
**REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018**

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

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

08/20/2018 Minutes

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the minutes for 08/20/2018. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS)

09/04/2018 Claims

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the claims for 09/04/2018. Rob Miller seconded and motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL)

08/31/2018 - Payroll

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the payroll docket for 08/31/2018. Rob Miller seconded and motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Presentation of Plaques

Mark Heirbrandt from Ameresco presented two bronze plaques to the Commissioners in recognition of the energy savings work performed by Ameresco at the Huntington County Courthouse and the Huntington County Jail. Mark discussed both projects and discussed the possibility of the maintenance staff attending a school in Atlanta, Georgia to learn how to properly operate the systems.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

United Way Campaign – “Starting at Zero and Becoming a Hero”

Kyle Metzger and Darlene Stanley appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the upcoming United Way campaign that begins September 26, 2018. Darlene asked if it would be possible to send out an email to all county entities asking for volunteers to help work the campaign within the County. The Commissioners agreed to send out the email regarding the upcoming campaign and to ask for volunteers.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Courthouse – Corbel Repair

Facilities Manager Greg Ricker presented Change Request 9 from Midwest Maintenance for the corbel repair to the exterior of the Courthouse in the sum of \$10,482.02. The quote includes replacing the four pieces of limestone that were damaged when a corbel fell from the Courthouse. The request will be forwarded to the property and casualty insurance company for their review and for processing of payment.

Tom Wall made a motion to enter into and sign Change Request 9 from Midwest Maintenance for the corbel repair to the exterior of the Courthouse in the sum of \$10,482.02, and to forward the request to the property and casualty insurance company for their review and processing of payment. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Courthouse Maintenance - Update

Facilities Manager Greg Ricker gave an update on the interior and exterior building repairs that will be done over the next few weeks and the approximate timeline for those repairs.

Tom Wall asked that Greg look into the possibility of color lighting for the exterior of the Courthouse to use during the holidays and other functions.

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IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTIVE SESSION)

The Commissioners met in executive session at 10:00 a.m. for discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute as authorized under I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7) as provided in the public notice of the executive session. No other subject matter was discussed in executive session other than that authorized under I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7). No official decisions were made in executive session.

The Executive Session was closed.

IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTIVE SESSION)

The Commissioners met in executive session at 11:15 a.m. to receive information about and interview prospective employees as authorized under I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5) as provided in the public notice of the executive session. No other subject matter was discussed in executive session other than that authorized under I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5). No official decisions were made in executive session.

The Executive Session was closed.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Highway Department – Driveway Permit Request

Mrs. Jamie Stoffel appeared before the Commissioners to discuss a request she made for a driveway permit for her property on 600 N – west of Highway 24, Huntington County. Jamie has spoken with Highway Superintendent Troy Hostetler and he has informed her that he did not believe that the driveway would meet the road visibility standards. After discussion, it was determined that Troy will issue the permit and will make a note on the permit that relates to the visibility standards.

IN THE MATTER OF CONTRACT)

Local Public Agency – Consulting Contract

Philip Beer, Executive Vice President of USI Consultants, Inc. presented a LPA – Consulting Agreement between Huntington County and USI Consultants, Inc. for the project described as Huntington County PE and RW engineering for Bridge 023 Rehabilitation – CR 900 S over Salamonie River.

Rob Miller made a motion to enter into and sign the LPA – Consulting Agreement between Huntington County and USI Consultants, Inc. for the project described as Huntington County PE and RW engineering for Bridge 023 Rehabilitation – CR 900 S over Salamonie River. Tom Wall seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

Rob Miller left the meeting at approximately 12:30 p.m.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

INDOT – Traffic Survey/Study – State Road 9 and County Road 100 N, Huntington County

Representatives from INDOT appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the results of the survey/study that they completed at the intersection of State Road 9 and County Road 100 N, Huntington County. INDOT completed this survey/study per the request of the Commissioners and Highway Department due to several accidents that have occurred at that location. After discussing various options, it was INDOT's suggestion to construct a new crossover that includes installing a j-turn on State Road 9 just north of the current intersection. INDOT said that the timeframe for constructing this type of turn would probably be in the fall of 2019. The Commissioners requested that INDOT proceed with the new crossover.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Highway Department – Update

Highway Superintendent Troy Hostetler updated the Commissioners on several items that he is working on for the County.

Troy discussed purchasing GPS units for 32 highway department vehicles. Those GPS units would track speed, direction, air codes, alerts and various other options. He further discussed the cost involved for the units and the monthly fee. The Commissioners agreed that Troy should move forward with purchasing the units.

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Department of Community Development – Update

Department of Community Development Director Mandy Woods appeared before the Commissioners to update them on the temporary permit that was issued to Kevin Smith, owner of Rustic River Outfitters. Mandy explained that the temporary permit is effective until the end of September, 2018 and discussed the details of the permit and its intended use.

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT)

Warren Public Library

The Commissioners received correspondence from Robert Neuenschwander, Director of the Warren Public Library indicating that a current library board member has resigned their position. Robert recommended Barb Trosper to fill the vacancy.

By consensus, the Commissioners agree to appoint Barb Trosper to the Warren Public Library Board for the term effective October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2022.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER)

Transfers

Rob Miller made a motion to approve the transfer of \$10,875.00.00 from 4601-000-30.0003 (Bond Construction Fund - Elevator) to 4601-000-30.0004 (Energy Audit). Tom Wall seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

County Surplus Items

The Commissioners looked over the county surplus items located in the Warren Street alcove/hallway of the Courthouse and discussed a silent auction for these items.

Tom Wall made a motion to deem the items as surplus and to hold a silent auction, with final bids to be awarded on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Walk for Hope and Suicide Prevention Training

Jan Williams, Executive Director of the Youth Services Bureau, presented a Proclamation for the Walk for Hope scheduled for Saturday, September 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The two-mile walk is to help raise awareness and to help prevent suicide. By consensus, the Commissioners agreed to sign the Proclamation and Tom Wall will be available at the walk to read the Proclamation.

Larry Buzzard

Rob Miller

Tom Wall

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ATTEST:

Cindy Yeiter, Auditor