

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Commissioner Terry Stoffel; Commissioner Tom Wall; Commissioner Rob Miller, Stefanie Barrioz, HR Director; Auditor Jill Landrum; Phil Hibbert, Facilities Manager; Bob Garrett, County Attorney; Hank Miller; Don Freiberger; Troy Hostetler, Highway Superintendent; Terry Miller, County Council; Surveyor Jerry Meehan; Mark Wickersham, HCUED; Marilyn Bradford, Alan Bowers, Brittany Rekenberger, Executive Director with Place of Grace; Dave Gee; Director of Technical Services and Matt Brinkman, Executive Director with Region 3A; and Aliza Tourkow, President of Tourkow Consulting.

The following people attended virtually using Zoom: Several people joined via Zoom, but were only identified by their phone number or 'Guest'

**IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)**

**10/21/2024**

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Minutes from the October 21, 2024, meeting. Tom Wall seconded, and the motion passed with a 2-0 vote. Rob Miller abstained due to not being at that meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS)**

**11/06/2024**

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Claim Docket for November 6, 2024. Rob Miller seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL)**

**11/01/2024**

Terry Stoffel made a motion to approve the Payroll Docket for November 1, 2024. Rob Miller seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)**

**William McPherron Drain**

Surveyor Jerry Meehan presented an update on the William McPherron drain project in Roanoke. Meehan also presented two invoices totaling \$5466.25 that the Commissioner' previously agreed to pay 25% of the total cost of work completed on the drain during the 10/07/2024 meeting from CEDIT Project 4.

- Amor Excavating, Inc in the amount of \$19,655.00 of which the Commissioners agreed to pay a portion of the invoice totaling \$4,666.25
- JB Tree totaling \$3,200 of which the Commissioners agreed to pay \$800.00 for removal of trees overhanging the drain.

**IN THE MATTER OF CONTRACT)**

**Auditors Office-Title IVD Cost Allocation**

Jill Landrum, County Auditor; presented a contract from Malcon Indiana, Inc. to assist in tracking and receiving reimbursement for countywide IV-D costs for reimbursement. Rob Miller made a motion to approve the contract, Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAMATION)**

**YMCA Kim League Basketball**

Rob Miller presented a joint Proclamation with the City of Huntington and Mayor Strick for the Huntington County YMCA Kim League Basketball Program, naming November 2<sup>nd</sup> as "Kim League Day" in Huntington County.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING)**

**Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Grant Application**

The Public Hearing was opened at 10:03 a.m.

The following people were present for the hearing: Commissioner Terry Stoffel; Commissioner Tom Wall; Commissioner Rob Miller; Stefanie Barrioz, HR Director; Mark Wickersham, HCUED; Bob Garrett, County Attorney; Auditor Jill Landrum; Phil Hibbert, Facilities Manager; Terry Miller, County Council; Hank Miller; Marilyn Bradford; Don Freiberger, Alan Bowers, Brittany Rekenberger, Executive Director with Place of Grace; Dave Gee; Director of Technical Services and Matt Brinkman, Executive Director with Region 3A; and Aliza Tourkow, Tourkow Consulting.

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Dave Gee gave an overview of the federal funding grant application that if secured could provide up to \$500,000 for low- and moderate-income residential home repairs including heat system repairs, roofing repairs, and ADA compliant ramps.

Tom Wall and Rob Miller spoke in favor of the application.

The Public Hearing was closed at 10:18 a.m.

**IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION)**

2024-12

Rob Miller made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-12: A Resolution authorizing the submittal of the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (OOR) application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and addressing related matters. Terry Stoffel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)**

**Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Grant**

Terry Stoffel made a motion to use CEDIT Project 4 Funds to cover the matching portion for the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Grant of up to \$60,000 if Huntington County receives the grant funding. Rob Miller Seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)**

**Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs Community Development Block Grant Program Lein and Restrictive Covenant Agreement**

The Commissioners agreed by consensus to sign the Sub-Recipient Agreement Form 2 from OCRA regarding \$750,000 funding for Place of Grace to be used for the transitional housing project.

**IN THE MATTER OF REPORT)**

**Huntington Area Transportation (HAT)**

Jessica Huscher, Huntington Area Executive Director, presented the 2024 - Quarter 3 report. Terry Stoffel made a motion to accept the report. Rob Miller seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)**

**Huntington Area Transportation (HAT) Veteran Trip Rate**

Terry Stoffel made a motion to accept the fully allocated cost of \$23.13 per trip rate for veterans, with HAT turning in claims to the Commissioner's Office, to take effect immediately. Rob Miller Seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

**IN THE MATTER OF CONTRACT)**

**LPA Consulting Contract for County Bridge Inspections**

The Commissioners agreed by consensus to sign the contract provided by VS Engineering, Inc as the consultant for Huntington Countywide Bridge Inspection and Inventory Program in accordance with National Bridge Inspection Standards for Cycle Years 2025 through 2028. This document was originally approved in August, however, INDOT requested a change in the term of the contract which shall be from August 1, 2025 to August 31, 2029.

**IN THE MATTER OF REPORT)**

**Clerk's Report**

Stefanie Barrioz, Director of Human Resources presented the County Clerk's Monthly Report for the month ending 09/30/2024 as prepared by Shelley Septer, County Clerk.

**IN THE MATTER OF CONTRACT)**

**Blue1 Energy Equipment**

The Commissioners agreed by consensus to sign the contract provided by Blue1 Energy Equipment, Inc for the removal and replacement of a new 25,000-gallon split compartment above ground storage tank and fuel island installation totaling \$770,967.00

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The Commissioners recessed at 11:40 a.m.

**These Minutes were approved on Monday, November 18, 2024. A signed physical copy of this document is available by request in the Commissioners' Office located at 201 North Jefferson Street.**