

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA, MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Commissioner Rob Miller; Commissioner Terry Stoffel; Commissioner Tom Wall; Phil Hibbert, Facilities Manager; Stefanie Barrioz, HR Director; Bob Garrett, County Attorney; Troy Hostetler, Highway Superintendent; Ilene Haluska, Herald Press; Austin Bullock, Andrews Police Department; Leslie Rentschler, Community Corrections Director; Terry Miller, County Council; Joakim Abrahamsson, IT Director; Kevin Krauskopf, Communications Coordinator

*The following people attended virtually through Zoom: Laura Dillon, Dave Meitzler*

Commissioner Miller called the meeting to order at 8:49 a.m.

**IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)  
6/26/2023 and 7/5/2023**

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the Minutes from the June 26, 2023 and July 5, 2023 Commissioner Meetings. 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)  
7/12/2023**

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Claim Docket for July 12, 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)  
6/30/2023**

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Payroll Docket for June 30, 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 DISCUSSION)  
Roanoke Park Playground Equipment**

Dave Meitzler spoke with the Commissioners via Zoom requesting \$50,000.00 to replace the playground equipment at the Roanoke Park. The total for the entire project is \$250,000.00. The Commissioners agreed through consensus to table this request for the time being and re-visit it later in the Fall.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)  
Bendix Donation**

Leslie Rentschler, Community Corrections Director asked the Commissioners for permission to accept a donation in the amount of \$3500.00 from Bendix to be used for a computer lab at the O'Donnell Center. Terry Stoffel made a motion to accept the donation. 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)  
Capital Investment Grant**

Leslie Rentschler, Community Corrections Director spoke with the Commissioners about a Capital Investment Grant that she received some information on. She is unsure of the specifics of the grant at this time, but will keep the Commissioners updated on the scope as she receives more information.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)  
Andrews Police Department**

Town Marshal Austin Bullock from the Andrews Police Department spoke with the Commissioners about the need to update their body cameras. The Commissioners asked if he had researched any grant opportunities that may be available – EMA Director Bob Jeffers would be a good contact for this. They also asked him to consult with the Andrews Town Council to see what funding they can provide. The Commissioners are very much in favor of the new body cameras and would be happy to partner with the other entities involved to get them purchased.

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**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**

**Communications**

Kevin Krauskopf, Communications Coordinator spoke with the Commissioners regarding the expectations for his position from the County. Kevin is working on the County website and was recently given access to the Commissioners' Facebook page in order to improve communication with the public. Commissioner Stoffel would like for Kevin to attend the bi-weekly meetings and Commissioner Wall stated that he would like a monthly update.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**

**Duress Alarms**

Joakim Abrahamsson, IT Director gave an update on the Duress Alarms. The alarms were on back-order, but they have been delivered. The IT Department is doing the set up for them and will get them dispersed as soon as possible.

Joakim also talked to the Commissioners regarding the audio equipment upgrade for the GAR Room. He stated that it would be \$3,600.00 for the equipment and \$2,500.00 for the installation.

Joakim stated that the printer for the Extension Office would be added to the county lease effective January 1, 2024.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**

**Norwood Water Meters**

The Commissioners discussed the replacement water meters for the Norwood Regional Water and Sewer District. The installation quote came in \$18,626.00 over the initial request. Laura Dillon attended via Zoom and stated that she would talk to the board about utilizing \$14,000.00 from the sanitation fund. The Commissioners stated that they would work with them to make up the overage.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**

**O'Donnell Center Update**

Phil Hibbert, Facilities Manager spoke with the Commissioners to see if there were any updates as to when the Stations of the Cross may be moved to St. Felix. There has been no update at this time. Phil stated that the leak in the roof near the EMA offices has been resolved.

Tom Wall made a motion to deem the left-over tower brackets as surplus equipment. 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)**

**Highway Department Surplus Material**

Troy Hostetler, Highway Superintendent spoke with the Commissioners regarding a stock of left-over vinyl that is too small to be used on road signs. The Commissioners agreed by consensus that Troy could reach out to the surrounding entities and see if they would have any use for it.

**IN THE MATTER OF REPORT)**

**Clerk of the Court Report**

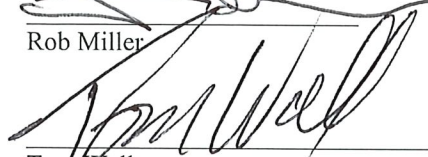
Bridgett Burkhart, Office Manager presented the Clerk of the Circuit Court Report for the month ending May 31, 2023 as prepared by Shelley Septer, Clerk of Huntington Circuit/Superior Courts.

The Commissioners recessed at 11:53 a.m.

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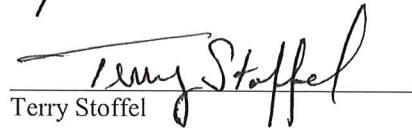
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Rob Miller

  
Tom Wall

ATTEST:

  
Jill M. Landrum

  
Terry Stoffel

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