

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES)

07/20/2020 Minutes

Larry Buzzard made a motion to approve the minutes for 07/20/2020. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0, with Tom Wall voting yea, Larry Buzzard voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS)

08/03/2020 Claims

Larry Buzzard made a motion to approve the claims for 08/03/2020. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0, with Larry Buzzard voting yea, Tom Wall voting yea, and Rob Miller voting yea.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL)

07/31/2020 – Payroll

Larry Buzzard made a motion to approve the payroll docket for 07/31/2020. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0, with Larry Buzzard voting yea, Tom Wall voting yea, and Rob Miller voting yea.

IN ATTENDANCE.)

Bob Garrett, County Attorney; Kittie Keiffer, County Council; Mark Wickersham, Huntington County Economic Development

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Update on 4143 S. Warren Road, Huntington property

Marla Stambazze from the Department of Community Development gave an update on the cleanup of the property located at 4143 S Warren Rd, Huntington. The property owner has completed some clean up and upon inspection the property looks much better. The property owner will continue to work on the cleanup.

By consensus, the Commissioners agreed to re-evaluate the progress at the property in thirty days. The Department of Community Development will provide an update on the status of the cleanup progress on September 14, 2020 at 9:15 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING)

**Request for Amendment of the Huntington County Official Zoning Code of Huntington County, Indiana,
Removing Section 714: Flag Lots Ordinance**

The Commissioners opened the public hearing at 9:42 a.m. on the request for amendment of the Huntington County Official Zoning Code of Huntington County, Indiana, Removing Section 714: Flag Lots Ordinance.

Those present included Commissioners Larry Buzzard, Tom Wall, Rob Miller, and Department of Community Development Director Kim Hostetler. The Huntington County Plan Commission issued a favorable decision to amend the zoning code.

No public comments were made.

The public hearing closed at 9:43 a.m.

Larry Buzzard made the motion to approve the change to the Huntington County Zoning Ordinance. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0. With Tom Wall voting yea, Larry Buzzard voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

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IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING)

**Request for Amendment of the Huntington County Official Zoning Code of Huntington County, Indiana,
Amending Section 901: Agricultural (A) District**

The Commissioners opened the public hearing at 9:44 a.m. on the request for amendment of the Huntington County Official Zoning Code of Huntington County, Indiana, Amending Section 901: Agricultural (A) District adding solar energy systems clarification (SES).

Those present included Commissioners Larry Buzzard, Tom Wall, Rob Miller, and Department of Community Development Director Kim Hostetler. The Huntington County Plan Commission issued a favorable decision to amend the zoning code.

No public comments were made.

The public hearing closed at 9:47 a.m.

Larry Buzzard made motion to approve Amendment to the Huntington County Zoning Ordinance. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0. With Tom Wall voting yea, Larry Buzzard voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING)

**Request for Amendment of the Huntington County Official Zoning Code of Huntington County, Indiana,
Amending Section 912: Light Manufacturing (M-1) District**

The Commissioners opened the public hearing at 9:47 a.m. on the request for amendment of the Huntington County Official Zoning Code of Huntington County, Indiana, Amending Section 912: Light Manufacturing (M-1) District adding solar energy systems clarification (SES).

Those present included Commissioners Larry Buzzard, Tom Wall, Rob Miller, and Department of Community Development Director Kim Hostetler. The Huntington County Plan Commission issued a favorable decision to amend the zoning code.

No public comments were made.

The public hearing closed at 9:53 a.m.

Larry Buzzard made motion to approve Amendment to the Huntington County Zoning Ordinance. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0. With Tom Wall voting yea, Larry Buzzard voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING)

**Request for Amendment of the Huntington County Official Zoning Code of Huntington County, Indiana,
Amending Section 913: Heavy Manufacturing (M-2) District**

The Commissioners opened the public hearing at 10:01 a.m. on the request for amendment of the Huntington County Official Zoning Code of Huntington County, Indiana, Amending Section 913: Heavy Manufacturing (M-2) District adding solar energy systems clarification (SES).

Those present included Commissioners Larry Buzzard, Tom Wall, Rob Miller, and Department of Community Development Director Kim Hostetler. The Huntington County Plan Commission issued a favorable decision to amend the zoning code.

No public comments were made.

The public hearing closed at 10:03 a.m.

Larry Buzzard made motion to approve Amendment to the Huntington County Zoning Ordinance. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0. With Tom Wall voting yea, Larry Buzzard voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

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IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING)

**Request for Amendment of the Huntington County Official Zoning Code of Huntington County, Indiana,
Amending Section 914: Extractive Manufacturing (M-3) District**

The Commissioners opened the public hearing at 10:15 a.m. on the request for amendment of the Huntington County Official Zoning Code of Huntington County, Indiana, Amending Section 914: Extractive Manufacturing (M-3) District adding solar energy systems clarification (SES).

Those present included Commissioners Larry Buzzard, Tom Wall, Rob Miller, and Department of Community Development Director Kim Hostetler. The Huntington County Plan Commission issued a favorable decision to amend the zoning code.

No public comments were made.

The public hearing closed at 10:15 a.m.

Larry Buzzard made motion to approve Amendment to the Huntington County Zoning Ordinance. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0. With Tom Wall voting yea, Larry Buzzard voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING)

**Request for Amendment of the Huntington County Official Zoning Code of Huntington County, Indiana,
Amending Section 916: Open Space (OS) District**

The Commissioners opened the public hearing at 10:31 a.m. on the request for amendment of the Huntington County Official Zoning Code of Huntington County, Indiana, Amending Section 916: Open Space (OS) District adding solar energy systems clarification (SES).

Those present included Commissioners Larry Buzzard, Tom Wall, Rob Miller, and Department of Community Development Director Kim Hostetler. The Huntington County Plan Commission issued a favorable decision to amend the zoning code.

No public comments were made.

The public hearing closed at 10:32 a.m.

Larry Buzzard made motion to approve Amendment to the Huntington County Zoning Ordinance. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0. With Tom Wall voting yea, Larry Buzzard voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING)

**Request for Amendment of the Huntington County Official Zoning Code of Huntington County, Indiana,
Amending Section 1050: Development Plan**

The Commissioners opened the public hearing at 10:48 a.m. on the request for amendment of the Huntington County Official Zoning Code of Huntington County, Indiana, Amending Section 1050: Development Plan adding solar energy systems clarification (SES).

Those present included Commissioners Larry Buzzard, Tom Wall, Rob Miller, and Department of Community Development Director Kim Hostetler. The Huntington County Plan Commission issued a favorable decision to amend the zoning code.

No public comments were made.

The public hearing closed at 10:50 a.m.

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Larry Buzzard made motion to approve Amendment to the Huntington County Zoning Ordinance. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0. With Tom Wall voting yea, Larry Buzzard voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

IN THE MATTER OF BIDS AND QUOTES)

Highway Community Crossing Project

Troy Hostetler, Huntington County Highway Superintendent, presented sealed bids for the Community Crossings Project. The following is a listing of the bidders and bid amounts:

E & B Paving- \$832,697.50

Brooks Construction- \$828,030.21

Brooks Construction did not furnish all required documentation. Missing documents included: US Product Certification, Employee Eligibility Verification Form, and INDOT Certificate of Qualification.

The bid from E & B was the most responsive and responsible bid. Tom Wall made motion to award E & B Paving the bid. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0. With Tom Wall voting yea, Larry Buzzard voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Primco Contract for Replacement of Huntington Co Bridge #22

Troy Hostetler, Highway Superintendent presented an Agreement between Huntington County and Primco Inc. for replacing Huntington Co Bridge #22. Larry Buzzard made motion to approve the Agreement with Primco Inc. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0. With Tom Wall voting yea, Larry Buzzard voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

VS Engineering Inc.- Project CR 300 West and Division Road

Troy Hostetler, Highway Superintendent presented a contract between Huntington County and VS Engineering Inc. for the reconstruction of the intersection of CR 300 West and Division Road in Huntington County. Larry Buzzard made motion to approve the contract with VS Engineering Inc. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0. With Tom Wall voting yea, Larry Buzzard voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Introduction of Pathfinder Services CEO

John Niederman, CEO of Pathfinders Services is retiring and he brought in his replacement Danielle Tips to the meeting for an introduction to Commissioners.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Industrial Park Expansion

Mayor, Richard Strick presented information regarding expansion of Industrial Park.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Small Business Grant-PPE Due to COVID-19

Aliza Tourkow presented information on a small business grant to assist with PPE expenses due to COVID-19. Businesses that employ less than 20 people can submit invoices for PPE reimbursement such as masks, gloves, hand sanitizer etc. The first application period runs from August 15 through August 31st 2020. The second application period is from October 13th through October 31st 2020. There is a \$2000 limit. This grant excludes businesses within the city of Huntington but would be good for Andrews, Roanoke and Markle. Rob Miller made a motion to approve this small business PPE reimbursement. Larry Buzzard seconded and the motion passed 3-0. With Tom Wall voting yea, Larry Buzzard voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Huntington County Jail Expansion – Project Status

Kristine Thurston from DLZ presented an overview of the schedule for the Huntington County Jail expansion. Changes are as follows:

There are additional funds required for transformer pad \$3995.25.

Larry Buzzard made motion to approve the additional cost for transformer pad. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0. With Tom Wall voting yea, Larry Buzzard voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

Remediation for fuel tank removal in parking lot. \$11,723.74

Rob Miller made a motion to approve the additional cost of removing the fuel tank. Larry Buzzard seconded and motion passed 3-0. With Tom Wall voting yea, Larry Buzzard voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

There will be a credit of \$20,000 because of a change in the roof installation from TPO to a mechanically attached roof. The warranty is the same. Tom Wall would like to see in writing that the mechanically attached roof will have the same warranty as the TPO roof. Kristine will see that the Commissioners receive a copy of the warranty to review.

Larry Buzzard made motion to approve the credit of \$20,000 for change in roof installation. Rob Miller seconded and motion passed 3-0. With Tom Wall voting yea, Larry Buzzard voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

Revisions to south parking lot due to removal of fuel tank will be an additional \$5517.25.

Rob Miller made a motion to approve the additional cost for revising the plans to the parking lot because of the removal of fuel tank. Larry Buzzard seconded and the motion passed 3-0. With Tom Wall voting yea, Larry Buzzard voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

There is an additional cost to have the drive approach removed \$1040.22. This is in the interest of better service and safety. Tom Wall made the motion to approve the additional cost of removing the drive approach. Larry Buzzard seconded and the motion passed 3-0. With Tom Wall voting yea, Larry Buzzard voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

There is an additional cost of \$4100.32 to lay additional footage of the grounding wires through bedrock. Larry Buzzard made motion to approve the additional cost for added footage to lay grounding wires. Rob Miller seconded and the motion passed 3-0. With Tom Wall voting yea, Larry Buzzard voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Human Resources - Update

Human Resource Director, Stefanie Rogers presented the current flex time policy as listed in the Huntington County Employee Handbook. Rob Miller made a motion to approve the removal of flex time for exempt employees from the Huntington County Employee Handbook. Larry Buzzard seconded and motion passed 3-0. With Tom Wall voting yea, Larry Buzzard voting yea and Rob Miller voting yea.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Commissioners' Correspondence

Human Resource Director, Stefanie Rogers presented to the Commissioners several items of correspondence for their review.

IN THE MATTER OF REPORT)

County Clerk's Report

County Treasurer Paula Farley submitted the monthly County Treasures Report for the month of June, 2020

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

Legal – Update

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County Attorney Bob Garrett updated the Commissioners on several items that he is working on for the County.

IN THE MATTER OF INVESTMENTS)

Cumulative Courthouse Investment and Courthouse Improvement Bond Investment

By consensus the Commissioners agreed to invest \$450,000.00 in the Cumulative Courthouse fund for thirty (30) days.

By consensus the Commissioners agreed to invest \$250,000.00 in the Courthouse Improvement Bond Investment for thirty (30) days.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION)

LIT Appropriation

By consensus the Commissioners agreed to request an appropriation of \$200,000 at the next Council Meeting to allow for reuse of the LIT funds used to make COVID-19 related purchases, as it is reimbursed to the county via grant funds.

The Commissioners recessed at 12:53 p.m.

Tom Wall

Rob Miller

ATTEST:

Larry Buzzard

Jill M. Landrum

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