

# HENDRICKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 27, 2019 MEETING

The Hendricks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 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

Matthew D. Whetstone Commissioner, Vice President

Bob Gentry Commissioner
R. Todd McCormack Executive Director

Mila M. Shaffer Administration and Public Affairs

Greg Steuerwald
Nancy Marsh
John Ayers
Brett Clark
Shawn Shelley
Nicole Lawson
Attorney
Auditor
Engineer
Sheriff
Treasurer
Assessor

Kevin Cavanaugh Facilities Manager

Curt Higginbotham Highway Department Superintendent

Doug Morris I.T. Director Dr. David Stopperich Health Officer

Kandi Jamison Nursing Health Director Kim Galloway Assistant Engineer

Theresa Lynch Recorder
Dave Gaston Surveyor

Ryan Lemley Parks and Recreation Superintendent

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

Commissioner Palmer opened the meeting at 9:10 AM with a quorum of all three (3) Commissioners present and led the Pledge to the Flag in unison. Commissioner Whetstone gave a brief prayer for those who wished to participate.

# IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES

Commissioner Whetstone moved to approve the Minutes of the August 13, 2019 Commissioners' Meeting as presented. Commissioner Gentry seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

#### IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Gentry moved to approve Direct Deposit Check Numbers 182301 through 182822 and all Budgetary Claims presented from the Auditor's Office for the period beginning August 15, 2019 and ending August 28, 2019, dated August 28, 2019. Commissioner Whetstone seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

#### IN THE MATTER OF BID OPENING FOR 2019 PAVEMENT MARKING PROJECT

Commissioner Palmer closed the bids for 2019 Pavement Marking Project at 9:13 AM and proceeded with the opening of the following bids.

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
Gridlock Traffic Systems, Inc.	\$149,572.50
Indiana Sign and Barricade, Inc.	\$133,892.71

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to take the bids under advisement and for John Ayers to present a recommendation to the Commissioners on a later date.

# IN THE MATTER OF BID OPENING FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT CR 1000 N. AND CR 650 E.

Commissioner Palmer closed the bids for Drainage Improvements at CR 1000 N. and CR 650 E. at 9:55 AM and proceeded with the opening of the following bids.

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
Conexco, Inc.	\$538,500.00
CRM Excavating	\$481,370.00
Morphey Construction	\$623,000.00
White Construction	\$514,000.00

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to take the bids under advisement and for John Ayers to present a recommendation to the Commissioners on a later date.

# IN THE MATTER OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WEEK PROCLAMATION AND REQUEST TO PLACE VARIOUS ITEMS ON COUNTY GROUNDS

Rick Barr, representative from Indy Defenders of Liberty, presented a proposed Proclamation to declare September 17, 2019 through September 23, 2019 as Constitution Week in Hendricks County and requested permission to place various items outside and inside the Courthouse and Government Center that week.

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

# IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFICATION OF LOCAL APPROVAL FOR THE HUD GRANTS FOR FAMILY PROMISE OF HENDRICKS COUNTY, INC.

Julie Randall, Executive Director of Family Promise of Hendricks County, Inc., presented the Certification of Local Approval for two (2) HUD Grants and requested approval. Julie Randall reported homelessness in Hendricks County is a crisis with over 3,000 evictions filed in 2018, not including foreclosures. Julie Randall advised there is a shortage of affordable housing in Hendricks County and many families are struggling.

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

# IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST TO RETIRE K9 BAK

Sheriff Brett Clark requested to retire K9 Bak and allow him to reside with his handler, Corporal Kyle Schaefer, for the remainder of his life. K9 Bak has been with the County since 2012. Corporal Schaefer shall be responsible for all future costs and liability associated with K9 Bak.

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

# IN THE MATTER OF ST. VINCENT HOSPITAL EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AGREEMENT

Erin Hughes presented the St. Vincent Hospital Employee Assistance Program Agreement for renewal and requested approval.

Commissioner Whetstone 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 REQUEST TO DECLARE PROPERTY OF NO VALUE

Kevin Cavanaugh presented a list of broken and/or obsolete furniture, fixtures, and equipment and requested the items be declared of no value and be disposed of.

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

# IN THE MATTER OF REVISED MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE RONALD REAGAN PARKWAY

John Ayers presented the revised Memorandum of Agreement for the extension of the Ronald Reagan Parkway with the Federal Highway Administration and the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer and recommended approval.

Commissioner Whetstone 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 BRIDGE NO. 51 AWARDING

John Ayers presented the Bid Award and Contract for Bridge No. 51 with Conexco, Inc. in the amount of \$608,653.32 and recommended approval as they were the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

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

## IN THE MATTER OF CULVERT NO. LB-039 AWARDING

John Ayers presented the Bid Award and Contract for Culvert No. LB-039 with Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$352,898.12 and recommended approval as they were the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

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

# IN THE MATTER OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

No matters presented.

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

John Ayers reported he received two (2) quotes to clear trees from the approaches to Bridge No. 290, located on Dan Jones Road over CSX, one from Collier Logging and one from Artistic Touch Tree Service and recommended approval of the quote from Artistic Touch in the amount of \$8,500.00

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

## IN THE MATTER OF BRIDGE NO. 49 EMERGENCY REPAIRS

John Ayers reported he received one (1) quote back from the three (3) requested for the emergency repairs to Bridge No. 49 on County Road 350 North. John Ayers recommended approval of the quote from Keith Henderson in the amount of \$92,874.00.

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

# IN THE MATTER OF RONALD REAGAN PARKWAY MEDIATION

John Ayers and Greg Steuerwald reported the Ronald Reagan Parkway Mediation with INDOT and Superior Construction is scheduled for September 16, 2019 at 9:00 AM and recommended at least one (1) of the

Commissioners attend to authorize and execute any agreement that may be reached.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners as there is a conflict with a Joint Meeting with Hendricks Regional Health and Cypress Manor scheduled for the same day at 10:00 AM. Commissioner Whetstone offered to attend the Mediation but would also attend the Joint Meeting via cell phone.

Commissioner Gentry moved to authorize Commissioner Whetstone to approve and execute any agreement that may be reached in the Mediation on behalf of the Commissioners. Commissioner Whetstone seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

## IN THE MATTER OF EXTENSION OF CR 950 N. AND CR 950 E. LEGAL DRAIN

John Ayers inquired about a funding source to cover the \$44,400.00 to extend the enclosed portion of the legal drain at CR 950 N. and CR 950 E. and advised it is necessary for road safety due to the steep bank. The legal drain work at this location this far has been funded by the Drainage Board.

Commissioner Gentry moved to have the extension paid for from Highway Department funds. Commissioner Whetstone seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

# IN THE MATTER OF CR 750 N., COUNTRYSIDE ESTATES

John Ayers inquired about a discussion during the Drainage Board Meeting regarding access to a legal drain behind Countryside Estates and a property owner on CR 750 N. who agreed to grant access in exchange for permission to enclose his road side ditch, with the County paying for the eastern portion of the enclosure. John Ayers stated the County usually denies such requests for various reasons and has denied this homeowner's request previously.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners and John Ayers about this location and reasons for denial.

Commissioner Gentry advised he will speak with the affected homeowner to discuss granting access in writing and possible cost sharing. Curt Higginbotham requested Commissioner Gentry inquire about the maintenance of the drain as well.

#### IN THE MATTER OF USE OF MUSEUM GROUNDS

Kevin Cavanaugh reported Peace Through Yoga, located near the Museum, is requesting permission to hold yoga classes on the Museum grounds when the weather permits.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to approve the request as long as it does not interfere with access to the Museum.

## IN THE MATTER OF COURTHOUSE BACKUP GENERATOR

Kevin Cavanaugh and Ed Meyers, representative from Duke Energy One, discussed the proposal for a backup generator for the Courthouse that would provide 100% power to the entire building in the event of a power outage. The projected monthly cost would be \$3,850.00 per month for the next ten (10) years, \$462,000.00 total, and includes installation and maintenance.

The Commissioners requested Kevin Cavanaugh research the matter and provide a cost analysis on purchasing and maintaining a unit versus leasing a unit.

# IN THE MATTER OF NEW HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FACILITY

Commissioner Whetstone reported Hendricks Regional Health (HRH) may be interested in purchasing the property the current Highway Department is on and suggested part of the negotiations include a cost adjustment for the property if HRH agrees to include and build space for the Coroner, morgue, and the Health Department in their new building on that property. Commissioner Whetstone requested this be discussed during the Joint Meeting with HRH on September 16, 2019.

Dr. David Stopperich agreed this proposal sounds like a great solution to space issues for their Departments.

#### IN THE MATTER OF EMAIL SECURITY TRAINING

Doug Morris requested permission to implement online email security training for all County employees to help them better spot malicious emails.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to approve implementation of the training for all County employees.

# IN THE MATTER OF COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

No matters presented.

## IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS

No matters presented.

# IN THE MATTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE

#### CHECKS RECEIVED

1. \$1,600.00

**OB** Services

Claim No. 0AB251348-0101

80% Deductible Recovery

#### STAFF REPORTS RECEIVED

- Receipt was acknowledged for the Engineering Department Report of August 27, 2019 from John Ayers.
- Receipt was acknowledged for the Facilities Department Report of August 27, 2019 from Kevin Cavanaugh.
- Receipt was acknowledged for the Executive Director's Report of August 27, 2019 from Todd McCormack. 3.
- Receipt was acknowledged for the I.T. Department Report of August 27, 2019 from Doug Morris.
- Receipt was acknowledged for the Human Resources Report of August 12, 2019 through August 23, 2019 from Erin Hughes.
- Receipt was acknowledged for the County Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month ending July 31, 2019 from Shawn Shelley.
- Receipt was acknowledged for the Parks & Recreation Department Report of August 23, 2019 from Ryan Lemley.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- 1. Notice of Public Hearing by the Plainfield Plan Commission from Arbor Homes for Docket No. PUD-19-082.
- Notice of Public Hearing by the Plainfield Plan Commission from American Structurepoint for Docket No. DP-19-138.

#### IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Gentry moved to adjourn the Hendricks County Commissioners' Meeting at 10:36 AM on Tuesday, August 27, 2019. Commissioner Whetstone seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Matthew D. Whetstone, Vice President

Bob Gentry, Member