

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA, MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023**

IN ATTENDANCE: Commissioner Rob Miller; Commissioner Terry Stoffel; Commissioner Tom Wall; Mark Wickersham, HCUED Executive Director; Phil Hibbert, Facilities Manager; Kristine Thurston, DLZ; Jill Landrum, Auditor; Joakim Abrahamsson, IT Director; Ilene Haluska, Herald Press; Sheriff Chris Newton; Chief Deputy Chad Hammel; Leslie Rentschler, Community Corrections Director; Brian Trueblood, Public Health Administrator; Kim Hostetler, DCD Director; Sarah Brunner, Land Use Coordinator; Rafael Aguilar, Stefanie Barrioz, HR Director; Bridgett Burkhart, Office Manager

The following people attended virtually through Zoom: Bob Garrett, County Attorney; Terry Miller, County Council

Commissioner Rob Miller called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

3/6/2023

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Minutes from the March 6, 2023 meeting. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 2-0 with Terry Stoffel voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS)

3/22/2023

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Claim docket for March 22, 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)

3/10/2023

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Payroll docket for March 10, 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 AGREEMENT)

Historic Warren – LIT Agreement

Mark Wickersham, HCUED Executive Director presented a LIT Agreement between the Board of Commissioners for Huntington County, Huntington County Economic Development Corporation, and Historic Warren, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$24,943.00 to address various structural and mechanical issues at the building located at 201 North Wayne Street in Warren, Indiana. This grant request received a favorable recommendation from the CEDIT Advisory Committee. The funds would be paid from CEDIT – Project 3. Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the agreement. 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)

Huntington County Sheriff's Department Update

Sheriff Chris Newton updated the Commissioners on the progress in the jail expansion/renovation project.

Sheriff Newton stated that they have purchased new vehicles (Chevy Tahoe trucks). One vehicle was paid for by County Council and the others were purchased from the Sheriff's Commissary Fund.

Discussion also included the need to change the filters in the HVAC system on a quarterly basis. Several options were discussed including purchasing or leasing a lift to safely reach all of the filter locations. Another option is to explore a service contract for preventative maintenance. Further discussion on this option led to a suggestion of exploring the option of a preventative maintenance program for the courthouse and other county properties collectively. That option will be further investigated.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Local Government Request Authorization

Joakim Abrahamsson, IT Director, spoke with the Commissioners about updating the website domain to huntington.in.gov. The Commissioners agreed by consensus to sign the authorization.

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA, MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023**

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Duress Alarms

Joakim Abrahamsson, IT Director provided an update on the duress alarm situation. The equipment has been ordered, but is facing supply chain issues. It is unclear how soon the equipment will be delivered.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Huntington County Jail Expansion/Renovation Update

Kristine Thurston, DLZ Construction Manager, stated that contractors are finishing up the floor repair. They will finish the landscaping when the weather permits.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION)

2023-02

Terry Stoffel made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-02 – A Resolution establishing the intent to conduct a Commissioners' Sale to sell tax sale certificate for property that is severely delinquent in payment of property taxes. 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 AGREEMENT)

Gasoline User Fee – Interlocal Cooperation Agreement

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Gasoline User Fee Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Huntington. 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)

Bridge #143 Federal Aid Application

Commissioners discussed an email received by Troy Hostetler, Highway Superintendent, stating that the Huntington County Highway will be receiving \$1.6 million for bridge funding. This is a new source of federal funding for bridge preservation – which is different than rehab or replacement.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Fuel pumps at the Huntington County Highway Department

Discussion was had regarding the fuel system at the Highway Department. Pump 2 has been down repeatedly over the past several weeks. Gasoline Equipment has been out several times to repair it, but due to the age of the fuel dispenser, they can no longer get the parts needed to repair it. Troy Hostetler, Highway Superintendent, will research what options are available moving forward.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Memorandum of Understanding

The Commissioners agreed by consensus to sign the Memorandum of Understanding among the City of Huntington, the Town of Andrews, Indiana, and Huntington County pertaining to improving the water infrastructure for Andrews, Indiana.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

New Year's Eve Gala

Stefanie Barrioz, HR Director, discussed a request to use the courthouse for a New Year's Eve gala. Stefanie gave an overview of the preliminary meeting they had. She stated that she checked with the county's insurance carrier regarding the liability requirements that requesting party would need to have in place if this event takes place in the courthouse.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Community Corrections Update

Leslie Rentschler, Community Corrections Director, spoke with the Commissioners regarding grant applications that they will be submitting, including the DOC Grant. She stated that they will be working on a Pre-trial grant application, as well as, collaborating with the Health Department on a grant opportunity.

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA, MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023**

Leslie asked permission to add a staff member to the conference that they will be attending in Texas in June 2023. Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the travel 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)

ATM at the O'Donnell Center

Leslie Rentschler, Community Corrections Director discussed the possibility of installing an ATM for the Community Corrections Work Release participants at the O'Donnell Center at Victory Noll. She stated that she had contacted Bippus State Bank, First Federal, and PNC. Leslie also stated that Mr. Garrett had some revisions to make to the contract before it is considered.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Work Release Program

The Commissioners spoke with Leslie regarding the enrollment of participants in the Work Release Program. Leslie stated that she is meeting with Parkview Behavioral Health on a weekly basis and that they are making a difference in people's lives with these programs. The Commissioners also spoke with Leslie about the need for her to include funding for cleaning and maintenance staff at the O'Donnell Center in her grant applications. Those services are being paid for using ARPA funds now, but an alternative funding source needs to be identified for future needs.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

School Liaison Grant Application

Brian Trueblood, Public Health Administrator, discussed the School Liaison Grant Application. He stated that it has been extended for a third year. Terry Stoffel made a motion to proceed with the application. 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 Carry-Over funds

Brian Trueblood, Public Health Administrator, spoke with the Commissioners about utilizing carry-over funds to purchase a new vehicle for the Health Department. Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the use of the carry-over funds as allowed by the grant. 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 Services Office Update

Tim Eckert, Veteran Services Officer, gave an update on his outreach activities over the past month. He stated that he is still doing the post visits and is considering doing a meeting to share information regarding the PAC Act. Tim also discussed the Veteran of the Quarter. Recognition of the next Veteran of the Quarter will take place on May 15, 2023.

Tim provided an overview of the claims that he has filed. He was able to secure retro pay in the amount of \$92,000.00 for a veteran.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Redevelopment Commission Meeting

The Commissioners discussed the need to have a meeting of the Redevelopment Commission as required for the 2022 Annual Report. The meeting will be held on Monday, April 3, 2023.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING)

1600 East Taylor Street

The Public Hearing was opened at 11:00 a.m.

The following people were present during the hearing: Commissioner Terry Stoffel; Commissioner Tom Wall; Commissioner Rob Miller; Sarah Bruner, Land Use Division/Office Coordinator, Kim Hostetler, DCD Director; Stefanie HR Director; Phil Hibbert, Facilities Manager; Rafael Aguilar; Bridgett Burkhart, Office Manager
Bob Garrett, County Attorney attended virtually via Zoom

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA, MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023**

Sarah Bruner, Land Use Division gave an overview of the Order of Enforcement for this property. On January 9, 2023, Mr. Aguilar was given 60 days to make repairs on the property. Sarah stated that the roof has been replaced, but the inspection of the communication towers and the clearing of debris had not been done.

Mr. Aguilar stated that he contacted a company to have the towers inspected, but they had not been responsive. He stated that the company told him that they would have an inspector in this area next week. Mr. Aguilar also stated that he is having a difficult time finding a company who will mow all the way to the back of the property.

No additional public comment was made.

The Public Hearing was closed at 11:13 a.m.

Tom Wall made a motion to allow Mr. Aguilar 60 days to get the building secured and weather tight, the towers inspected, and the mowing done. 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 REPORT)

Treasurer's Report

Bridgett Burkhart, Office Manager, presented the County Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month ending February 28, 2023 as prepared by Brenda Hamilton, Treasurer.

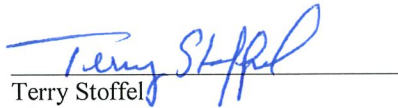
The Commissioners recessed at 11:40 a.m.



Rob Miller



Tom Wall



Terry Stoffel

ATTEST:



Jill M. Landrum

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA