

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA, MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2023**

IN ATTENDANCE: Commissioner Rob Miller; Commissioner Tom Wall; Phil Hibbert, Facilities Manager; Hank Miller; Bob Garrett, County Attorney; Jill Landrum, Auditor; Bob Jeffers, EMA Director; Thomas Fuller, Deputy EMA Director; Eric Garber, HAT; Ilene Haluska, Herald Press; Terry Miller, County Council; Mark Wickersham, HCUED; Kim Hostetler; Bridgett Burkhardt, Office Manager

The following people attended virtually through Zoom: Terry Miller, County Council

Commissioner Terry Stoffel was absent.

Commissioner Miller called the Commissioners' meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

**IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)
12/11/2023**

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 11, 2023 Commissioner Meeting. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 2-0 with Tom Wall voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

**IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS)
12/29/2023**

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the Claim Docket for December 29, 2023. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 2-0 with Tom Wall voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

**IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL)
12/15/2023**

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the Payroll Docket for December 15, 2023. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 2-0 with Tom Wall voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)
2023 EMPG – Salary Grant**

Bob Jeffers, EMA Director, submitted a Request for Grant Application for the 2023 EMPG Salary Grant from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$41,694.82. Tom Wall made a motion to approve the grant application. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 2-0 with Tom Wall voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)
Vehicle Repairs**

Bob Jeffers, EMA Director spoke with the Commissioners regarding repair of one of their vehicles. They obtained two quotes for the repairs and the quote from C & C Autobody came in the lowest at \$2,662.00. Tom Wall made a motion to proceed with C & C Autobody to do the repairs. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 2-0 with Tom Wall voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)
HAT Vehicle Purchase**

Eric Garber, Transportation Manager for HAT, presented paperwork for the purchase of a new vehicle for their fleet.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)
Visitor addressing the Commissioners**

Hank Miller spoke with the Commissioners regarding the sale of land in the Warren area by the Huntington County Community School Corporation. He felt that the county should have oversight of the school board and that the County should have been more involved in this matter; as he feels this is a missed opportunity for Huntington County. Commissioner Miller explained that the voting public is the oversight on the school board as those are all elected positions.

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IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE)

2023-20

Tom Wall made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-20: An Ordinance establishing stop signs and traffic regulations. This Ordinance makes the intersection of CR 1100 North and Roanoke Road a four-way stop. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 2-0 with Tom Wall voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT)

Region 3-A

Rob Miller made a motion to appoint Tom Wall to the 2024 Region 3-A Board of Directors. Tom Wall seconded and the motion passed 2-0 with Rob Miller voting yea and Tom Wall voting yea.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Memorandum of Understanding

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Huntington County Community Corrections to reimburse the County General Fund for utilities in the amount of \$13,207.50. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 2-0 with Tom Wall voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Economic Development Update

Mark Wickersham, Executive Director of Huntington County United Economic Development, spoke with the Commissioners about 'Project CB'. He requested a LIT Grant in the amount of \$45,000.00 payable in two installments for this project. This grant would improve the logistics between the companies facilities and would be in lieu of tax abatement. Tom Wall made a motion to approve \$45,000 to be paid from LIT Project 4. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 2-0 with Tom Wall voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Highway Department Silent Auction Winners

Bridgett Burkhart, Office Manager, presented a list of winners from the silent auction of surplus equipment at the Highway Department. Tom Wall made a motion to accept the bids as presented. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 2-0 with Tom Wall voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea. The winning bid information will be posted at the Highway Department and on their website as well.

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)

Cintas Facility Services Rental Service Agreement

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the Cintas Facility Services Rental Service Agreement for the Highway Department floor mat service. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 2-0 with Tom Wall voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING)

4548 E. Station Road Roanoke, Indiana

The following people were present for the Public Hearing for the property located at 4548 E. Station Road Roanoke, Indiana: Commissioner Tom Wall; Commissioner Rob Miller; Phil Hibbert, Facilities Manager; Hank Miller; Ilene Haluska; Terry Miller, County Council; Bob Garrett, County Attorney; Kim Hostetler, DCD Director; Bridgett Burkhart, Office Manager

The Public Hearing was opened at 10:00 a.m.

Kim Hostetler provided photos of the property for the Commissioners review.

No public comment was made.

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

Tom Wall made a motion to grant an additional 30 days to the property owner to remove debris piles. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 2-0 with Tom Wall voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)


Trash situation at SR 5 and I-69

Commissioner Wall shared a concern about the amount of trash that is being thrown out around the SR 5 and I-69 interchange. He stated that there are no trash containers at the McDonald's restaurant and there is an issue with trucks from the truck stop dumping out all of their trash as well. It does not leave a good impression of Huntington County for those traveling in that area. He would like to have the Health Department look at it and see if there is anything they can do about it.


IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT)

Tom Wall made a motion to adjourn at 10:14 a.m. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 2-0 with Tom Wall voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.


Rob Miller


Tom Wall

ATTEST:


Jill M. Landrum, Auditor


Terry Stoffel

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