

Commissioners' Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2023

[Play 862] ***Pledge of Allegiance***

Present: Darlene Likens, Olivia Pratt and John Richwine.

Also Present: County Administrator Tom Ecker, County Attorney Jeff Graham and Deputy Auditor Nicki Young

[Play 863] ***Approval of Minutes:***

Motion: to approve July 18, 2023, regular meeting minutes as presented.

Moved: Darlene Likens

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed, unanimously.

[Play 864] ***Approval of Claims:***

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

Moved: Olivia Pratt

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 865] President Richwine indicates proposals for land survey, geotechnical and environmental study on the property upon which the new jail is proposed to be constructed have been received. Tom Ecker, County Administrator, indicated of the proposals received, he would recommend, as lowest responsive bidders: RQAW to perform a land survey; Alt & Witzig Engineering, Inc. to perform geotechnical recommendations, and SME to a perform Environmental Phase I study, pending review and approval of legal counsel.

Motion: to approve the proposals of RQAW to perform a land survey; Alt & Witzig Engineering, Inc. to perform subsurface investigation and geotechnical recommendations, and SME to perform Environmental Phase I study, as the lowest and most responsive bids received, contingent upon review and approval of the County Attorney.

[Play 866] Ken de la Bastide, Anderson Herald Bulletin, poses a question.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 867] Jeff Graham, County Attorney, advised the Board that Wawa, who has plans to construct a gasoline station and convenience store on the corner of Scatterfield Road and Mounds Road, is requesting from the County an easement for installation and maintenance of a sanitary sewer line upon real estate owned by the County at the southeast corner of Scatterfield Road and Mounds Road.

Motion: to authorize execution of a sanitary sewer easement agreement requested by Wawa as reflected on the map presented.

Moved: President Richwine
Seconded: Olivia Pratt
Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 868] The County Attorney then presented for approval an option to purchase the real estate owned by Meijer upon which the Commissioners seek to construct a new jail facility.

[Play 869] Ken de la Bastide, Anderson Herald Bulletin, posed question.

Motion: to approve the Option to Purchase Real Estate from Meijer as presented.
Moved: Olivia Pratt
Seconded: Darlene Likens
Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 870] The County Attorney then presented for approval an entry agreement with Meijer that would allow the County to proceed with its due diligence and testing of the property proposed to be purchased in the option to purchase the real estate which was just approved by the Commissioners.
Motion: to accept the Access, Non-Disclosure and Entry Agreement with Meijer as presented.
Moved: President Richwine
Seconded: Olivia Pratt
Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 871] The County Attorney then indicated that there is a tenant farmer who currently has crops on part of the property described in the option to purchase which was just approved by the Commissioners. He indicated that testing of the property might result in damage to the farmer's crops and asked that the Commissioners' authorize any of the three (3) Commissioners or the County Administrator to enter into an agreement with the farmer concerning payment by the County for damage or loss sustained by the farmer as a result of testing performed by the County on the subject real estate.
Motion: to authorize any of the three (3) Commissioners or County Attorney to enter into an agreement with the farmer concerning payment by the County for damage or loss sustained by the farmer caused by testing performed by the County on the subject real estate.
Moved: President Richwine
Seconded: Olivia Pratt
Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 872] Jessica Bastin, County Engineer, indicated that the MS 4 Stormwater Partnership is seeking approval of a letter of support from the Commissioners concerning their application of grant funds with which they propose to celebrate the County's Bicentennial by planting 200 trees throughout the County. The County Engineer read into the record the letter of support presented for approval.
Motion: to accept the letter as presented in support of the tree project.
Moved: President Richwine
Seconded: Darlene Likens
Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 873] Commissioner Olivia Pratt read into the record a proposed Resolution Honoring the Service of Darrell Brizendine, Wally Cowart and Vern Huse, Better Known as the “Three Amigos”.

Motion: to adopt Resolution 2023-BC-R-16, a Resolution Honoring the Service of Darrell Brizendine, Wally Cowart and Vern Huse, Better Known as the “Three Amigos” as presented.

Moved: Olivia Pratt

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously

The Commissioners present to the families of Mr. Brizendine, Mr. Cowart and Mr. Huse with a plaque and copy of Resolution 2023-BC-R-16.

[Play 875] **Motion:** to adjourn

Moved: Olivia Pratt

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously.

Next Regular Commissioner’s Meeting will be August 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.