

## REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA, MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Commissioner Rob Miller; Commissioner Terry Stoffel; Commissioner Tom Wall; Phil Hibbert, Facilities Manager; Joakim Abrahamsson, IT Director; Jerry Meehan, Surveyor; Kim Hostetler, DCD Director; Aaron Carl, T-E Incorporated; Sheriff Chris Newton; Chief Deputy Chad Hammel; Kristine Thurston, DLZ; Jill Landrum, Auditor; Bob Garrett, County Attorney; Dr. Matt Pflieger; Terry Miller, County Council; Eric Garber, HAT; Chris Karlin, HAT; Tim Eckert, Veteran Services Officer; Tina Disch, Visitor's Bureau; Sarah Brunner, DCD; Bill Williams; Jesse Perez; Rafael Aguilar; Stefanie Barrioz, HR Director; Bridgett Burkhart, Office Manager

*The following people attended virtually through Zoom: Isabella Wright*

Commissioner Rob Miller called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

### IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

#### Reorganizational Meeting

Terry Stoffel made a motion to appoint Rob Miller as President of the Huntington County Board of Commissioners for 2023. Tom Wall seconded and the motion passed 3-0 with Terry Stoffel voting yea, Tom Wall voting yea, and Rob Miller voting yea.

Terry Stoffel made a motion to appoint Tom Wall as Vice President of the Huntington County Board of Commissioners for 2023. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0 with Terry Stoffel voting yea, Rob Miller voting yea, and Tom Wall voting yea.

### IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT)

#### 2023 Commissioner Board Appointments

Terry Stoffel made a motion to appoint Commissioners to the following boards:

Drainage Board	Tom Wall
Community Corrections	Rob Miller
District 3 Planning Council (DPC)	Terry Stoffel
District Planning Oversight Committee	Terry Stoffel
EMA Advisory Board	Rob Miller
Employee Connections Committee	Terry Stoffel
Employee Safety Committee	Terry Stoffel
EMS Advisory Committee at PHH	Rob Miller
EMS Dispatch	Rob Miller
GIS Advisory Council	Tom Wall
HCPS Dispatch	Rob Miller
HCUED	Rob Miller
Job Classification Committee	Rob Miller
LIT Advisory Board	Rob Miller
Northeast Regional Partnership	Tom Wall
Plan Commission	Terry Stoffel
Regional IIIA	Tom Wall
Solid Waste District Board	All Commissioners
Tax Abatement Review Committee	Rob Miller
Upper Wabash River Basin	Dave Hacker

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Tom Wall seconded and the motion passed 3-0 with Terry Stoffel voting yea, Tom Wall voting yea, and Rob Miller voting yea.

**IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)  
12/19/2022**

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the Minutes from the December 19, 2022. Terry Stoffel seconded and the motion passed 3-0 with Tom Wall voting yea, Terry Stoffel voting yea, and Rob Miller voting yea.

**IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS)  
1/11/2023**

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Claim docket for January 11, 2023. Tom Wall seconded and the motion passed 3-0 with Terry Stoffel voting yea, Tom Wall voting yea, and Rob Miller voting yea.

**IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL)  
12/30/2022**

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Payroll docket for December 30, 2022. Tom Wall seconded and the motion passed 3-0 with Terry Stoffel voting yea, Tom Wall voting yea, and Rob Miller voting yea.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)  
Travel Authorization**

Joakim Abrahamsson, IT Director presented an Out-of-State Travel Authorization for Jeff Hardesty to attend the Motorola Solutions Summit 2023 in Orlando, Florida 4/10/23-4/14/23. Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Travel Authorization. Tom Wall seconded and the motion passed 3-0 with Terry Stoffel voting yea, Tom Wall voting yea, and Rob Miller voting yea.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)  
Storm Water Review Fees**

Surveyor Jerry Meehan spoke with the Commissioners about charging fees for storm water plan reviews when the permit is issued. He stated that most sites would be approximately \$500.00 (unless it's a large commercial complex). An agreement will be drawn up showing the flat fee (refunds will be issued if necessary and overages will be billed to the applicant). The agreement will be sent to Mr. Garrett for review and approval. Terry Stoffel made a motion to set the fee at \$500.00. Tom Wall seconded and the motion passed 3-0 with Terry Stoffel voting yea, Tom Wall voting yea, and Rob Miller voting yea.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)  
Section corner work**

Jerry Meehan spoke with the Commissioners regarding section corner work. IC 36-2-12-11 Administration of section; maintenance of corner record book; contents of record; procedure for establishment and perpetuation of corners states, in part, If the county surveyor is not registered, the county surveyor shall, with the approval of the county executive, appoint a person who is registered as a professional surveyor and is a resident voter of the county to administer this section. Meehan stated that Joe Herendeen, Sauer Land Surveying, Inc. and Aaron Carl, T-E Incorporated, would be willing to serve in this role. Both of these individuals are licensed professional surveyors and both live in Huntington County. Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve both of these individuals. Tom Wall seconded and the motion passed 3-0 with Terry Stoffel voting yea, Tom Wall voting yea, and Rob Miller voting yea.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)  
O.M. Arthur Drain**

Jerry Meehan spoke with the Commissioners regarding a negative balance on the O.M. Arthur Drain. Tom Wall made a motion to clear the negative balance. Terry Stoffel seconded and the motion passed 3-0 with Tom Wall voting yea, Terry Stoffel voting yea, and Rob Miller voting yea.

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**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**

**Huntington County Jail Expansion/Renovation Update**

Kristine Thurston, DLZ Construction Observation Manager, gave an update on the jail expansion/renovation. She stated that they are on schedule to be finished by the end of the month. In reference to the outside area where the equipment was used to remove the communications tower, Kristine stated that the sidewalk is okay and the curb looks good – there should be a credit coming on that. Kristine also presented Pay App #32 (December 2022) in the amount of \$20,465.71. Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Pay App. Tom Wall seconded and the motion passed 3-0 with Terry Stoffel voting yea, Tom Wall voting yea, and Rob Miller voting yea.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**

**Inmate Advocate**

Sheriff Newton shared that the Inmate Advocate started on January 3, 2023. She has already met with Peer Recovery Coaches to start coordinating care for inmates. This is part of the initiative set forth by the Opioid Coalition.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**

**Advised Pass Through & Endowment Agreement**

Dr. Matt Pflieger presented an Advised Pass Through and Endowment Agreement for the Opioid Coalition. Mr. Garrett has some clarifications that he needs to have added to the agreement prior to approving it.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**

**Credit Card Authorization**

Dr. Matt Pflieger requested a county credit card in his name. Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the credit card request. Tom Wall seconded and the motion passed 3-0 with Terry Stoffel voting yea, Tom Wall voting yea, and Rob Miller voting yea.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**

**Health Department Office**

Dr. Matt Pflieger discussed the need to do a renovation at the Health Department's current location. He stated that the renovation would provide more privacy for patients who visit the Health Department for vaccines, etc.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**

**Medical Treatment Transportation for Veterans**

The Commissioners discussed a need for transportation for some Huntington County veterans who may need medical treatment. Included in this discussion was Eric Garber and Chris Karlin from Huntington Area Transportation (HAT) and Tim Eckert, Veteran Services Officer. Tim stated that he has been in contact with someone who has previously ran this program but that it could be several months before it's up and running again. It was determined that Veterans will be able to utilize HAT until the new transportation piece is in place. HAT will bill the Huntington County Commissioners on a bi-weekly basis for trips that involve veterans seeking medical treatment. Tim Eckert will post communication regarding this service at the local American Legion Posts and VFW, as well on social media.

Terry Stoffel made a motion to utilize HAT for veteran medical treatment transportation and to pay the bi-weekly claims from Service Contracts. Tom Wall seconded and the motion passed 3-0 with Terry Stoffel voting yea, Tom Wall voting yea, and Rob Miller voting yea.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**

**Veteran Medical Claims**

Tim Eckert, Veteran Services Officer stated that he was able to secure \$360,000.00 in retro-claims for Veterans in Huntington County.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**

**Huntington County Visitors Bureau**

Tina Disch, Executive Director of the Huntington County Visitor Bureau spoke with the Commissioners regarding the 2023 budget, as well as, a recap of the 2022 budget funds spent.

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### IN THE MATTER OF REPORT)

#### Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract Annual Savings Report

Tom Wall made a motion to sign the Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract Annual Savings Report as submitted by Ameresco, Inc. for the period of 2/1/2022 through 1/31/2023. Terry Stoffel seconded and the motion passed 3-0 with Tom Wall voting yea, Terry Stoffel voting yea, and Rob Miller voting yea.

### IN THE MATTER OF INVOICE)

#### Cumulative Courthouse Funds

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the following invoices be paid using Cumulative Courthouse Funds:

- A. Hattersley & Sons      \$3,442.90
- A. Hattersley & Sons      \$3,054.00
- A. Hattersley & Sons      \$2,036.00
- Rangeline Electric        \$7,600.00
- Young Electric            \$3,037.77

Terry Stoffel seconded and the motion passed 3-0 with Tom Wall voting yea, Terry Stoffel voting yea, and Rob Miller voting yea.

### IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

#### Sheriff's Department Car Accident

Stefanie Barrioz, HR Director, spoke with the Commissioners regarding a vehicle accident in which a Sheriff's Deputy hit a deer. The amount of damage did not warrant an insurance claim being filed. The Sheriff's Department will pay \$1,000.00 and the balance will be paid from the Commissioners funds.

### IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

#### Humane Society Contract

It was discussed that the Huntington County Sheriff's Department will continue to act in a first response capacity on animal calls as they had in the past.

The Commissioners' Meeting went into recess for the Huntington County Redevelopment Meeting at 10:42 a.m.

The Commissioners' Meeting resumed at 11:15 a.m.

### IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING)

#### 4548 East Station Road Huntington, Indiana

The Public Hearing was opened at 11:16 a.m.

The following people were present for the hearing: Commissioner Rob Miller; Commissioner Terry Stoffel; Commissioner Tom Wall; Kim Hostetler, DCD Director; Sarah Brunner, DCD Land Use Division / Office Coordinator; Bill Williams, property owner; Jesse Perez, property owner; Bob Garrett, County Attorney; Phil Hibbert, Facilities Manager; Jill Landrum, Auditor; Terry Miller, County Council; Stefanie Barrioz, HR Director; Bridgett Burkhart, Office Manager

Sarah Brunner, DCD Land Use Division/Office Coordinator, discussed the property located at 4548 E. Station Road owned by Bill Williams. Brunner noted that the four properties on the south side of Station Road were purchased by a new owner. Jesse Perez stated he is the new owner of those four lots (4535, 4539, 4565 and 4587 E. Station Road).

Brunner showed the Commissioners pictures of Bill William's property. Commissioner Wall stated it was hard to tell the condition due to the overgrowth. Brunner stated that DCD had not been allowed access to this property for any kind of inspection. Williams stated he would like to replace the roof with a metal roof and would like to work on the house. The Commissioners stated they would like to work with him to keep the properties on the tax roll.

The Public Hearing was closed at 11:41 a.m.

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Terry Stoffel made a motion to give Williams until June 12, 2023 to complete the roof, replace broken windows and remove junk and brush from the property. Tom Wall seconded and the motion passed 3-0 with Terry Stoffel voting yea, Tom Wall voting yea, and Rob Miller voting yea.

### IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING)

#### 1600 East Taylor Street Huntington, Indiana

The Public Hearing was opened at 11:43 a.m.

The following people were present for the hearing: Commissioner Rob Miller; Commissioner Terry Stoffel; Commissioner Tom Wall; Kim Hostetler, DCD Director; Sarah Brunner, DCD Land Use Division / Office Coordinator; Rafael Aguilar, property owner; Bob Garrett, County Attorney; Phil Hibbert, Facilities Manager; Jill Landrum, Auditor; Terry Miller, County Council; Stefanie Barrio, HR Director; Bridgett Burkhardt, Office Manager

Sarah Brunner, DCD Land Use Division/Office Coordinator, discussed the property located at 1600 E. Taylor Street owned by Rafael Aguilar. She stated that Aguilar could not find the keys so the inspection for the morning had to be rescheduled. Brunner stated the Department would like to see the rest of the property cleared of the brush and maintained. Aguilar stated he had difficulty finding a contractor that wanted to come and clear the front part of the property. He stated he will be replacing/repairing the roof. Commissioner Stoffel asked Aguilar what he planned to do with the property. Aguilar stated he would like to open another radio station but the building would be used for storage since a DJ could work from another location. Brunner also noted the Commissioners had previously stated they would like the towers inspected to make sure they are safe. Commissioner Wall suggested Aguilar call someone like First Group to inspect the towers.

The Public Hearing was closed at 11:54 a.m.

Tom Wall made a motion giving Mr. Aguilar 30 days to allow DCD into the building for an inspection and 60 days to come back to the Commissioners with a plan (based on recommendations). Terry Stoffel seconded and the motion passed 3-0 with Tom Wall voting yea, Terry Stoffel voting yea, and Rob Miller voting yea.

### IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)

#### Beam, Longest and Neff

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve Supplemental Agreement No.1 between Huntington County and Beam, Longest and Neff to provide professional engineering services for the Countywide Bridge Inspection and Inventory Program for Cycle Years 2021 through 2024. Tom Wall seconded and the motion passed 3-0 with Terry Stoffel voting yea, Tom Wall voting yea, and Rob Miller voting yea.

### IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

#### Notice to Bidders

Bridgett Burkhardt, Office Manager, presented the following documents to the Commissioners for their review and signature:

- Notice to Bidders for diesel, biodiesel blends, winter blend diesel, and unleaded fuel for the year 2023
- Notice to Bidders for Annual Materials such as gravel, sand, liquid asphalt, emulsion, and other items used by the Huntington County Highway Department

### IN THE MATTER OF CONTRACT)

#### Bridge No. 145

Terry Stoffel made a motion to award the bid for Bridge No. 145, located on Taylor Street over Rabbit Run Ditch in Huntington County to R.L. McCoy, Inc. Tom Wall seconded and the motion passed 3-0 with Terry Stoffel voting yea, Tom Wall voting yea, and Rob Miller voting yea.

### IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

#### Evergreen Road between Waterworks Road and E. Taylor St.

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Application for Permit for Comcast Cable in the location of Evergreen Road between Waterworks Road and East Taylor Street in Huntington County. Tom Wall seconded and the motion passed 3-0 with Terry Stoffel voting yea, Tom Wall voting yea, and Rob Miller voting yea.

### IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

#### Ordinance Codification

Tom Wall made a motion to move forward with the Proposal for Continued Codification of Huntington County's General Ordinances with GRW. Services shall not exceed \$20,000.00. Terry Stoffel seconded and the motion passed 3-0 with Tom Wall voting yea, Terry Stoffel voting yea, and Rob Miller voting yea.

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The Commissioner Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:06 p.m.

The Commissioner Meeting resumed at 1:30 p.m.

Attendance: Commissioner Tom Wall; Commissioner Rob Miller; Kim Hostetler, DCD Director; Joyce Bentz; Jay Rinehart; Mark Wickersham, HCUED Executive Director; Stefanie Barrioz, HR Director; Bridgett Burkhardt, Office Manager

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**

**Huntington County Board of Zoning Appeals**


The Commissioners interviewed interested applicants for a vacancy on the Huntington County Board of Zoning Appeals.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**

**Economic Development Update**

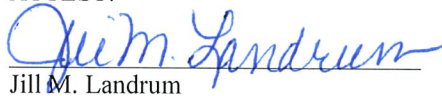
Mark Wickersham, Executive Director of Huntington County United Economic Development, updated the Commissioners on economic development projects.

The Commissioners recessed at 2:39 p.m.

  
Rob Miller

  
Tom Wall

ATTEST:

  
Jill M. Landrum

  
Terry Stoffel

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