

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020**

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

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

01/21/2020 Minutes

Rob Miller made a motion to approve the minutes for 01/21/2020. Larry Buzzard seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS)

02/03/2020 Claims

Larry Buzzard made a motion to approve the claims for 02/03/2020. Rob Miller seconded and motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL)

01/31/2020 – Payroll

Larry Buzzard made a motion to approve the payroll docket for 01/31/2020. Rob Miller seconded and motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Emergency Management Agency – K-9 for Search and Rescue

Emergency Management Agency Director Bob Jeffers, Kirby Jones and Tommy Wuensch appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the possibility of the Emergency Management Agency having a K-9 for search and rescue purposes. They discussed the cost of maintaining the dog, liability insurance, the need for a vehicle and fuel to transport the dog, and the cost of training. Sheriff Chris Newton said that he has a vehicle that is equipped with a cage that he would be willing to donate to EMA. Bob Jeffers said that he believes there would be grant money available to support the needs associated with the K-9. The Commissioners asked Bob to move forward with checking on the cost of the items discussed, to check on what funds would be available to support the K-9, and to report his findings after he has obtained that information.

IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTIVE SESSION)

The Commissioners met in executive session at 9:20 a.m. to discuss interviews and negotiations with industrial or commercial prospects or agents of industrial or commercial prospects by the Indiana economic development corporation, the office of tourism development, the Indiana finance authority, the ports of Indiana, an economic development commission, the Indiana state department of agriculture, a local economic development organization or a governing body of a political subdivision as authorized under I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(4) 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)(4). No official decisions were made in executive session.

The Executive Session closed at 9:50 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Huntington County Public Safety Dispatch – Radio Tower Update

Huntington County Dispatch Director Tim Allen and DLZ Representative Phil Wink appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Structural Tower Report received on January 29, 2020. The detailed report stated that the tower failed to pass the standards and codes for the size of Huntington County's tower. They discussed three possible sites, the pros and cons to each site, along with discussing the suggested size of the tower, the length of time it would take to build, and the approximate cost. Phil discussed how this would affect the jail expansion project. Tim said that they would like to organize a small group to investigate the viability of using each site, the cost of the project, how it would be funded, what zoning issues exist and what licensing is needed. Tim will report back to the Commissioners with his findings.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Huntington County Sheriff's Department – Vehicle Sale

Sheriff Chris Newton informed the Commissioners that he has a 2004 Chevrolet Express 3500 transport vehicle that he would like to sell to the Anderson Police Department for the sum of \$4,000.00.

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Larry Buzzard made a motion to allow Sheriff Chris Newton to sell a 2004 Chevrolet Express 350 transport vehicle to the Anderson Police Department for the sum of \$4,000.00. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Huntington County Sheriff's Department – Update

Sheriff Chris Newton informed the Commissioners that Mann's, Inc. did an emergency replacement of the boiler/water heater at the Jail. The Commissioners asked that Sheriff Newton submit the invoice so that it can be paid from the Jail Expansion Fund.

Sheriff Newton said that he has spoken with Courthouse Security Rod Jackson about the possibility of creating an Ordinance that allows Security to request identification of individuals that are entering the Courthouse. Sheriff Newton will discuss the details of this Ordinance with County Attorney Bob Garrett.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Use of Courthouse Rotunda for Early Voting and Election Days

Clerk Shelley Septer appeared before the Commissioners to ask permission to use the Courthouse Rotunda for early voting and Election Day voting for both the primary and general elections in 2020. Shelley reported that 2019's general election was held in the Courthouse Rotunda and she said that voters voiced their pleasure with the location. Shelley believes that being highly visible helped with voter turnout. Shelley submitted a handout of the dates and times of early voting and Election Day voting.

By consensus, the Commissioners give permission to Clerk Shelley Septer to use the Courthouse Rotunda for early voting and Election Day voting for both the primary and general elections in 2020.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Invoice – Ironclad Excavating, Inc. – Pay Application #1 – Huntington County Jail South Parking Lot, Phase 1

Casey Erwin from DLZ Indiana, LLC presented Pay Application #1 from Ironclad Excavating, Inc. in the sum of \$136,311.26 for the Huntington County Jail South Parking Lot, Phase 1. This invoice is for work performed through the period ending December 31, 2019.

Larry Buzzard made a motion to pay Pay Application #1 from Ironclad Excavating, Inc. in the sum of \$136,311.26 for the Huntington County Jail South Parking Lot, Phase 1. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Change of Speed Limit on Bridge – 900 S from 450' West of Meridian to 1900' East of Meridian, Huntington County

Highway Superintendent Troy Hostetler requested permission to lower the speed limit on the bridge on 900 S from 450' West of Meridian to 1900' East of Meridian, Huntington County to 40 miles per hour.

Larry Buzzard made a motion to lower the speed limit on the bridge on 900 S from 450' West of Meridian to 1900' East of Meridian, Huntington County to 40 miles per hour. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Statement of the Basis for Just Compensation – CR 200 N, Parcel 11, Huntington County, Indiana

Huntington County Highway Superintendent Troy Hostetler presented a Statement of the Basis for Just Compensation for purchase of right-of-way on CR 200 N, Parcel 11 between acquiring agency Huntington County Board of Commissioners and owners Jeffrey R. Baumgardner and Connie K. Baumgardner, in the sum of \$16,425.00.

Rob Miller made a motion to enter into and sign the Statement of the Basis for Just Compensation for purchase of right-of-way on CR 200 N, Parcel 11 between acquiring agency Huntington County Board of Commissioners and owners Jeffrey R. and Connie K. Baumgardner, in the sum of \$16,425.00. Larry Buzzard seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

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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 BIDS)

2020 Fuel Bids

The Commissioners received and opened the bids for the 2020 Annual Fuel Contracts.

Petroleum Traders Corporation

Unleaded: \$1.6701, before taxes / \$1.9830, after taxes

Diesel: \$1.7557, before taxes / \$2.2588, after taxes

Winter Blend: \$1.7757, before taxes / \$2.2788, after taxes

Ceres

Unleaded: \$1.639, before taxes

Diesel: \$1.793, before taxes

Winter Blend: \$1.863, before taxes

Highway Superintendent Troy Hostetler reported that all of the bids were good and acceptable bids.

Rob Miller made a motion to award the bid for unleaded fuel to Ceres. Larry Buzzard seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

Rob Miller made a motion to award the bid for diesel to Petroleum Traders Corporation. Larry Buzzard seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

Rob Miller made a motion to award the bid for winter blend to Petroleum Traders Corporation. Larry Buzzard seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF BIDS)

2020 Annual Highway Bids

The Commissioners opened the bids for the 2020 Annual Highway Bid items. The following is a listing for the bidders. County Attorney Bob Garrett and Highway Superintendent Troy Hostetler will review the actual bids for accuracy and compliance with the bid specifications advertised.

Bid #1 – Gravel and Sand
Speedway

Bid #2 – Stone and Sand
Brooks Construction Co.
Columbia City Mill Service Co.
IMI
Rock Creek

Bid #3 – Concrete Bridge Materials
Primco

Bid #4 – Timber Bridge Materials
American Timber Bridge

Bid #5 – Liquid Asphalt
Pierceton Trucking Co., Inc.

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Bid #6 – Emulsion (Delivered to job site)
Pierceton Trucking Co., Inc.
Asphalt Material

Bid #7 – Cold Mix (delivered to job site)
Central Paving, Inc.
Brooks Construction
Phend and Brown
Pulver and Sons

Bid #8 – Hot Mix
Wayne Asphalt
Brooks Construction Co.
E & B Paving

IN THE MATTER OF QUOTES)

2020 Annual Highway Quotes

The Commissioners opened the quotes for the Annual Highway quote items. The following is a listing for the bidders. Actual quotes will be reviewed by County Attorney Bob Garrett and Highway Superintendent Troy Hostetler for accuracy and compliance with the quote specifications advertised.

Quote #1 – Tires
Wertemberger Tire, Inc.

Quote #2 – Signs
Osburn

Quote #3 – Pavement Markings
Three Rivers

Quote # 4 – Culvert Pipe & Tile
Debco Metal Culverts
St. Regis Culvert, Inc.
Metal Culverts, Inc.
E3 Bridge
Civilcon

Quote #5 – Heavy Equipment (Excavator)
No bids

Quote #6 – Grader Blades
St. Regis Culvert, Inc.
Winter
Wear Parts

Quote #7 – Calcium Chloride
Great Lakes Chloride, Inc.

Larry Buzzard made a motion to take the Bids and Quotes under advisement until the February 17, 2020 meeting. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF BIDS)

County Road 600 N at Broadway Intersection Improvement Project

The Commissioners opened the base bid for the County Road 600 N at Broadway Intersection Project. The following is a listing of the bidders and bid amount:

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E & B Paving - \$377,012.07
Brooks Construction - \$422,663.00

Highway Superintendent Troy Hostetler reported that all of the bids were good and acceptable bids.

Rob Miller made a motion to award the base bid for the County Road 600 N at Broadway Intersection Project to E & B Paving. Larry Buzzard seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF BIDS)

County Road 900 N from Meridian Road to Roanoke Town Limits - Patching, Milling and Resurfacing

The Commissioners opened the base bid for County Road 900 N from Meridian Road to Roanoke Town Limits – Patching, Milling and Resurfacing. The following is a listing for the bidders and bid amount:

E & B Paving - \$400,429.06
Brooks Construction - \$434,420.00
Wayne Asphalt and Construction, Inc. - \$426,949.35

Highway Superintendent Troy Hostetler reported that all of the bids were good and acceptable bids.

Rob Miller made a motion to award the base bid for County Road 900 N from Meridian Road to Roanoke Town Limits – Patching, Milling and Resurfacing to E & B Paving. Larry Buzzard seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

The Commissioners reconvened at 3:20 p.m.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Third Amendment of Huntington County Government Health Care Plan

Larry Buzzard made a motion to enter into and sign the Third Amendment of Huntington County Government Health Care Plan. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Huntington County Government – 2020 COBRA Rates

Larry Buzzard made a motion to accept the Huntington County Government – 2020 COBRA Rates as presented. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT)

Agreement for Prison Solutions between LexisNexis and Huntington County Sheriff's Department

Rob Miller made a motion to enter into and sign the Agreement for Prison Solutions between LexisNexis and Huntington County Sheriff's Department. Larry Buzzard seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Request for Huntington County Health Insurance Coverage

Human Resource Director Stefanie Rogers informed the Commissioners that she had an inquiry from County Attorney Bob Garrett about whether or not it would be possible to put Attorney Haley Spafford on Huntington County's health insurance plan.

Larry Buzzard made a motion to allow Attorney Haley Spafford to obtain Huntington County health insurance coverage. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 2-1, with Tom Wall voting against.

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Purchases of Church Pews/Benches for the Huntington Superior Courtroom

Administrative Assistant Jodi PeGan informed the Commissioners that since their motion on January 21, 2020 to purchase church pews/benches from Rex Grant for \$400.00 to be installed in the Huntington Superior Courtroom, she has been informed that there are church pews/benches available locally from Risen Savior Anglican Church for the sum of \$300.00.

Rob Miller made a motion to purchase church pews/benches from Risen Savior Anglican Church for the sum of \$300.00 to be installed in the Huntington Superior Court, to be paid from the Cumulative Courthouse Fund, and authorizes early payment for the church pews/benches. Further, to void the check to Rex Grant the sum of \$400.00 previously issued. Larry Buzzard seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Commissioners' – Correspondence

Administrative Assistant Jodi PeGan presented a Quietus from the Auditor's Office certifying that the sum of \$5,974.79 received from Citizen's Telephone for franchise fees received for 2019, has been deposited into the County General Fund.

Jodi presented two Invoices from Taylor'd Equipment Sales & Install totaling \$2,750.00 for installation of lights, prisoner partitions, gun racks and push bumpers to be installed in two Sheriff's Department vehicles, to be paid from the Miscellaneous Contractual Fund.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

LED Lighting – Courthouse Rotunda

The Huntington County custodial staff requested to purchase approximately 80 LED globe light bulbs, in the approximate amount of \$1,300.00, to be installed in the Courthouse Rotunda.

Rob Miller made a motion to purchase approximately 80 LED globe light bulbs, in the approximate amount of \$1,300.00, to be installed in the Courthouse Rotunda, to be paid from the Cumulative Courthouse Fund. Larry Buzzard seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Huntington County Drug Court Team – Request for Out of State Travel

The Huntington County Drug Court Team of Judge Jennifer Newton, Erin Wiley, Heather Malone, Amy Richison, Leslie Rentschler, Chad Hammel and Andy Ellet submitted a Travel Authorization/Expense Report requesting permission for out of State travel to attend the NADCP conference on addiction, mental health and justice reform. The conference will be in Anaheim, California from May 27 – May 30, 2020.

Rob Miller made a motion to allow out of State travel for the Huntington County Drug Court Team to attend the NADCP conference on addiction, mental health and justice reform in Anaheim, California from May 27 – May 30, 2020. Larry Buzzard seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF INVESTMENTS)

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.

Larry Buzzard 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.

Larry Buzzard made a motion to invest \$250,000.00 from the Courthouse Improvement Bond Investment for another thirty (30) days. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

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IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENTS)

2020 - Annual Appointment

Larry Buzzard made a motion to appoint Laura Dillon to PTABOA, term to expire 12/31/2020. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

Heartland R.E.M.C. – CR 600 W Between: CR 400 S and CR 200 S, Huntington County, Indiana

Larry Buzzard made a motion to approve the Heartland R.E.M.C. Application for Permit for CR 600 W Between: CR 400 S and CR 200 S, Huntington County, Indiana. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

Heartland R.E.M.C. – CR 600 W Between: SR 124 and CR 400 S, Huntington County, Indiana

Larry Buzzard made a motion to approve the Heartland R.E.M.C. Application for Permit for CR 600 W Between: SR 124 and CR 400 S, Huntington County, Indiana. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT)

QC Communications for Comcast Indiana – 3064 North County Road 80 West Between: North of East Taylor Street to Dead End Road, Huntington County, Indiana

Rob Miller made a motion to approve the QC Communications for Comcast Indiana Application for Permit for 3064 North County Road 80 West Between: North of East Taylor Street to Dead End Road, Huntington County, Indiana. Larry Buzzard seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

Tom Wall

Rob Miller

Larry Buzzard

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ATTEST:

Jill M. Landrum, Auditor