

## Commissioners' Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2023

### *Prayer*

#### *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

### *Approval of Minutes:*

**Motion:** to approve September 5, 2023, regular meeting minutes as presented.

**Moved:** Darlene Likens

**Seconded:** Olivia Pratt

**Motion Passed unanimously.**


### *Approval of Claims:*

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

**Moved:** Olivia Pratt

**Seconded:** Darlene Likens

**Motion Passed unanimously.**


 Jeff Graham, County Attorney, indicates that he received the most current revision of the contract for purchase of real estate from Meijer early this morning and had not sufficient time to fully review the same. He believes it might be the last version, inasmuch as a few minor matters which are not substantive were being completed. Attorney Graham indicates he would expect the contract to be in final form by next meeting.

**Motion:** to continue matter of the contract to next scheduled meeting of the Commissioners.

**Moved:** President Richwine

**Seconded:** Olivia Pratt

**Motion Passed unanimously.**

 As requested by Board at last meeting, Attorney Graham presented a proposed Ordinance by which the Commissioner elect to participate in adding a member to the Board of Directors of Aspire.

**Motion:** to approve Ordinance 2023-BC-O-18, an Ordinance creating a member to the Board of Directors for Aspire for Madison County.

**Moved:** President Richwine

**Seconded:** Darlene Likens

**Motion Passed unanimously.**

**Motion:** to suspend the rules so as to adopt Ordinance 2023-BC-O-18 at this meeting.


**Moved:** President Richwine

**Seconded:** Olivia Pratt

**Motion Passed unanimously.**

**Motion:** to adopt this date Ordinance 2023-BC-O-18, by title only, an Ordinance creating a member of the Board of Directors for Aspire for Madison County.


**Moved:** President Richwine  
**Seconded:** Darlene Likens  
**Motion Passed unanimously.**

 As requested by Board at last meeting, Attorney Graham presented a proposed Resolution amending 2018 Resolutions concerning Payment of Funds from Madison County Windfarm Economic Development Fund to the City of Elwood. Representatives of the City of Elwood, namely Bill Savage, Planning Director and Special Projects Advisor, and Alan Moore, Consultant for Elwood Redevelopment Commission, spoke in support of Resolution.

 Ken de la Bastide, Anderson Herald Bulletin, poses questions.


**Motion:** to approve Resolution 2023-BC-R-18, by title only, a Resolution Amending Resolutions No. 2018-BC-R-21 and 2018-BC-R-22 Concerning the Authorization of Payment of Funds from the Madison County Windfarm Economic Development Fund.

**Moved:** President Richwine  
**Seconded:** Darlene Likens  
**Motion Passed unanimously.**

 Linda Smith, Clerk, presents proposed voting locations for 2023 general election to Commissioners for their approval.


**Motion:** to approve 2023 general election voting locations as presented.

**Moved:** Darlene Likens  
**Seconded:** Olivia Pratt  
**Motion Passed unanimously.**

 Clerk Smith presents a proposed agreement with Midwest Presort concerning Fall 2023 Voter Registration mailing.

**Motion:** to approve agreement with Midwest Presort as presented.


**Moved:** Olivia Pratt  
**Seconded:** Darlene Likens  
**Motion Passed unanimously.**


 Jessica Bastin, County Engineer, presents a proposed Agreed Order with Indiana Department of Environmental Management concerning discharge of sewage from private tile in vicinity of Scott's Addition into Pipe Creek for approval of the Commissioners.

 Ken de la Bastide, Anderson Herald Bulletin, poses questions.

**Motion:** to accept Agreed Order with Indiana Department of Environmental Management as presented.

**Moved:** President Richwine  
**Seconded:** Darlene Likens  
**Motion Passed unanimously.**

 Engineer Bastin then provides the Board of Commissioners an update on the parks, trails and open spaces planning study. She indicates it is their recommendation that, as we move into the third phase of this study, the Board consider forming a citizens Parks Board, so that the Parks Board they might take leadership of this project.


 Ken de la Bastide, Lapel resident, indicates his support of this project.

**Motion:** to direct County Attorney Graham to prepare a proposed Ordinance forming a Madison County Parks Board so that the same may be reviewed and considered by the Commissioners at their next meeting.

**Moved:** President Richwine

**Seconded:** Olivia Pratt

**Motion Passed unanimously.**


 Deandre Coleman, County Engineer Technician, indicates the Highway Department is interested in partnering with The Crossing School of Business & Entrepreneurship so as to provide an avenue for its students to learn vocational skills from the Highway Department. Mr. Coleman requests the Commissioners to approve the County entering into an agreement with The Crossing School of Business & Entrepreneurship, subject to legal review, to effectuate that partnership. Donita Thompson, Site Leader for The Crossing School of Business & Entrepreneurship, provides additional information and also requests approval of the Commissioners for this proposed partnership.

**Motion:** to enter into an agreement with The Crossing School of Business & Entrepreneurship, pending legal review.

**Moved:** Olivia Pratt

**Seconded:** Darlene Likens

**Motion Passed unanimously.**


 Jeff Dyer, Director of Emergency Management, requests the Board to declare a certain County owned vehicle utilized by Emergency Management as surplus property.

**Motion:** to declare the 2004 Chevrolet Impala as surplus property and authorize the appropriate disposition thereof.

**Moved:** President Richwine

**Seconded:** Darlene Likens

**Motion Passed unanimously.**

 Stephenie Mellinger, Health Department Director, indicates she was approached by Alice Spangler of the Daughters of the America Revolution, who are seeking to honor Ella B. Kehrer. Director Mellinger provides the Board with information as to the significant contributions of Ella B. Kehrer to the public health of Madison County. Director Mellinger requests the Commissioners to authorize the hanging of a certificate honoring the service of Ella B. Kehrer in the Courthouse Annex, and the naming of the conference room located therein as the “Ella B. Kehrer Conference Room”.

**Motion:** with gratitude to accept the request of Director Mellinger and direct County Attorney Graham to prepare a proposed Resolution concerning the honoring of Ella B. Kehrer so that the same may be reviewed and considered by the Commissioners at their next meeting.

**Moved:** President Richwine  
**Seconded:** Darlene Likens  
**Motion Passed unanimously.**


 Beatrice Ramey, requests the Board to approve proposed 2024 County holiday schedules.

**Motion:** to approve the 2024 Essential and Non-Essential Personnel Holiday Schedules as presented.

**Moved:** Olivia Pratt

**Seconded:** Darlene Likens

**Motion Passed unanimously.**

 David Kane, Community Corrections Director, and Tia Baker, Community Corrections Assistant Director, introduce David M. Redden, Commissioner of Indiana Department of Labor, and Patricia McIntire, Indiana Voluntary Protection Program Team Leader, to the County Commissioners. Labor Commissioner Redden provides the Board of County Commissioners with information as to the IOWA Indiana Voluntary Protection Program and the small number of entities in the State to be honored as a Star site by said Program. On behalf of the Governor, they present Tia Baker with Certificate of Achievement honoring the Community Corrections with the highest achievement for safety training program and being named a Star site for their continued participation in the Indiana Voluntary Protection Program. Labor Commissioner Redden indicates that they are the first public employer to receive such recognition.

 Mark Yadas, Hillcroft, provides the Commissioners with a TRAM staff report.


 David Benefiel, Principal Transportation Planner, Madison County Council of Governments, requests the Board approve an amended contract with Hillcroft concerning TRAM services as requested from INDOT.

**Motion:** to accept the changes to the contract with Hillcroft as presented.

**Moved:** President Richwine

**Seconded:** Olivia Pratt

**Motion Passed unanimously.**


 David Kane, Director of Community Corrections, and Jim Cleaver of Central Dispatch, request the Commissioners to approve the purchase order with Motorola Solutions for new radios to be purchased from ARPA funds.

**Motion:** to approve the purchase order letter from Motorola Solutions as presented.

**Moved:** President Richwine

**Seconded:** Olivia Pratt

**Motion Passed unanimously.**

 President Richwine indicates there is before the Board for approval a Memorandum of Executive Session held this morning.

**Motion:** to approve the Memorandum of Executive Session as presented.

**Moved:** President Richwine

**Seconded:** Olivia Pratt

**Motion Passed unanimously.**



Commissioner Pratt introduces Bob Case to the Board of Commissioners. Bob Case, Chairman of Board of Turn Away No Longer, Inc., provides an overview of the mission and functions of their organization and fundraising to fulfill the same. He and Commissioner Pratt request the Commissioners to approve the hosting of a candy donation bin for Turn Away No Longer at the Government Center for their trunk or treat and pumpkin smash event.

**Motion:** to authorize Commissioner Pratt lead efforts so that the donation box may be placed in the Commissioners' Office as requested.

**Moved:** President Richwine

**Seconded:** Olivia Pratt

**Motion Passed unanimously.**



**Motion:** to adjourn

**Moved:** President Richwine

**Seconded:** Darlene Likens

**Motion Passed unanimously.**

**Next Regular Commissioner's Meeting will be October 3, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.**