

Commissioners' Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2023

[Play 796] *Prayer*

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Darlene Likens, Olivia Pratt and John Richwine.

Also Present: County Attorney Jeff Graham and Deputy Auditor Nicki Young

[Play 797] Approval of Minutes:

Motion: to approve May 1, 2023, regular meeting minutes as presented.

Moved: Darlene Likens

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed, unanimously.

[Play 798] Approval of Claims:

Motion: to approve all claims as presented by the Auditor's office and JobSource claims.

Moved: Olivia Pratt

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 799] President Richwine indicates there are several members of Cemetery Commission who need to be reappointed.

Motion: to continue reappointment of members of Cemetery Commission to next scheduled meeting so that paperwork may be completed.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 800] Jesse Wilkerson of Jesse J. Wilkerson and Associates, LLC, comes before Commissioners concerning two (2) proposals for feasibility study of current jail property that were presented at last meeting. County Attorney indicates he has reviewed agreements and has no objection to Commissioners approving either.

Motion: to approve agreement with Tracy Cross & Associates, Inc. to perform feasibility study of current jail property.

Moved: Olivia Pratt

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 801] Nicki Young, Deputy Auditor, reports to the Commissioners that the Coroner continues to fail to comply with payroll policies and procedures.

Motion: to enforce Ordinance 2022-BC-O-10 in regards to Coroner's office and start penalty proceedings if he is not in compliance with said Ordinance by May 26, 2023.

[Play 802] Ken de la Bastide, Herald Bulletin, poses questions.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 803] Jeff Graham, County Attorney, presented a proposed Settlement Agreement concerning a charge filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission by Marian Miller on or about October 5, 2020.

Motion: to approve Settlement Agreement as presented.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 804] City of Anderson has filed Petition to Have Property Removed from Tax Roll and to Have Taxes Canceled upon real estate commonly known as 1017 Chestnut Street, Anderson, Madison County, Indiana, Parcel Number 48-12-18-201-075.000-003.

Motion: to approve the Petition and cancel the real estate taxes as requested.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 805] County Attorney Graham indicates Proposed Cumulative Bridge Fund potential rate change is set for public hearing at today's meeting. Jessica Bastin, County Engineer, speaks as to requested rate change for Cumulative Bridge Fund. President Richwine opens meeting for public comment. No one appeared to make comment.

Motion: to close public hearing as to Cumulative Bridge Fund rate.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously

Motion: to adopt Resolution 2023-BC-R-11, a resolution providing a Cumulative Bridge Fund rate at .065.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 806] County Attorney Graham presented to the Commissioners a proposed Ordinance adopting Universal Precautions Policy, which will be an addition to the Personnel Policy Handbook.

Motion: to adopt Ordinance 2023-BC-O-10, an Ordinance Adopting a Universal Precautions Policy to Protect County Employees from Infectious Diseases.

Moved: Olivia Pratt

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously

Motion: to suspend rules to adopt Ordinance 2023-BC-O-10, by unanimous consent, upon first reading.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously

Motion: to adopt, effective immediately, Ordinance 2023-BC-O-10, an Ordinance Adopting a Universal Precautions Policy to Protect County Employees from Infectious Diseases, by title only.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 807] Jessica Bastin, County Engineer, introduces to the Board the new Paving Foreman, Derrick Fuller.

[Play 808] County Engineer Bastin then presents for approval an Authorization to Proceed Form with USI Consultants, Inc. concerning construction inspection services for the paving project on County Road 50 West and County Road 100 East.

Motion: to accept Authorization to Proceed with USI Consultants, Inc. as presented.

Moved: Olivia Pratt

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 810] County Engineer Bastin then presents for approval the annual Highway Operations Report.

Motion: to approve annual Highway Operations Report.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 811] Larry Strange, Planning Director, presented for approval of the Commissioners' the final plat of Springbrook Subdivision, Section 8.

Motion: to approve the final plat of Springbrook Subdivision, Section 8, as presented.

Moved: Darlene Likens

Seconded: President Richwine

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 812] Andy Kidder, Properties Director, opens bids received for roofing of main building at Youth Center and Highway Department's main truck garage.

Motion: that bids be placed on file with Mr. Kidder and his office, reviewed by Mr. Kidder and the County Attorney, and that Mr. Kidder return the bids, along with his recommendations for approval or rejection, at the next scheduled meeting of the Commissioners.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 813] David Benefiel, Council of Governments, presented a pass-through agreement concerning TRAM for approval of the Commissioners.

Motion: to approve pass-through agreement for payment of TRAM bills, as presented.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 814] David Benefiel indicated the individual who normally makes the TRAM staff report is unable to attend the meeting and make such a report at this meeting due to illness.

[Play 815] Jerry Alexander, on behalf of the office of Senator Michael Braun, read a letter from Senator Braun to Madison County congratulating the County on celebrating its 200th anniversary.

[Play 816] President Richwine indicates the Commissioners have before them the annual Secretary of Education report for approval.

Motion: to approve the annual report to Secretary of Education, as presented.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 817] President Richwine indicates that the Highway Department and City of Elwood have come to tentative agreement for the City to purchase from the County a truck, which was earlier declared by the County to be excess property, for the sum of \$1,500.00.

Motion: to approve the sale of the excess property truck to the City of Elwood at the price of \$1,500.00, contingent upon the County Attorney presenting an Interlocal Agreement to effectuate the transfer of that property to the Commissioners for approval at their next scheduled meeting.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 818] Motion: to adjourn

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously.

Next Regular Commissioner's Meeting will be June 6, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.