

# HENDRICKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF THE JULY 25, 2023 MEETING

The Hendricks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 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
Greg Steuerwald
R. Todd McCormack
Commissioner
County Attorney
Executive Director

Mila M. Shaffer Administration and Public Affairs

Nancy Marsh Auditor
Jack Sadler Sheriff
Nicki Lawson Assessor
Laura Herzog Recorder
David Gaston Surveyor

Tiffany Dalton Chief Deputy Surveyor

John Ayers Engineer

Kevin Cavanaugh Facilities Manager
Doug Morris I.T. Director
Clint Stoutenour GIS Administrator

Bart Harvey Highway & Bridge Project Manager Erin Hughes Human Resources Administrator Mark Chmielewski Government Center Security Deputy

Tim Dombrosky Planning & Building Director

Dr. David Stopperich County Health Officer

Krista Click Health Department Administrator

Anne Archer Health Department Outreach Team Leader Jeff Corder Public Health Preparedness Coordinator

Ariana Gurrola EMA Administrative Assistant

Catherine Haines Court Administrator (Attended Remotely)
Dan Chubb Chief Deputy Coroner (Attended Remotely)
Kim Galloway Assistant Engineer (Attended Remotely)

Curt Higginbotham Highway Department Superintendent (Attended Remotely)
Terry Benton Highway Department Office Manager (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 July 11, 2023 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 Payroll Check Numbers 110575-110576, Direct Deposit Check

Numbers 236586-237115, and Budgetary Claims presented from the Auditor's Office for the period beginning July 13, 2023 and ending July 26, 2023 as presented. 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 BID OPENING FOR AVON AVE. DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Commissioner Palmer closed the bids for the Avon Avenue Drainage Improvement Project at 9:02 AM. John Ayers opened and read the following bids:

VENDOR	BID AMOUNT
CRM Excavating	\$264,087.00
HIS Constructors	\$461,916.00
Howard Companies	\$280,252.00

John Ayers advised the bids would be taken under advisement and a recommendation presented on a later date.

#### IN THE MATTER OF BACK YOUR BADGE MARATHON

Adam Hook, RaceMaker Productions, and Greg Williams, Plainfield Fire Territory, presented the proposed route for the September 23, 2023 Back Your Badge Marathon that will be held in the Town of Plainfield and surrounding area and requested approval to proceed.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners, Adam Hook, and Greg Williams regarding the matter and road closures.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to proceed with the Marathon with law enforcement's involvement.

#### IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION ACCEPTING STATE PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING

Dr. David Stopperich presented the Resolution Accepting State Public Health to opt-in to receive the funding from the Health First Indiana Plan and requested approval. Dr. Stopperich advised the Health Board gave their full approval to proceed.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners, Greg Steuerwald, Dr. Stopperich, and Krista Click regarding the matter. Commissioner Palmer expressed her concern that the funding may not continue beyond the guaranteed two years and wanted to make sure the employees hired with this funding would be made aware that their position was contingent upon the continuation of this funding. Dr. Stopperich stated they would be transparent about it and they would be made aware.

Commissioner Dawes moved to approve the Resolution to opt-in to the Health First Indiana Plan as requested. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. Nancy Marsh assigned Resolution No. 2023-21. Commissioner Dawes thanked Greg Steuerwald for seeing this legislation through and funding it. Commissioner Palmer thanked Commissioner Dawes for representing the County on the Governor's Public Health Commission as it helped make her more comfortable approving it.

#### IN THE MATTER OF INDOT OPA VEHICLE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR LINK

Pat Cockrum, LINK/Sycamore Services, thanked Greg Steuerwald for the Health First Indiana Plan and thanked the Commissioners for opting in.

Pat Cockrum presented the QPA 44253/INDOT 5339 Motor Vehicle Purchase Agreement for \$228,908.00 to purchase two replacement vans and requested approval. Pat Cockrum reported the price per van pre-COVID was approximately \$55,000.00 and is now approximately \$115,000.00.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners, Nancy Marsh, and Pat Cockrum 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 CSX TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT FOR BRIDGE NO. 290

John Ayers presented the CSX Transportation, Inc. Construction Agreement for Bridge No. 290 on Dan Jones Road for \$656,014.00 and recommended approval.

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

### IN THE MATTER OF DLZ DESIGN AGREEMENT FOR CR 100 S. & CR 525 E. ROUNDABOUT

John Ayers presented the DLZ Agreement for Engineering Services for \$347,310.00 for the design of a roundabout at the intersection County Road 100 S. and County Road 525 E. and recommended approval.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and John Ayers regarding the matter. Commissioner Gentry inquired if John Ayers routinely entertains pricing from other engineering firms. John Ayers advised he did a RFQ for this project and DLZ was the selected vendor. Commissioner Gentry thanked John Ayers for doing that.

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

# IN THE MATTER OF DLZ DESIGN AGREEMENT FOR OLD SR 267 & COUNTY LINE ROAD INTERSECTION

John Ayers presented the DLZ Agreement for Engineering Services for \$82,600.00 for the design of a traffic signal at the intersection of Old State Road 267 and Hendricks County Line Road and recommended approval.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and John Ayers regarding the matter and how advanced warning signage for the signal would be installed to alert motorists of the new signal.

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

### IN THE MATTER OF ESRI SMALL ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT

John Ayers presented the ESRI Small Enterprise Agreement for \$170,000.00 per year for 3 years to renew the GIS licensing and recommended approval.

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

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

#### IN THE MATTER OF COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Joseph Ray, Pittsboro Baptist Church, and Jay Thompson, Pittsboro Town Council, reported they've found some issues with the split of some parcels vacated by the Town that they believe were done incorrectly. Jay Thompson stated he believes some mistakes were made by the Town and advised he contacted the Town's Clerk/Treasurer requesting the original documentation that was used to vacate the parcels, but has not received a response, and thinks he will have to make a formal public records request to obtain the information. Joseph Ray and Jay Thompson inquired what needed to be done to get the County to correct the information on the parcels and on Beacon to what he and Jay Thompson believe is correct.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners, Greg Steuerwald, Nancy Marsh, and John Ayers regarding the matter. Greg Steuerwald stated the County would need an order from the Town to change any information that differs from what their initial order sent to the County dictated. John Ayers stated the County does not make the decision of how a vacation is split, the order the County receives dictates how it is split.

Jay Thompson advised that when listening remotely, it is difficult to hear people that make comments from the back of the room, and recommended the Commissioners make people come up to the front to speak.

Commissioner Palmer stated they normally do ask them to come forward.

Jay Thompson thanked Commissioner Palmer for asking the 2-year funding question on the Health First funding.

#### IN THE MATTER OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

No matters presented.

# IN THE MATTER OF NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR BRIDGE NO. 197 REPLACEMENT

John Ayers presented the Notice to Bidders for the Bridge No. 197 Replacement and recommended approval. Bids shall be due by 9:00 AM on August 22, 2023.

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

#### IN THE MATTER OF CONCRETE PLANTERS FROM THE TOWN

Kevin Cavanaugh reported the Town of Danville no longer wants to own and maintain the large concrete planters around Town and reached out to the County about gifting them. Kevin Cavanaugh advised the Town has offered to help relocate them around the Courthouse and stated the Downtown Danville Partnership would take over maintaining the planters.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and Kevin Cavanaugh regarding the matter. Commissioner Palmer recommended we find out the Town's and Partnership's intentions. Commissioner Dawes inquired why the Town was wanting to relinquish the planters if the Partnership was going to be maintaining them.

Kevin Cavanaugh advised he would reach out to the Partnership to find out more information.

#### IN THE MATTER OF CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Commissioner Dawes inquired when the Capital Planning Committee Meeting Kevin Cavanaugh and John Ayers requested at the last Commissioners' Meeting would be.

Kevin Cavanaugh advised he should be ready in about two weeks and will reach out to schedule it.

#### IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY VEHICLES

Todd McCormack reported that during the Commissioners' Meeting he received an email from Enterprise advising Chevrolet just opened up ordering for trucks and stated the County could now choose to replace them with Dodge or Chevrolet.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to stick with Chevrolet.

Commissioner Palmer commended Todd McCormack for making the decision on the Sheriff's Department vehicles and stated it was the most cost effective for the County and was a good decision.

#### IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Gentry requested the Ordinance that includes requiring an alternative or second septic field be placed on the next Commissioners' Agenda for discussion about modifying it.

Krista Click advised the Health Department already planned to submit the request for it to be on there and would get the request submitted.

Commissioner Gentry reported he was contacted by some residents wanting to know if there was a County Weed Board and advised he told them the County no longer had one.

Commissioner Gentry reported Jeff Healy, Banning Engineering, was working on a presentation for the Soil & Water Conservation District to present to the Council to request funding to hire an engineering firm to review and inspect construction projects for them in lieu of turning them over to IDEM.

Commissioner Gentry reported the old Jail demolition process underway and will be lengthy.

Commissioner Dawes thanked the Hendricks County Fair Board and Steve Patterson, Executive Director, for accomplishing a really nice County Fair.

Commissioner Palmer reported she appreciates Commissioner Dawes' comment and works up close with them as the Commissioners' representative on the Fair Board. Commissioner Palmer advised it is amazing to see the team of volunteers that dedicate themselves 24/7 the week of the Fair to make it a success. Commissioner Palmer stated they are an awesome group of people.

#### IN THE MATTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE

#### **CHECKS RECEIVED**

1. \$10,858.00

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Wheel Tax Revenue Bond - Aug

#### STAFF REPORTS RECEIVED

- 1. Receipt acknowledged for the Engineering Department Report of July 25, 2023 from John Ayers.
- 2. Receipt acknowledged for the Facilities Department Report of July 25, 2023 from Kevin Cavanaugh.
- 3. Receipt acknowledged for the Executive Director's Report of July 25, 2023 from Todd McCormack.
- 4. Receipt acknowledged for the I.T. Department Report of July 25, 2023 from Doug Morris.
- 5. Receipt acknowledged for the HR Report of July 8, 2023-July 21, 2023 from Erin Hughes.
- 6. Receipt acknowledged for the Highway Department Report of July 3, 2023-July 7, 2023 and July 10, 2023-July 14, 2023 from Curt Higginbotham.
- 7. Receipt acknowledged for the EMA Report of July 8, 2023-July 21, 2023 from Dawn Mason.
- 8. Receipt acknowledged for the Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month ending June 30, 2023 from Dawn Mayhood.
- 9. Receipt acknowledged for the Parks & Recreation Report of July 17, 2023 from Ryan Lemley.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- 1. Notice of Tort Claim from Ken Nunn Law Office representing Kattie Taylor, individually and as parent and natural guardian of Tyran Golston, Jr., a minor, and Tylran Golston, Jr., a minor.
- 2. Summons and First Amended Complaint for Damages from Charles M. and Jamie L. Neese.
- 3. Contract Termination Letter from Holland & Knight for Distribution Realty Group, LLC.
- 4. Notice of Public Hearing by the Brownsburg Advisory Plan Commission for PCPP-23-9, Christian Brothers Automotive Primary Plat, from Progressive AE.
- 5. Notice of Public Hearing by the Danville Board of Zoning Appeals for 842 S. Tennessee Street from Kurt Allen/Vitalis Precision Ammunition.

#### IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Gentry moved to adjourn the Hendricks County Commissioners' Meeting at 10:13 AM on Tuesday, July 25, 2023. 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