

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2019**

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

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

02/04/2019 Minutes

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the minutes for 02/04/2019. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS)

02/18/2019 Claims

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the claims for 02/18/2019. Rob Miller seconded and motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL)

02/15/2019 – Payroll

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the payroll docket for 02/15/2019. Rob Miller seconded and motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Paid Time Off – Clarification

Huntington County Auditor Jill Landrum appeared before the Commissioners to ask for clarification of the Paid Time Off Policy. After discussion, it was determined that Human Resource Director Stefanie Rogers would send an email to the department heads clarifying the policy.

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT)

Rock Creek Township Trustee

Tiffany Grant submitted a Board Appointment Application for the position of Rock Creek Township Trustee.

Tom Wall made a motion to appoint Tiffany Grant as Rock Creek Township Trustee. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)

Fuel User Fee Cooperation Agreement

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the Fuel User Fee Cooperation Agreement with Huntington County Council on Aging. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Memorandum as to Gasoline Usage

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the Memorandum as to Gasoline Usage from the Huntington County Highway Department. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Commissioners' Certificate Sale – Post Tax Sale Status Report

Brian Shideler appeared before the Commissioners inquiring about purchasing the real estate located at 403 E. State Street, Huntington, Indiana that was listed on the Commissioners' Certificate Sale – Post Tax Sale Status Report. The Commissioners informed Brian that they have pulled that property off of the sale and report and explained their reasoning for removing it. The Commissioners asked that Brian leave his contact information and they will inform him if they decide that they no longer wish to acquire the real estate and he could proceed with the purchase.

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Request for Purchase of Blinds

Huntington County Assessor Terri Boone and Huntington County Recorder Vicki Pearson appeared before the Commissioners asking if it would be possible to purchase blinds for their offices. Terri and Vicki indicated that they believed heavy blinds would help keep their offices warmer on cold windy days. After discussion, it was determined that the Commissioners would visit their offices and would take the request into consideration.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Norwood Regional Water and Sewer District

Andrews Clerk-Treasurer Laura Dillon, Andrews Utilities Superintendent Colin Bullock, Office Manager Stephanie Poplewell and Norwood Regional Water and Sewer District Board Member Jeff Shoup appeared before the Commissioners to update them on the current status of the Norwood Regional Water and Sewer District. Laura informed the Commissioners that a large portion of the district's revenue was coming from Norwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, which is now closed. Laura and Colin expressed their concerns about financing future improvements, maintenance and repairs for water and sewer equipment within the district. The Commissioners and the district's representatives discussed several financing options that might be available.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Security Camera, Access Control Reader and Monitor/Push Button Release – Drug Court

IT Director Matt Taylor appeared before the Commissioners with a Quotation from ESCO Communications to install a security camera, access control reader and monitor/push button release on the door of the Drug Court at a cost of \$5,125.00.

Tom Wall made a motion to proceed with the installation of a security camera, access control reader and monitor/push button release on the door of the Drug Court at a cost of \$5,125.00, to be paid from the Cumulative Courthouse Fund. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Courthouse – Telephone Services

Commissioner Rob Miller asked IT Director Matt Taylor to investigate the possibility of a phone tree for the Courthouse. Rob asked Matt to explore a couple of options and report back to the Commissioners at their next meeting with his findings.

IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTIVE SESSION)

The Commissioners met in executive session at 9:45 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 10:30 a.m. with respect to the discussion of strategy with respect to the implementation of security systems as authorized under I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(C) as provided in the public notice of 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)(2)(C). No official decisions were made in executive session.

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IN THE MATTER OF CONTRACT)

Huntington County Jail Health Care Service Contract with Quality Correctional Care

Sheriff Chris Newton appeared before the Commissioners to discuss renewing the Huntington County Jail Health Care Service Contract with Quality Correctional Care for healthcare services provided to the inmates. Sheriff Newton indicated that he is very pleased with the services that they are offering and, in an effort to keep healthcare costs down, he would like to enter into a four (4) year contract with them.

Tom Wall made a motion to enter into and sign the Huntington County Jail Health Care Service Contract with Quality Correctional Care for a term of four (4) years. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Regional Water and Sewer Districts

Lana Beregszazi, Management Consultant with BCS Management appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the possibility of combining all of Huntington County's water and sewer districts into one combined district. Lana discussed the process and cost involved with combining the districts. Lana spoke of various financing options such as bonds, grants, etc. that may be available to the County. Lana suggested a meeting with all of the water and sewer districts to discuss the process and what advantages there would be to combining the districts. The Commissioners will reach out to the board members of each water and sewer district to discuss setting a meeting and they will contact Lana about coordinating a meeting date.

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 Highway Department.

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)

Agreement Between Huntington County Highway Department and First Group Engineering, Inc. - County Road W 600 N and N Broadway Street, Huntington, Indiana

Rob Miller made motion to enter into and sign the Agreement between the Huntington County Highway Department and First Group Engineering, Inc. for engineering services provided in connection with the construction of the project known as County Road W 600 N and N Broadway Street Intersection Improvements, Huntington County, Indiana. Tom Wall seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)

Supplemental Agreement No. 2 - Between Huntington County Highway Department and First Group Engineering, Inc. - County Road W 600 N and N Broadway Street, Huntington, Indiana

Rob Miller made a motion to enter into and sign the Supplemental Agreement No. 2 between the Huntington County Highway Department and First Group Engineering, Inc. for environmental services provided in connection with the project known as County Road W 600 N and N Broadway Street Intersection Improvements, Huntington County, Indiana. Tom Wall seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

Frontier – CR E 900 N, Between: CR N 100 E and CR Old Fort Wayne Road, Huntington County

Rob Miller made a motion to approve the Frontier Application for Permit for CR E 900 N, Between: CR N 100 E and CR Old Fort Wayne Road, Huntington County, Indiana. Larry Buzzard seconded and the motion passed 2-1, with Tom Wall voting against.

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IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

Frontier – CR N Mayne Road, Between: CR E Station Road and CR E 700 N, Huntington County

Rob Miller made a motion to approve the Frontier Application for Permit for CR N Mayne Road, Between: CR E Station Road and CR E 700 N, Huntington County, Indiana. Larry Buzzard seconded and the motion passed 2-1, with Tom Wall voting against.

IN THE MATTER OF INVESTMENTS)

January-February - Cumulative Courthouse Investment and Courthouse Improvement Bond Investment

The Commissioners discussed the renewal of the monthly Cumulative Courthouse Investment and the Courthouse Improvement Bond Investment. They discussed the current budget status for the funds.

Tom Wall made a motion to reinvest \$350,000.00 from the Cumulative Courthouse fund for another thirty (30) days. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

Tom Wall made a motion to reinvest \$300,000.00 from the Courthouse Improvement Bond Investment for another thirty (30) days. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Chalk Walk

Pam Burris requested that the 2019 Chalk Walk be held around the Courthouse square on September 21, 2019 with the rain date to be October 5, 2019.

By consensus, the Commissioners agreed to allow the use of the Courthouse square for the 2019 Chalk Walk on September 21, 2018 with the rain date to be October 5, 2019.

Larry Buzzard

Rob Miller

Tom Wall

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ATTEST:

Jill M. Landrum, Auditor