

# **Board of Commissioners**

## **Meeting**

08-30-2021

Present: Dennis Henderson, Tracey Powell, Nancy Cline

Other Present: Joe Gonzales, Steve Brown, Don Foxx, Jacob Foxx, Jim Antrim, Vicky Boyd, Brian Howell, Meranda Cooper

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor James Snapp, Jr. of the Curtisville Christian Church and the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Payroll – Crystal Worthy**

Motion by Commissioner Cline to approve payroll, check date September 3, 2021, in the amount of \$190,323.79. Second by Commissioner Powell. Motion Carries.

### **Claims – Katy Kramer**

Request to transfer \$536.12 from General Outside Professional Services (1000.31100.000.0068) to Animal Control (1000.38600.000.0068) and the corresponding claim to the Hamilton County Humane Society were tabled, once again.

Motion by Commissioner Cline to create EDIT Project #95, US31 & SR28 Development. Second by Commissioner Powell. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Powell to transfer \$1,187.50 from EDIT Project 72 (1112.41072.000.0557) to Project 95 (1112.41095.000.0557) to pay attorney fees. Second by Commissioner Cline. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Cline to transfer \$160.00 from General Commissioners Exam of Records (1000.38400.000.0068) to Miscellaneous Fees (1000.38900.000.0068) for elevator certification. Second by Commissioner Powell. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Powell to approve miscellaneous claims for docket date August 30, 2021, in the net amount of \$204,221.50. Second by Commissioner Cline. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Cline to approve a separate claim to Bose, McKinney, & Evans, in the amount of \$1,187.50. Second by Commissioner Powell. Motion carries.

### **Highway- Superintendent**

Highway Superintendent Morris reported that the Community Crossings Grant projects will start soon and are to be done by October 1, 2021. He stated that they were cutting berms, but the hot weather had set them back by softening the roadway. He also reported that the replacement of Small Structure LI3031 had been delayed by rain.

### **Engineer – Phil Beer**

Engineer Beer stated that the final walk through at the landfill leachate control project was conducted on August 24, 2021. A punch list was created, but the project is essentially completed. He stated that there was a problem with the fog seal at the Total Seed Production crosswalk, so work is still ongoing. He reported that a meeting is scheduled with INDOT concerning possible relinquishment of SR28/SR19 through the City of Tipton and a truck designation route along Division Road.

### **Sheriff – Tony Frawley – No report**

### **Extension Office – Program Year Report – Meranda Cooper and Brian Howell**

Meranda Cooper and Brian Howell reported on the many programs and services provided by the Purdue Extension Office to the County and its citizens.

### **COVID-19 Relief Plan – Tabled**

### **Virtual Meeting Ordinance**

County Attorney Regnier gave a copy of a proposed ordinance to the Commissioners, to be read at the next meeting.

### **Committee Reports:**

Commissioner Powell reported that the Ready group will meet September 9 and wrap up their projects for submission on September 16, 2021.

County Attorney stated that the Ambulance Service Board would be circulating an RFP, with proposals to be received by and opened on October 1, 2021. He asked for a special meeting of the Board of Commissioner on October 1, 2021 at 1pm to open the proposals and to refer them to the Ambulance Board.

Commissioner Cline suggested changes to the County Travel Policy, including \$50/day meal reimbursement and simplified lodging procedures and requirements. Commissioner Powell suggested looking at the State's policies.

Commissioner Cline also asked about the sufficiency of the prior jail's generator to meet the needs of the Courthouse. Bill Steen reported that Omni Electric had determined that a 400 Kilowatt generator would be needed to run the entire Courthouse. Jim Ankrum, Tipton Municipal Utility, stated that they had just had Omni install a 400kw generator at an expense of \$80,000 plus install.

Bill Steen requested permission to create a master contract with Verizon for all county departments. He also stated that some of the exterior security cameras will have to be replaced as the gears are reaching end of life, which is 300,000 movements, approximately 4 years' use. He will bring back a quote.

Commissioner Cline requested that the art work be removed from the first floor pedestal, to reveal the building floor plan, for the benefit of visitors to the Courthouse. It was unanimously agreed to do so. Copies of the Ration Jail Feasibility Report that had been printed and bound by Auditor Townsend were distributed to the Commissioners. The report will be officially received at the next meeting.

### **Minutes for August 16, 2021**

Motion by Commissioner Cline to approve the minutes for August 16, 2021, with striking of the WalkerHughes business agreement statement on page 3. Second by Commissioner Powell. Motion carries.

### **Public Comment**

Commissioners received a complaint from Don Foxx of alleged unprofessional behavior by an employee of the Plan Commission in connection with enforcement of County Codes and permit fees.

Alan Perry of 3Pro presented information and concern in connection with the shelving project along Cicero Creek involving the location of five previous dumps. He expressed concern that the shelving project might disturb those locations resulting in a possible toxic release. He proposed digging test pits and doing analysis. Engineer Beer stated that a contractor would begin to trench forty feet back and would stop if he finds trash, before reaching the creek. The scope of the project could be altered to address any concerns.

Commissioner Cline stated that a special meeting could be called to consider Mr. Perry's offer, after his initial reports are received.

Motion by Commissioner Powell to close public comment. Second by Commissioner Cline. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Cline to adjourn the meeting. Second by Commissioner Powell. Motion carries.

Approved this 13th day of September, 2021

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Dennis Henderson, President

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Tracy Powell, Vice President

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Nancy Cline, Commissioner

Attest:

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Gregg A. Townsend, Tipton County Auditor  
Respectfully submitted by Gregg A. Townsend