Council Budget Hearings and stated the Commissioners are just trying to comply with the Council's request.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to introduce the proposed amendments at the September 10, 2024 meeting, request written feedback from Elected Officials/Department Heads, and vote on them at the September 24, 2024 meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Gentry reported he recently attended a meeting with INDOT, John Ayers, and some local farmers regarding the proposed J-turns on US 40 and stated the meeting went well, the farmers felt they were heard, and the farmers feel they will be able to navigate the turns as they were described to them by INDOT. Commissioner Gentry advised INDOT also stated that if the J-turns become an issue for the farmers they can signal them and stated the lives saved by these turns might be those of the residents that live in that area.

Commissioner Dawes reported he read in the Indianapolis Business Journal that the population in the 11 county metro area, that includes Hendricks County, is expected to be 2,497,000 by 2050, an increase of 405,000 from 2020, and seems pretty astounding to him. Greg Steuerwald stated 49 Indiana counties are decreasing.

IN THE MATTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE

STAFF REPORTS RECEIVED


1. Receipt acknowledged for the Engineering Department Report of August 27, 2024 from John Ayers.
2. Receipt acknowledged for the Executive Director's Report of August 27, 2024 from Todd McCormack.
3. Receipt acknowledged for the I.T. Department Report of August 27, 2024 from Doug Morris.
4. Receipt acknowledged for the Facilities Department Report of August 27, 2024 from Jack Swalley.
5. Receipt acknowledged for the Highway Department Report of August 5-9, 2024 and August 12-16, 2024 from Curt Higginbotham.
6. Receipt acknowledged for the HR Report of August 10-23, 2024 from Erin Hughes.
7. Animal Control/Shelter Report of August 8-22, 2024 from LaDonna Hughes.
8. Receipt acknowledged for the EMA Report of August 11-24, 2024 from Debbi Fletcher.
9. Receipt acknowledged for the Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month ending July 31, 2024 from Dawn Mayhood.
10. Receipt acknowledged for the Parks & Recreation Report of August 23, 2024 from Ryan Lemley.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. Letter from Hendricks County Purdue Extension regarding their annual meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Gentry moved to adjourn the Hendricks County Commissioners' Meeting at 10:18 AM on Tuesday, August 27, 2024. Commissioner Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.


Phyllis A. Palmer, President


Bob Gentry, Vice President


Dennis W. Dawes, Member

Exhibit A

Property of No Value

1-Medical Refrigerator (not working)

16- Wood Desks

1 - USPS Mailbox

2 - Metal bookshelves

3 - Drawer stacks with hutch

1 - Wood hutch

1 - printer table

1 - Drafting table

1 - metal shelf

15 - Metal file cabinets

1 - wood credenza

1 - Modular workstation

6 - Partition walls

8 - Roller bookshelves

1 - broken lateral file

1 - print file

5 - kids tables and chairs

1 - Baker Tela-Scaf man lift

25 - Chairs