

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA, MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020**

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

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

12/23/2019 Minutes

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the minutes for 12/23/2019. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS)

01/06/2020 Claims

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the claims for 01/06/2020. Rob Miller seconded and motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL)

01/03/2020 – Payroll

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the payroll docket for 01/03/2020. Rob Miller seconded and motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Reorganizational Meeting

Rob Miller made a motion to appoint Tom Wall as President of the Huntington County Board of Commissioners for 2020. Larry Buzzard seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

Larry Buzzard made a motion to appoint Rob Miller as Vice-President of the Huntington County Board of Commissioners for 2020. Tom Wall seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

Drainage Board: Tom Wall

Regional IIIA: Tom Wall

HCED: Tom Wall

EMA Advisory Board: Rob Miller

Solid Waste District Board: All three Commissioners

Plan Commission: Larry Buzzard

Employee Safety Committee: Rob Miller

LIT Advisory Board: Larry Buzzard

Employee Connection Committee: Rob Miller

District 3 Planning Council (DPC): Rob Miller

Northeast Regional Partnership: Tom Wall

GIS Advisory Committee: Tom Wall

District Planning Oversight Committee: Rob Miller

HCPS Dispatch: Rob Miller

Tax Abatement Review Committee: Larry Buzzard

Community Corrections: Tom Wall

Job Classification Committee: Larry Buzzard

EMS Advisory Committee at Parkview Huntington Hospital: Rob Miller

EMS Dispatch: Rob Miller

Upper Wabash River Basin: Larry Buzzard

Larry Buzzard made a motion to approve the committee split as noted above. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF REPORT)

Huntington Area Transportation Quarterly Report

Huntington County Council on Aging Director Holly Saunders appeared before the Commissioners to submit the fourth quarter, 2019 Huntington Area Transportation Quarterly Report.

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Larry Buzzard made a motion to accept and sign the fourth quarter, 2019 Huntington Area Transportation Quarterly Report. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

2019-2020 Paid Time Off – Rollover

Human Resource Director Stefanie Rogers presented a list of employees that have paid time off in excess of the amount allowed to roll over to the following year, per the rules and guidelines of the policy handbook. The Commissioners discussed the necessity to spend down as much time as possible each year in an effort to comply with the rules and guidelines of the policy handbook.

Rob Miller made a motion to allow employees to roll over all paid time off from 2019 to 2020. Larry Buzzard seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Huntington County Bridge Inventory, Phase I, 2019 Final Report

United Consulting representatives Jeff Larrison and Chris Dyer presented the Huntington County Bridge Inventory, Phase I, 2019 Final Report for the Commissioners' and Highway Superintendent's review and consideration. This report includes all 115 bridges in Huntington County that are more than twenty feet in span length and not on State or Federal highways. The study provides the County with a more current record of the condition of the bridges for which Huntington County is responsible. Also included with the report is a Replacement Priority Schedule to assist the County in determining which bridges should be replaced or repaired first, along with a recommended year of replacement and approximate structure costs. United Consulting recommended that a further study be performed to determine more accurate structure sizes and corresponding appropriate structural types before programming structures for repair or replacement.

Larry Buzzard made a motion to accept the Huntington County Bridge Inventory, Phase I, 2019 Final Report as presented. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Huntington County Volunteer Fire Paging System Upgrade

Huntington County Public Safety Dispatch Director Tim Allen, Tony Ehler and IT Director Joakim Abrahamsson appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the possibility of a Huntington County volunteer fire paging system upgrade. They presented a handout that included the objective, current system overview and issues with the current system. They discussed two options to upgrade the current system and discussed the advantages and disadvantages to each option.

The Commissioners asked that a structural engineer be hired to inspect and give a report of the condition of the current tower at the jail to see whether it is structurally sound prior to sandblasting and repainting the unit. The Commissioners asked that this inspection and report be performed and submitted within the next ten days.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Human Resource – Update

Human Resource Director Stefanie Rogers updated the Commissioners on several items that she is currently working on in the Human Resource department.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Invoice – Young Electric, Inc.

Rob Miller made a motion to pay Young Electric, Inc. the sum of \$840.28 for electrical services provided to the Huntington County Courthouse Annex Building, to be paid from the Cumulative Courthouse Fund. Larry Buzzard seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

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IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)

Natural Gas Supply Agreement

Larry Buzzard made a motion to enter into and sign the Natural Gas Supply Agreement between Huntington County, Indiana and Constellation New Energy – Gas Division, LLC. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENTS)

2020 - Annual Appointments

Larry Buzzard made a motion to appoint Joseph Cassidy to the Town of Roanoke Plan Commission, term to expire 12/31/2023. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Commissioners’ Correspondence

Administrative Assistant Jodi PeGan presented to the Commissioners several items of correspondence for their review.

Jodi presented the Meeting Agenda for the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission set for January 8, 2020.

Jodi presented a letter from the Indiana Historical Society and the Indiana Historical Bureau notifying the Commissioners that B. Joan Keefer has been appointed to serve as the official Huntington County historian.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Encumbrances

Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners Jodi PeGan presented the proposed 2019 Encumbrance Worksheet for LIT and the Cumulative Courthouse fund. These amounts would cover the LIT projects and Cumulative Courthouse projects approved in 2019, but not yet paid out.

Larry Buzzard made a motion to approve the Encumbrances for 2019. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

Tom Wall

Rob Miller

Larry Buzzard

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ATTEST:

Jill M. Landrum, Auditor