

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Commissioner Rob Miller; Commissioner Terry Stoffel; Commissioner Tom Wall; Phil Hibbert, Facilities Manager; Stefanie Barrioz, HR Director; Jill Landrum, Auditor; Greg Parker; Roger Carroll; Linda Carroll; Bob Garrett, County Attorney; Michael Licari, Attorney; Kim Hostetler, DCD Director; Terry Miller, County Council; Steve Kimmel, Chamber of Commerce; Tim Eckert, Veteran Services Officer; Bob Gressley; Mark Wickersham, HCUED; Brittany Renkenberger, Place of Grace; Bridgett Burkhart, Office Manager

*The following people attended virtually through Zoom: Terry Miller, County Council*

Commissioner Miller called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

**IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)**

**9/5/2023**

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 5, 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)**

**9/20/2023**

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Claim Docket for September 20, 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)**

**9/8/2023**

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Payroll Docket for September 8, 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)**

**Vacation of Alley in Bippus, Indiana**

Roger and Linda Carroll spoke with the Commissioners about vacating an alley in Bippus in order to combine five parcels of land. Bob Garrett, County Attorney explained the steps they need to take to begin that process.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**

**Opioid Settlement Funds**

Tom Wall made a motion to distribute the Opioid Settlement Funds that were received by the County on August 28, 2023 to the Huntington County Community Foundation to be utilized by the Opioid Coalition. Auditor Jill Landrum explained that the State had mistakenly sent funds to the small towns in Huntington County and were asked to send those to the County Auditor's Office. Commissioner Wall's motion was amended to include sending those funds to the Community Foundation as well. Terry Stoffel seconded the motion and passed 3-0 with Tom Wall voting yea, Terry Stoffel voting yea, and Rob Miller voting yea.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**

**4548 E. Station Rd. Roanoke, Indiana**

Attorney Michael Licari gave an update on the property owned by Bill Williams who is deceased. He stated that they would be closing on the sale of the property today. He stated that the new owners have been made aware of the Orders of Enforcement that are currently in effect for the property. Commissioner Wall stated that he wants to see this fully taken care of no later than November 1, 2023.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING)**

**4611 E. Statin Rd. Roanoke, Indiana**

The Public Hearing was opened at 9:32 a.m.

The following people were present for the hearing: Commissioner Terry Stoffel; Commissioner Tom Wall; Commissioner Rob Miller; Kim Hostetler, DCD Director; Greg Parker; Stefanie Barrioz, HR Director; Phil Hibbert, Facilities Manager; Bob Garrett, County Attorney; Jill Landrum, Auditor; Bridgett Burkhart, Office Manager

Greg Parker gave an update on the progress he has made with the property. He has done demo on several structures, painted the remaining structures, and cleaned up the property.

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The Public Hearing was closed at 9:39 a.m.

Tom Wall made a motion to release the Orders of Enforcement for this property. 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)**

**Required Floodplain Administrator Training**

We received a letter from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources in regard to the Required Floodplain Administrator Training. Kim Hostetler confirmed that she has the necessary certification and that Jessica Biehl is working on obtaining her certification as well.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**

**Christmas in the City**

Steve Kimmel, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, requested the use of the courthouse rotunda on Saturday, November 25, 2023 for Christmas in the City. They will begin set-up at 1:00 p.m. and Santa will be available for visits and photos from 3:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. The Commissioners agreed by consensus to allow the use of the rotunda for this event.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**

**Veteran Services Officer Update**

Tim Eckert, Veteran Services Officer provided an update on his outreach statistics for the month. He updated the Commissioners on all of the veterans who have passed since his last update. Tim stated that they are continuing to work on the Veterans Day Parade which will be held on November 11, 2023.

Discussion was had regarding a highly decorated Marine who had earned several prestigious awards. Tim stated that he had been in contact with this marine's brother and that they are working to confirm the details as much of his career was classified. Tim will continue to work on this project.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**

**Roanoke #2 American Legion Drain**

Jerry Meehan, Surveyor, presented an invoice for the Commissioners' portion of the work performed on the Roanoke #2 American Legion Drain (de-brushed and dipped) in the amount of \$8,266.67 payable to Tri-County Excavating. Terry Stoffel made a motion to pay this invoice from CREDIT Project 4. 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)**

**Project Antionette**

Mark Wickersham, Executive Director of Huntington County United Economic Development, spoke with the Commissioners regarding Project Antionette in the southern part of Huntington County.

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**Place of Grace**

Brittany Renkenberger, Director of the Place of Grace, spoke with the Commissioners regarding the need for transitional housing for females in Huntington County. She stated that they applied for a grant through the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) with assistance from Region 3A. She stated that they are looking for property in which to build this type of home. Discussion was had on potential property for them to build on if they are able to secure the grant.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)**

**Division of Historic Preservation and Archeology Grant**

Phil Hibbert, Facilities Manager, spoke with the Commissioners regarding a potential grant opportunity brought to him by Dave Hacker who serves as the Huntington County representative on the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission. He stated that Mr. Hacker thought that the upcoming grant round could be useful for the O'Donnell Center at Victory Noll. This grant is for historic sites in the Wabash River viewshed. Requests could be up to \$100,000.00 with an 80/20 match. Discussion was had regarding potentially doing repairs on the clay rooftops at the O'Donnell Center.

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**Surplus Inventory**

Phil Hibbert, Facilities Manager, shared pictures of old desks that were left at the O'Donnell Center by the Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters when they donated the property. They are not used and Phil would like to have them declared as surplus inventory so they can be donated/disposed of. Tom Wall made a motion to declare the desks as surplus inventory. 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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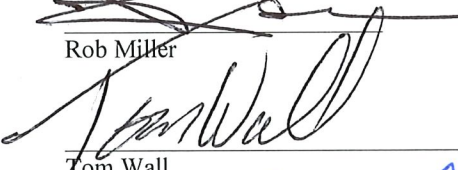
**Utility Trailer**

Phil Hibbert, Facilities Manager spoke with the Commissioners about the purchase of a utility trailer for use at the O'Donnell Center. Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the purchase. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 2-0 with Terry Stoffel voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea. Commissioner Tom Wass abstained.

The Commissioners recessed at 11:26 a.m.



Rob Miller



Tom Wall



Terry Stoffel

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ATTEST:



Jill M. Landrum