

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Commissioner Terry Stoffel; Commissioner Tom Wall; Commissioner Rob Miller; Phil Hibbert, Facilities Manager; Joakim Abrahamsson, IT Director; Tim Allen, Dispatch Director; Bob Garrett, County Attorney; Alex Downard, Mark Wickersham, HCUED; Terry Miller, County Council; Penny Eley, Daughters of the American Revolution; Nick Caley, REMC; Troy Hostetler, Highway Superintendent; Keith Eller, County Council; Bridgett Burkhart, Office Manager

*The following people attended virtually through Zoom: Stefanie Barrioz, HR Director; Terry Miller, County Council; John DiDomizio, BLN*

Commissioner Miller called the meeting to order at 8:43 a.m.

**IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)**

**8/21/2023**

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 21, 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)**

**9/6/2023**

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Claim Docket for September 6, 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)**

**8/25/2023**

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Payroll Docket for August 25, 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)**

**Travel Authorization - Dispatch**

Tim Allen, Huntington County Public Safety Dispatch Director, asked for authorization for himself and Tony Ehler, Assistant Director, to attend the Indiana 911 Professionals Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. The conference will take place September 25 – 28, 2023. Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the travel authorization 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)**

**Travel Authorization – IT Department**

Joakim Abrahamsson, IT Director, asked for authorization for himself, Jeff Hardesty, and Dathen Strine to attend the Motorola-Spillman conference in Schaumburg, Illinois. The conference will take place from October 3 – 5, 2023. Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the travel authorization 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 QUOTE)**

**Full Service Mechanical**

Phil Hibbert, Facilities Manager, provided a quote from Full Service Mechanical to provide labor and material to install a complete back-up unit in the Victory Noll Server Room. The amount of the quote is \$12,052.13. Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the quote. 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)**

**Economic Development**

Alex Downard, Leader of the Imagine One 85 Initiative in Wabash County, introduced himself and spoke with the Commissioners about his role in implementing the Strategic Plan for Wabash County.

Mark Wickersham, Huntington County United Economic Development Director, spoke with the Commissioners about “Project CB” which will potentially be a \$1 million project in the southern part of Huntington County.

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There was also discussion regarding the impact that a potential UAW strike would have on economic development in Huntington County.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**

**Plaque restoration**

Penny Eley, Daughters of the American Revolution, spoke with the Commissioners regarding the restoration of a historical plaque on the courthouse. She has received all of the permissions that she needed to have the restoration completed. The cost of the restoration will be \$750.00. Tom Wall made a motion to pay the fee from Service Contracts. Terry Stoffel seconded and the motion passed 3-0 with Tom Wall voting yea, Terry Stoffel voting yea, and Rob Miller voting yea. Penny also thanked Commissioner Miller for giving their group a tour of the courthouse. She said that they enjoyed it very much.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**

**Housing Steering Committee**

Terry Miller, County Council, shared that the Housing Steering Committee completed Phase I. Discussion was had on ways to grow Huntington (housing, retail, restaurants, quality of life initiatives).

**IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAMATION)**

**Suicide Prevention Week**

The Commissioners made a proclamation declaring September 3 – 9, 2023 as National Suicide Prevention Week.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**

**Procurement Letter**

Bridgett Burkhart, Office Manager presented a draft letter to the Commissioners regarding the INDOT procurement process as it pertains to the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant. By consensus, the Commissioners agreed to have Commissioner Miller sign the letter.

**IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)**

**Health Department Renovation**

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Agreement between the Huntington County Commissioners and ACB General Contract in regard to the renovation of the Huntington County Annex located at 1330 S. Jefferson St. 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)**

**Beam Longest and Neff, L.L.C.**

Troy Hostetler, Highway Superintendent, presented a proposal with Beam Longest and Neff pertaining to the intersection of CR 1100 North and Roanoke Road Traffic and Intersection Investigation. By consensus, the Commissioners agreed to have Commissioner Miller sign the document.

Discussion was had regarding a request for a speed limit sign in the location 300 East. The Commissioners stated that a traffic study should be done. They also requested that Troy communicate that with the Sheriff's Department.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**

**Purchase of Vehicle**

Tom Wall made a motion to allow the purchase of a vehicle from Crain Ford in Warren, Indiana that will be utilized by the Department of Community Development. The Ford Escape that is currently being used by DCD will be moved to the pool car fleet. Permission given to Commissioner Stoffel to sign any paperwork related to this purchase. 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)**

**Early Pay Request**

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve an Early Pay Request payable to Crain Ford for the purchase of the aforementioned vehicle. Tom Wall seconded and the motion passed 3-0 with Terry Stoffel voting yea, Tom Wall voting yea, and Rob Miller voting yea.

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**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**

**Broadband Update**

John DiDomizio, Beam Longest and Neff, gave an update on the broadband initiative in Huntington County. He stated that the deadline for reporting un-served and under-served addresses to the Office of Community and Rural Affairs is September 15, 2023. This information will be used for the Next Level Connections – Round 4 grant applications.

**IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)**

**148 N. Leedy Lane**

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Application for Permit for Comcast Cable in the location of 148 N. Leedy Lane in Andrews, Indiana. 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 REPORT)**

**Clerk of the Circuit Court**

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

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The Commissioners recessed at 12:07 p.m.

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Rob Miller

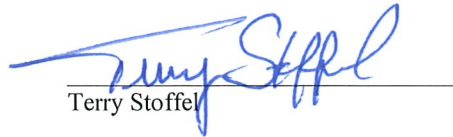


Tom Wall

ATTEST:



Jill M. Landrum



Terry Stoffel

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