
**REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA, MONDAY MAY 20, 2024**

IN ATTENDANCE: Commissioner Terry Stoffel; Commissioner Rob Miller; Stefanie Barrioz, HR Director; Jill Landrum, Auditor

The following people attended virtually using Zoom: Aliza Tourkow

Commissioner Tom Wall was absent.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

05/06/2024 and 05/14/2024

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Minutes from both the May 6 and May 14, 2024 meetings. Rob Miller seconded, and the motion passed 2-0 with Terry Stoffel voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS)

05/22/2024

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Claim Docket for May 22, 2024. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 2-0 with Terry Stoffel voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL)

05/07/2024

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Payroll Docket for May 17, 2024. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 2-0 with Terry Stoffel voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)

ARPA

Robert Jeffers, EMA Director, requested to repurpose \$3,766.02 of remaining ARPA funds to purchase the following items for the new EMA truck: emergency lighting, bed cover, and radio cover. The Commissioners agreed by consensus.

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)

Surplus Inventory

Robert Jeffers, EMA Director, requested to deem surplus a 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe which would be acquired by the Huntington Township Fire Department. The Commissioners agreed by consensus to deem the vehicle as surplus inventory and sign the title over to Huntington Township Fire Department.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

EMA Update

Robert Jeffers, EMA Director, gave an update on the EMA department including two grants that they have been working on including one for \$150,000 to purchase a E7500CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) to be used in the event that Dispatch would need to relocate to another network facility. The second grant Robert provided an update on is also \$150,000 which would be used to purchase tornado sirens at a cost \$10k-\$30k each. Thomas Fuller, Deputy EMA Director reported on RAVE Notification and signups at no cost and reported back to Commissioners on the fire hazards for solar panels.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Request to Vacate

Anthony Fowerbaugh presented a request to vacate on behalf of IMI. Changes were requested to the document as presented, and this item was tabled for a later date once the required changes are made.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Upstate Alliance of Realtors

Kate Dippold introduced herself to the Commissioners, as she is the new Government Affairs Director for the Upstate Alliance of Realtors.

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IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE)

2024-07

Brian Trueblood, Administrator for the Health Department presented Ordinance 2024-07: An Ordinance establishing a Uniform Fee Schedule for the Huntington County Health Department. This increase will take effect July 1, 2024. Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the increase. Rob Miller seconded, and the motion passed 2-0 with Terry Stoffel voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

County Website

Hank Miller, a member of the public presented on difficulties he has experienced navigating the county website stating, “It is clumsy and hard to research”, and is not easily searchable, and asked that the county find a way to make it more user friendly.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Freedom of Information Act Request

Mr. Bob Garrett, County Attorney updated the Commissioners on the increased number of FOIA requests that he has received lately, and provided an update to a large request he has received pertaining to solar. In regard to the large solar request, he states that he provided a response to the requestor within the 7-day timeframe that the size of the request would require 30 days to gather. Mr. Garrett states at this time he has submitted 344 pages in response to this request and has spoken to the attorney.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Huntington County Health and Wellness Plan Update

Michelle Bunker, Senior Vice President and Agency Partner with IMG, presented the quarterly update on the Health and Wellness plan.

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)

SIM Grant

Leslie Rentschler, Director of Community Corrections and Work Release provided an update on the SIM grant which she requested to apply for. Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the grant application. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 2-0 with Terry Stoffel voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)

Cumulative Courthouse Funds

Stefanie Barrioz, HR Director, presented an invoice from Accent Interiors in the amount of \$600.00 for carpet removal and replacement in the Magistrate Court Room. The commissioners agreed by consensus to pay the invoice from Cumulative Courthouse funds.

IN THE MATTER OF REPORT)

Clerk of the Circuit Court Report

Stefanie Barrioz, HR Director, presented the Clerk of the Circuit Court Report for the month ending April, 2024 as prepared by Shelley Septer, Clerk of Huntington Circuit/Superior Courts.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Huntington County Highway Department

Troy Hostetler, Highway Superintendent gave an update on the Highway department, including an update to the repairs to the damaged fuel pumps. Terry Stoffel requested Troy breakdown how much fuel each entity uses, so a fair method can be used to determine a per gallon increase to offset repair costs for each entity who uses the fuel. Troy also updated the Commissioners on the budget, current costs for leasing vs. purchasing equipment, and discussed equipment they are currently looking at adding to the department.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT)

Terry Stoffel made a motion to adjourn at 11:09 a.m. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 2-0 with Terry Stoffel voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

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Tom Wall

Rob Miller

ATTEST:

Jill M. Landrum, Auditor

Terry Stoffel

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A signed copy of these approved minutes if available upon request in the Commissioners' Office, 201 N. Jefferson St., or by calling (260) 358-4822.