

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023**

IN ATTENDANCE: Commissioner Tom Wall; Commissioner Terry Stoffel; Commissioner Rob Miller; Stefanie Barrioz, HR Director; Charles Percell; Troy Hostetler, Highway Superintendent; Jill Landrum, Auditor; Bob Jeffers, EMA Director; Thomas Fuller, EMA; Beth Johnson, USI Consultants; Terry Miller, County Council; Katrina Harter, Environmental Health and Food Specialist; Dr. Matt Pflieger, Public Health Officer; Mark Wickersham, HCUED Executive Director; Heather Malone, Chief Probation Officer; Brooke Trice, Juvenile Probation Officer; Joel Jerabek; Stephanie Jerabek; Mike Kalenback; Brandy Ness; Jodie Posillipo; Bridgett Burkhardt, Office Manager

The following people attended virtually through Zoom: An un-named 'guest' was in attendance

Commissioner Miller called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

11/13/2023

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 13, 2023 Commissioner Meeting. 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 CLAIMS)

11/27/2023

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the Claim Docket for November 27, 2023. 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 PAYROLL)

11/17/2023

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the Payroll Docket for November 17, 2023. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 2-0 with Terry Stoffel voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Christmas in the City

Commissioner Wall stated that Christmas in the City was a great success. More than 450 photos were taken with Santa Claus here at the courthouse. Thank you to the Huntington Chamber of Commerce, Frederick's Photography, and everyone involved in making this such a special event for our community.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Highway Department Update

Troy Hostetler, Highway Superintendent, presented letter of commitment for a FY 2029 Federal Funding Application for Huntington County Bridge 48 Replacement Funding. The total estimated cost of the project is \$2,290,850. The amount of federal funds being requested is \$1,832,680 leaving the County match to be \$458,170.

Troy also presented a letter of commitment for a Federal Funding Application for the replacement of Bridge 702 – McKeever Street over Loon Creek. The total estimated cost of the project is \$4,209,000. The amount of federal funds being requested is \$3,367,200 leaving the County match to be \$841,800.

Also discussed was the railroad crossing closures throughout the City of Huntington in order for the railroad to make necessary repairs to the crossings.

Discussion was had regarding a property that was impacted with the work on Bridge #23 located on 900 South near Belleville Road. Troy stated that they would get the mailbox replaced right away and were going to look at the drainage issue in the spring when they will finish out the project (seeding, etc.).

The Commissioners discussed the need to evaluate putting in a wide berm along 200 North near the industrial park due to people walking to work. This topic will be given more consideration.

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4-way stop sign recommended

Troy Hostetler, Highway Superintendent stated that a traffic study indicated that a 4-way stop should be implemented at 1100 North and Roanoke Road. Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve this recommendation. Tom Wall seconded and the motion passed 3-0 with Terry Stoffel voting yea, Tom Wall voting yea, and Rob Miller voting yea. Troy will follow up with Bob Garrett to draw up an Ordinance.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Highway Equipment Bids

Troy presented the silent bid documents for surplus equipment to the Commissioners. Many of the items were not bid upon. Commissioner Wall stated that the inventory needed to be better advertised. Tom Wall made a motion to award the highest bid on the equipment that was bid upon. The rest of the surplus equipment will be advertised again. 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 LEASE)

1401 South Jefferson St.

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the lease with Commercial Profits, LLC for the property located at 1401 South Jefferson Street Huntington, Indiana. 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 CONTRACT)

Brookfield Group, LLC

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the Contract for Services with Brookfield Group, LLC for the Huntington County LEPC/EMA Annual Table Top Exercise – pending approval by the County Attorney. 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)

Concern over Izaak Walton League

Jodie Posillipo, Joel Jerabek, Stephanie Jerabek, Brandy Ness, and Mike Kahlenback are all residents in the area surrounding the Izaak Walton League shooting range. They have shared on-going concern with the increased activity taking place at the shooting range and the neighbors asked for an update on where things stand. Jodie Posillipo wanted to clarify that this was not a 2nd amendment issue, but a safety concern, stating that the location of the shooting range is in a residential area.

Commissioner Miller shared an update from the attorney at Carson LLP stating that Izaak Walton is in the process of obtaining and providing the chain of title, survey, and a site plan explaining the historical and current use of the property. Ms. Posillipo stated that the attorney at Carson has been very good to work with and has been transparent and forthcoming. Commissioner Stoffel stated that he is getting pushback from the other side of this topic and that the Commissioners are trying to do what is best for everyone involved.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Bridge #43 Federal Aid Project

Beth Johnson, USI Consultants, shared an overview of the Bridge #23 federal aid rehabilitation project. A ribbon cutting will be held on Monday, December 11th at 11:30 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE)

2023-16

Tom Wall made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-16: An Ordinance providing guidelines regarding food establishments and/or bed and breakfast establishments. 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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IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)

Huntington County Economic Development

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the Agreement for performance of professional economic development services for calendar year 2024. 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)

Huntington County Economic Development

Commissioner Miller stated that he would like to have the option of all three commissioners to attend economic development meetings in the future. It is understood that this may make it necessary to advertise and hold an executive session if more than one commissioner plans to attend.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

JDAI Grant Application

Heather Malone, Chief Probation Officer and Brooke Trice, Juvenile Probation Officer, presented a request for grant application for the FY 24-25 Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) in the amount up to \$105,000.00. Terry Stoffel made the motion to approve the grant 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 Insurance Stop Loss Contract

Tom Wall made a motion to remain with Tokyo Marine for the County's health insurance stop loss contract. 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)

Employee health care contributions

Tom Wall made a motion to increase the employee contribution to the health care insurance by 2%. The increase for each employee will vary based on their enrollment. 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)

Commissioner's Certificate Sale

Auditor Jill Landrum spoke with the Commissioners to determine if they want SRI to conduct the Commissioner's Certificate Sale in the Spring of 2024. Tom Wall made a motion to move forward with the Commissioner's Certificate Sale using SRI as the vendor for Spring 2024. 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)

Clerk's Report

Bridgett Burkhart, Office Manager, presented the Clerk of the Circuit Court Report for the month ending 10/31/2023 as prepared by Shelley Septer, Clerk of Huntington Circuit/Superior Courts.

IN THE MATTER OF REPORT)

Treasurer's Report


Bridgett Burkhart, Officer Manager, presented the County Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month ending 10/31/2023 as prepared by Brenda Hamilton, Huntington County Treasurer.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT)

Terry Stoffel made a motion to adjourn at 10:55 a.m. 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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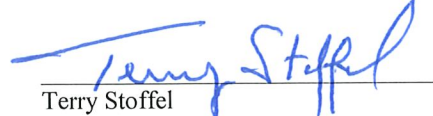
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Rob Miller



Tom Wall



Terry Stoffel

ATTEST:

Jill M. Landrum, Auditor

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