

# Board of Commissioners

## Meeting

10-25-2021

Present: Dennis Henderson, Nancy Cline Absent: Tracey Powell,

Other Present: Dick Klein, Charles McNally, Randy Carlisle, Dan Roe, Tina Roe, Kegan Schmicker, Eugene R. Balensiefer, Jim Ankrum, Justine Reeves, Joe Bitner

The meeting was opened with prayer by Randy Carlisle, of the First Baptist Church, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Payroll – Crystal Worthy**

Motion by Commissioner Cline to approve payroll, check date October 29, 2021, in the amount of \$185,149.34. Second by Commissioner Powell. Motion Carries.

### **Claims – Katy Kramer**

Motion by Commissioner Cline to approve transfer of \$163.48 from General, Commissioners Exam of Records (1000.38400.000.0068) to Drainage Assessment (1000.38000.000.0068) and \$155.60 from Exam of Records (1000.38400.000.0068) to Miscellaneous Fees (1000.38900.000.0068) to pay Homeland Security for the 2021-2022 elevator certificate. Second by Commissioner Powell. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Cline to approve a separate claim for the Covid testing site, in the amount of 967.50, from Fund 9003. Second by Commissioner Powell. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Cline to approve miscellaneous claims for docket date October 25, 2021, in the net amount of \$1,000,345.06. Second by Commissioner Powell. Motion carries.

### **2022 Schedules for Meetings, Holidays, Payroll and Claims**

Motion by Commissioner Cline to table to the next meeting. Second by Commissioner Powell. Motion carries.

### **Highway- Superintendent Bret Morris**

Motion by Commissioner Cline to authorize President Henderson to sign papers for the financing of the tandem truck purchase. Second by Commissioner Powell. Motion carries.

The Ford 550 will take 30 weeks for the cab and chassis, and then would go to the body builder for completion.

Work on small structure PR1024 will commence after the water table drops.

### **Engineer – Phil Beer**

Engineer Beer stated that they are waiting for the completion of the punch list items to be completed on the landfill leachate treatment facility. He also reported that the Community Crossings Matching Grant projects are complete, with repairs to the intersection of CR100N and CR700W.

Engineer Beer has provided the name and contact information of a roofing expert to County Attorney Regnier to assist in the claim with the insurance company on the Courthouse roof.

**Sheriff – Tony Frawley** - No report

**Virtual Meetings Ordinance** – Attorney Regnier will discuss this with the County Council.

**Dog Ordinance**

The existing 2007 Dog Ordinance was provided to the Commissioners. Melissa Rhoades is working with the Sheriff on a revised version.

**American Elevator, Inc.** – Charles McNally

Mr. McNally provided a quote of \$172,000 for renovation of the Courthouse elevator. The Commissioners will review and call a special meeting.

**Ambulance Service Contract**

County Attorney Regnier reported that the Ambulance Advisory Board recommended a one year contract. There has been no response from Tony Anteau of Seals Ambulance Service.

**Courthouse Shredder**

County Attorney Regnier suggested cancelling the Shred It contract for all but the Clerk and Court.

**County Employee Covid Response**

Most counties are no longer extending paid leave for covid or covid exposure.

**Minutes for October 12, 2021**

Motion by Commissioner Cline to approve the minutes for October 12, 2021. Second by Commissioner Powell. Motion carries.

**Committee Comments**

Commissioner Powell stated that the Ready Program should be making awards to the districts by the end of the year. They are working on video presentations to the Indiana Economic Development Commission. For Tipton County, it could mean \$3.5 Million for the wastewater connection project and \$1Million for broadband.

Commissioner Cline recognized Auditor Gregg Townsend for having been elected Vice President of the East Central District of the Indiana Auditors Association.

County Attorney Regnier reported that the Tipton County Foundation has worked on an abandoned vehicle ordinance. A sample copy of the ordinance will be provided to the Commissioners for review.

Commissioner Henderson reported on a meeting with INDOT, State Representative Tony Cook, and attorney Alan Townsend concerning the US31/SR28. They were told that the environmental study has not been done and that it could take 18 months to two years to address surplus land in that area.

**Public Comments**

Reverend Randy Carlisle, of First Baptist Church, offered words of encouragement to the Commissioners and stated that his congregation is praying for them. He shared passages from the Bible: Matthew 22, II Timothy 1:7, and 1Thessalonians 5:3.

Eugene Balensiefer stated that a 69 year-old woman in Matthews, Indiana, had been bitten on October 19, 2021, by a pit bull, in the neck and killed. He stated that Indiana Code 15-20-1-4 makes a dog bite a class c misdemeanor. He stated that there were 42 deaths in the United States, last year, and 72% were caused by pit bulls.

Danny Roe stated that he does not agree with banning a breed of dogs. He stated that the owner should be responsible for his pet and that all dogs are unpredictable.

Dennis Vandevender stated that he fears for his 87 year-old mother-in-law. He stated that he and his wife had been attacked.

Danny Roe reiterated that the owner should be responsible for his dog.

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

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

Approved this 8th day of November, 2021

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Dennis Henderson, President

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Tracy Cline, 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