

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA, MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023**

IN ATTENDANCE: Commissioner Terry Stoffel; Commissioner Rob Miller; Commissioner Tom Wall; Phil Hibbert, Facilities Manager; Mark Wickersham, HCUED; Jill Landrum, Auditor; Joakim Abrahamsson, IT Director; Bob Garrett, County Attorney; Greg Ricker, Facilities Manager; Eric Garber, Huntington Area Transportation; Kim Hostetler, DCD Director; Troy Hostetler, Highway Superintendent; Brenda Hamilton, Treasurer; Tim Eckert, Veteran Services Officer; Dathen Strine, System Administrator; Keith Eller, County Council; Dr. Matt Pflieger, Public Health Officer; Tyler Warman, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs; Jodie Posillipo; Dominic Posillipo; Mike Kahlenbeck; Angie Kahlenbeck; Charles Purcell; Jennifer Felton; Jim Scheiber; Jodi Scheiber; Jon Knecht; Greg Ness; Brandy Ness; Jean Gernand; Terry Miller, County Council

The following people attended virtually through Zoom: Terry Miller, County Council; Amy Kent, Director of Legislative and External Affairs

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

6/12/2023

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the Minutes from the June 12, 2023 Commissioner Meeting. 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)

6/28/2023

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Claim Docket for June 28, 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)

6/16/2023

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Payroll Docket for June 16, 2023. Tom Wall seconded and the motion passed 3-0 Terry Stoffel voting yea, Tom Wall voting yea, and Rob Miller voting yea.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Courthouse entrance doors

Greg Ricker, Facilities Manager and Joakim Abrahamsson, IT Director spoke with the Commissioners about the need to replace the doors on the Warren Street side of the courthouse. This is the employee entrance. The current doors have been repaired numerous times, however, the lock/unlock mechanism can no longer be fixed. The Commissioners asked Greg to get a quote for wood doors so that the historical integrity of the courthouse is not lost.

Greg also discussed the water fountains in the courthouse. He will get quotes that bring the water fountains into ADA compliance.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Audio for Council Chambers

Joakim Abrahamsson, IT Director, spoke with the Commissioners stating that the audio in the GAR Room (County Council chambers) needs to be upgraded to integrate with video recording.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Proposal by EnvelopiQ

Greg Ricker, Facilities Manager spoke with the Commissioners about a proposal submitted by EnvelopiQ. This proposal is to revise the central plant programming for the courthouse HVAC system. The quote is not to exceed \$6,825.00. By consensus, the Commissioners agreed to proceed.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Huntington Area Transportation – Vehicle Grant

Eric Garber, Transportation Manager for HAT provided grant paperwork from INDOT for the purchase of a new vehicle in the amount of \$53,734.00. Tom Wall made a motion authorizing Rob Miller to sign the document. 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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Economic Development Update

Mark Wickersham, Executive Director of Huntington County United Economic Development (HCUED) gave the Commissioners an update on economic development in Huntington County. To date, they have completed four (4) projects totaling a \$10.5 million capital investment. Mark also shared that there will be a ribbon cutting on July 12, 2023 for Progress Drive. More details to follow on that event.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

TextMyGov

Bridgett Burkhardt, Office Manager, spoke with the Commissioners regarding documentation that was provided by Shelley Septer, Clerk of the Superior/Circuit Courts, regarding a program called TextMyGov. This would be used to communicate with the public on governmental topics. Shelley requested permission from the Commissioners to include this in her 2024 budget request. By consensus, the Commissioners agreed to have Shelley include this program in her 2024 budget request.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

O'Donnell Center Update

Phil Hibbert, Facilities Manager, gave an update on the O'Donnell Center at Victory Noll. They discussed the water piping, and the lease agreement with Saint Anne's for the woodshop work space.

Commissioner Miller asked Commissioner Stoffel to do a walk-through of the facility as a security check. Commissioner Stoffel will complete that on July 5, 2023.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

School Resource Officers

The Commissioners had a discussion on School Resource Officers and what that would look like partnering with the Huntington County Sheriff's Department, Huntington Police Department, and the Huntington County Community School Corporation.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Sheriff's Contract

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Sheriff's Salary Contract for CY2024. 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)

Solar Project

Commissioner Tom Wall discussed a potential for solar carports in the jail parking lot. Performance Services would like to do a feasibility study which would include project cost, utility savings, etc.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

North Rangeline Neighborhood Concern

Residents who live near the Huntington Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America discussed their concerns regarding the expansion and increased activity at the shooting range. Jodie Posillipo was the spokesperson for the group. She stated that they were concerned with safety issues with the expansion of the shooting range, as well as, a for-profit entity utilizing the property (non-profit) for his business. Mike Kahlenbeck asked about the 'grandfather clause' and whether that had a termination date. He stated that weapons have changed since the shooting range was established, and safety measures should be in place. The Commissioners stated that they would have Mr. Garrett, County Attorney and the Department of Community Development research the property. As far as the non-profit situation, the Commissioners have no control over that. Also discussed was the change in location for the Veterans Shoot, that is typically held at Roush Lake, to Izaak Walton. Tim Eckert, Veteran Services Officer, will follow up on this topic.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Veteran Services Office Update

Tim Eckert, Veteran Services Officer, provided his monthly update to the Commissioners including outreach statistics. He also informed the Commissioners of Huntington County veterans that have passed since his last update. Tim stated that they

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are looking for the next Veteran of the Quarter. He also shared that the ribbon cutting for the CBOC (Community Based Outpatient Clinic) will be held on July 20, 2023. Commissioner Miller will be attending and will speak at the ceremony.

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)

Schneider Geospatial, LLC

Brenda Hamilton, Treasurer, presented a Professional Services Agreement with Schneider Geospatial, LLC for payment integration. This will allow residents to pay online. She stated that the agreement had been reviewed and approved by Mr. Garrett. 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)

Highway Department Update

Troy Hostetler, Highway Superintendent, gave an update on the Highway Department projects:

- The culvert on 1000 North has been completed
- The bridge at 300 West and 400 South has been completed
- The bridge on Taylor Street has been completed
- Tipton Street widening is slightly behind schedule, but should be completed before school starts
- The federal aid bridge project on LaFontaine Street is on schedule
- The federal aid project at the intersection of 300 West and Division Road is on schedule
- There will be a pre-construction meeting for the bridge on 700 South
- Community Crossings paving projects for 100 North and Rangeline Road are scheduled for July
- Bid documents are being prepared for Community Crossings 2023-1
- Chip and sealing program is in progress
- Scoring for federal aid bridge 143 next meeting

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Grant Application Request

Dr. Matt Pflieger, Public Health Officer, Submitted a grant application for Jail Chemical Addiction Program (JCAP) in the amount of \$301,574.00. This will be for FY2024 and FY2025. This is a grant from state opiate settlement funds. There is no required County match. Tom Wall made a motion to approve the grant application. 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 RESOLUTION)

2023-07

Tom Wall made a motion to adopt Resolution #2023-07 – A Resolution of the Huntington County Indiana Commissioners accepting state public health funding. Terry Stoffel seconded and the motion passed 3-0 with Tom Wall voting yea, Terry Stoffel voting yea, and Rob Miller voting yea.

The Commissioners recessed at 11:48 a.m.

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Rob Miller



Tom Wall

ATTEST:



Jill M. Landrum



Terry Stoffel

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