

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2018**

The Commissioners met with Larry Buzzard, Rob Miller and Tom Wall present.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

05/14/2018 Minutes

Rob Miller made a motion to approve the minutes for 05/14/2018. Tom Wall seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS)

05/29/2018 Claims

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the claims for 05/29/2018. Rob Miller seconded and motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL)

05/25/2018 Payroll

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the payroll docket for 05/25/2018. Rob Miller seconded and motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Huntington County Economic Development – Update

Huntington County Economic Development Executive Director Mark Wickersham updated the Commissioners on several items that he is working on and updated them on the progress of several projects.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Silent Auction

The Commissioners closed the silent auction at 8:45 a.m. Tom Wall made a motion to deem the items as surplus and to approve the highest bids on the items. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Update on 805 E. Taylor Street, Huntington, Indiana

Land Use and Office Coordinator Marla Stambazze and Environmental Health Specialist Brant Ricker appeared before the Commissioners to update them on the current condition of the unsafe property at 805 E. Taylor Street, Huntington, Indiana. Present at the hearing was Attorney Jennifer Snook, attorney for Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC which has been assigned the note and mortgage on the real estate. Marla and Brant indicated that there has been some clean-up on the exterior of the property and that the water in the basement has been pumped out. Attorney Snook indicated that the bank has not yet received a foreclosure judgment nor acquired possession of the property and, therefore, requests additional time to move forward with the foreclosure and acquisition.

Rob Miller made a motion to give Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC an additional sixty days to move forward with foreclosure and acquisition of the unsafe property located at 805 E. Taylor Street, Huntington, Indiana and to report their progress to the Department of Community Development prior to or on July 30, 2018. Larry Buzzard seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Petition to Vacate Public Way – Petitioners Randy L. Lassiter and Angela Lassiter, 3088 W-543 S, Huntington, Indiana

County Attorney Bob Garrett advised the Commissioners that he has been contacted by the Petitioners Randy L. Lassiter and Angela Lassiter and they have informed him that they wish to withdraw their Petition to Vacate Public Way and do not wish to proceed with vacating the alley at this time.

IN THE MATTER OF REPORT)

County Treasurer's Report

County Treasurer Paula Farley submitted the monthly County Treasurer's Report for the month of April, 2018.

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Huntington Piecemaker Quilt Club

Jan Ballard with the Huntington Piecemaker Quilt Club made a request to display a handmade quilt in the Courthouse rotunda. The quilt celebrates Indiana's bicentennial and depicts the twelve townships of Huntington County. The Commissioners agreed that the club could display the quilt in the Courthouse rotunda.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Midwest Maintenance, Inc. Change Request No. 5 to Job 1663-1181-90/17-050 Huntington County Courthouse

Facilities Manager Greg Ricker presented Midwest Maintenance, Inc.'s Change Request No. 5 to Job 1663-1181-90/17-050 Huntington County Courthouse in the amount of \$6,440.00. The change order is for floor tile that is more detailed than the standard blend.

By consensus, the Commissioners asked that Greg speak with Scott Carnegie at DLZ concerning the increase in pricing for the flooring.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Revised Building Code

Facilities Manager Greg Ricker presented a proposed Ordinance Regulating the Construction, Reconstruction, Erection, Use, Moving, Occupancy and Addition to all Buildings and Structures in the County of Huntington, Indiana; Incorporating by Reference Building Rules, Codes and Standards Required to be Enforced Under IC36-7-2-9; Providing for the Issuance of Permits; Providing for the Completion of Inspections; Providing for Penalties for Violations; and Repealing all Ordinances and Parts of Ordinances in Conflict Therewith.

By consensus, the Commissioners agreed to take the matter under advisement until they had time to fully read and review the Ordinance.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Estimate from Pro-Tech for Pest Control/Removal of Bio-Hazardous Materials

Facilities Manager Greg Ricker presented an Estimate from Pro-Tech in the sum of \$7,151.24 for pest control/removal of bio-hazardous materials that he received to clean up the pigeon/bird droppings in the area outside of the law library.

Tom Wall made a motion to accept the estimate from Pro-Tech for pest control/removal of bio-hazardous materials to clean up the pigeon/bird droppings in the area outside of the law library. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING)

Petition to Vacate Public Way – Unimproved Portion of Bracken Road and Unimproved Platted Alley in Warren Township, Huntington County, Indiana

The Commissioners opened the public hearing at 9:45 A.M. on the Petition to Vacate Public Way – Unimproved Portion of Bracken Road and Unimproved Platted Alley in Warren Township, Huntington County, Indiana, which was filed by Attorney Jeremy Nix on behalf of the Petitioners Cathy S. Bartrom and Tracy A. Bartrom.

Those present included the Commissioners, Attorney Jeremy Nix, landowner and Petitioner Cathy Bartrom, adjoining landowner Julie Wakefield, and Ron Sharpe acting on behalf of his sister and adjoining landowner, Wanda Dreyer. The Petitioners are owners of lots 12, 13, 14 and the east half of lot 15, 16 and 17, and a part of the northeast section of 9 in Warren Township. Running between lots 13, 14, the east half of lot 15, 16 and 17 is an unimproved, platted 50-foot-wide right-of-way for Bracken Road. Immediately north of lots 12 and 14 is a 10-foot-wide unimproved, platted alley. The Petitioners are requesting that the unimproved portion of Bracken Road and an unimproved platted alley in Warren Township, Huntington County, Indiana be vacated. Attorney Nix provided the Petition to Vacate Public Way, along with the Affidavit of Publication for the Notice of Public Hearing. No person with substantial interest in the unimproved portion of Bracken Road or unimproved platted alley had any objection to the vacation of the roadway or alley.

The public hearing was closed at 9:55 A.M.

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Petition to Vacate Public Way – Unimproved Portion of Bracken Road and Unimproved Platted Alley in Warren Township, Huntington County, Indiana

Tom Wall made a motion to vacate the unimproved portion of Bracken Road and the unimproved platted alley in Warren Township, Huntington County, Indiana as per the survey provided by Maxwell Surveying & Engineering. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE)

Ordinance No. 2018-5 – An Ordinance Vacating a Certain Public-Way Located in Huntington County, Indiana

Tom Wall made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2018-5 – An Ordinance Vacating a Certain Public-Way Located in Huntington County, Indiana. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Professional Services Agreement – The Schneider Corporation

On April 30, 2018 Huntington County Surveyor Jay Poe presented and the Commissioners signed a Professional Services Agreement between Huntington County and The Schneider Corporation for the Watershed Polygon Data Layer Development. Since entering into that agreement, Jay has been contacted by the Huntington County Auditor's office indicating that Darren Bates with Data Pit Stop stated that the County cannot use drain funds for anything other than actual drain work. Jay said that he has researched the matter on how other counties have handled paying for Watershed Polygon Data Layer Development and he believes that he is able to use drain funds for that development. He asked if the Commissioners wished for him to proceed with the project or whether they wished for him to stop the project.

By consensus, the Commissioners agreed that Jay should move forward with the Watershed Polygon Data Layer Development.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Commissioners' Certificate Sale

Tom Wall presented a list of the properties for sale at the Commissioners' Certificate Sale to be held on May 30, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Tom highlighted several properties that he would recommend being removed from the sale: Sale ID: 351700007; 35100008; 351700011; 351700012; 351700013; 351700014; 351700041; 351700050; 35100052; 35100054; and, 351700122.

Larry Buzzard made a motion to remove the following properties from the Commissioners' Certificate Sale to be held on May 30, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.: Sale ID: 351700007; 35100008; 351700011; 351700012; 351700013; 351700014; 351700041; 351700050; 35100052; 35100054; and, 351700122. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Proposal for the Development of Specifications and Marketing the County of Huntington Property and Casualty Insurance Portfolio

Daniel Free, President and General Counsel for Insurance Audit & Inspection Co., appeared before the Commissioners to present them with a Proposal for the Development of Specifications and Marketing the County of Huntington Property and Casualty Insurance Portfolio, along with a Proposed Timeline for Acceptance of Competitive Proposals for Property and Casualty Insurance 2018-2019. Daniel explained the process and timeline involved with the competitive bid process. He explained that it is best to do an audit every three to five years in order to make sure that the county is receiving the best possible coverage at a competitive cost. In order to complete the bid specifications and move forward with bid procurement prior to January 3, 2019, it is necessary to begin the process as soon as possible.

By consensus, the Commissioners informed Daniel Free, President and General Counsel for Insurance Audit & Inspection Co., to move forward with the property and casualty insurance bid procurement process.

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900 N Project/Schoenemann Settlement

County Attorney Bob Garrett discussed the 900 N Project/Schoenemann - INDOT final settlement agreement. The Commissioners are not in agreement with what is being proposed by INDOT. The Commissioners asked Bob to send a letter to Attorney Laura Turner at INDOT informing her that they are in disagreement with the settlement as set forth by INDOT and to, once again, request a formal meeting to discuss the matter in further detail.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Highway Department – Update

Highway Superintendent Troy Hostetler updated the Commissioners on several items he is currently working on at the Highway Department.

Troy discussed the pricing of solar lights to be placed around the area of the Bippus baseball field. The Commissioners asked Troy to do a rough drawing of placement of the lights and to present it to the Commissioners at the next meeting for review and consideration.

Troy informed the Commissioners that he had a request for a flashing stop sign at the intersection of Broadway and Taylor Street. The Commissioners did not deem it necessary to put up a flashing stop sign and discussed the possibility of either rumble strips or additional signage to inform drivers of the upcoming stop sign.

Tom Wall asked Troy to look into the possibility of a flashing stop sign at the intersection of SR 9 and CR 100 N since there have been many traffic accidents at that location. Troy will contact INDOT to further discuss the matter.

Troy informed the Commissioners that he had a request to change the ban on truck traffic on 900 N, heading north out of Roanoke. The Commissioners discussed that due to the hilly, curving road and the hidden driveways, they did not feel as though it was safe for trucks to drive along that roadway.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Change Order No. 036 – Contract No.: R-37393

Highway Superintendent Troy Hostetler presented Construction Change Order No. 036 to Contract No.: R-37393. The change order is for concrete pavement repairs on CR 900 N, Roanoke, Indiana in the sum of \$59,744.82.

Rob Miller made a motion to approve Construction Change Order No. 036 to Contract No.: R-37393 for concrete pavement repairs on CR 900 N, Roanoke, Indiana in the sum of \$59,744.82. Larry Buzzard seconded and the motion passed 2-1, with Tom Wall voting against.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Human Resources – Update

Human Resources Director Erika Devine updated the Commissioners on several items that she is currently working on.

Erika updated the Commissioners on the job description changes and job classification changes proposed at the Job Classification Committee meeting.

Erika presented a printout of the Social Security Cost-of-Living-Adjustments for years 2010-2018, which is the standard used in most industries to figure salary adjustments. Erika indicated that Huntington County is keeping up with the current standards as set forth by COLA.

Erika is still working with Chief Deputy Newton on arranging a date and time to hold an active shooter/active threat class.

Erika informed the Commissioners that she has been contacted by insurance brokers that would be interested in discussing the County's health insurance coverage. The Commissioners told Erika that they do not want to adjust the health insurance this year.

Erika informed the Commissioners that the Safety Committee is working on obtaining a grant in the sum of \$20,000.00, which would be used to purchase additional security cameras and asked if the Commissioners would be agreeable with

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moving forward with the grant process. The Commissioners were agreeable with the Safety Committee moving forward with the grant process.

Larry Buzzard

Rob Miller

Tom Wall

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ATTEST:

Cindy Yeiter, Auditor