

Commissioners' Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2023

[Play 1021] *Prayer*

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: John Richwine, Darlene Likens and Olivia Pratt.

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

[Play 1022] *Approval of Minutes:*

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

Moved: Darlene Likens

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 1023] *Approval of Claims:*

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

Moved: Olivia Pratt

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 1024] Jeff Graham, County Attorney, presents to the Commissioners for their approval an agreement with Coots, Henke & Wheeler effective January 1, 2024.

Motion: to approve the Outside Litigation Counsel Engagement Agreement with Coots, Henke & Wheeler effective January 1, 2024, as presented.

Moved: Olivia Pratt

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 1025] County Attorney Graham then presents to the Commissioners for their approval a Release of All Claims in settlement of a lawsuit brought against the County by Ryan Wickersham.

[Play 1026] Ken de la Bastide, Anderson Herald Bulletin, poses a question

Motion: to accept the Release of All Claims of Ryan Wickersham as presented in settlement of a pending lawsuit under cause number 48C05-2106-CT-000069.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 1027] Larry Davis, County Assessor, requests the Commissioners' approval of a proposed Professional Services Agreement with Schneider Geospatial, LLC concerning Beacon web portal.

Motion: to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Schneider Geospatial, LLC, as presented.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 1028] Kyle Schrink, Director, and Susan Eichhorn, Assistant Director, East Central Indiana Solid Waste District make presentation to the Commissioners concerning their organization. They further indicate they are currently seeking new members for their volunteer Citizen Advisory Committee for 2024. They are hopeful of finding up to five (5) residents from each of the three (3) counties to which they provide services.

[Play 1029] Alice Flowers, citizen, poses question.

[Play 1030] David Kane, Executive Director, Community Corrections, requests Commissioners' approval for Community Corrections to obtain a credit card for their Department.

Motion: to allow Community Corrections to apply for and obtain a credit card account with two (2) credit cards.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 1031] Jessica Bastin, County Engineer, provides the Commissioners with an update on process of obtaining and receiving annual bids for 2024.

[Play 1034] County Engineer Bastin introduces Deandre Perry, Crew Chief of Sign Crew, who indicates four (4) problematic roadway intersections in the County, namely: intersection of County Road 500 North and County Road 500 West; County Road 500 West and County Road 600 North, County Road 600 West and County Road 600 North; and County Road 600 North and County Road 100 West, have been identified. Crew Chief Perry requests Commissioners' approval of a proposed Agreement with Burgess & Niple, Inc. to perform traffic study of the aforesaid intersections and to make a recommendation of strategies to make those intersections safer.

Motion: to approve the Professional Services Agreement by and between Burgess & Niple, Inc. and the Madison County Board of Commissioners for a traffic study of the intersections of: County Road 500 North and County Road 500 West; County Road 500 West and County Road 600 North, County Road 600 West and County Road 600 North; and County Road 600 North and County Road 100 West, as presented.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 1038] Ken de la Bastide, Anderson Herald Bulletin, poses a question

[Play 1041] President Richwine indicates the employment contract of the James Cleaver, Radio Administrator for Central Dispatch Services, is before the Commissioners for approval.

Motion: to approve employment agreement of Radio Administrator for Central Dispatch Services, James Cleaver, as presented.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 1042] **Motion:** to continue the request of Soil & Water on the agenda to the Commissioners' next scheduled meeting in January, 2024.

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

[Play 1043] President Richwine read into the record a proposed Special Resolution of Appreciation and Acknowledgment of the Service of Mary Retherford. Linda Smith, Clerk, further announces that Mrs. Retherford is the recipient of the 2023 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Indiana Election Division of the Indiana Secretary of State.

Motion: to adopt Resolution 2023-BC-R-24, a Resolution of Appreciation and Acknowledgment of the Service of Mary Retherford.

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

[Play 1045] President Richwine indicates there are two (2) Memorandum of Executive Session before the Board of Commissioners for approval.

Motion: to approve the two (2) Memorandum of Executive Sessions held December 5, 2023 and December 19, 2023, as presented.

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

[Play 1046] County Attorney Graham indicates that at the last meeting of the Commissioners he was instructed to prepare and submit to the Commissioners at this meeting his draft of an Ordinance concerning the request of Community Justice Center regarding sale and consumption of electronic cigarettes at Madison County Correctional Complex and Residential Work Release Center

Motion: to introduce, by title only, Ordinance 2023-BC-O-29, an Ordinance Amending Portions of Certain Madison County Ordinances for the Purpose of Allowing the Use of electronic Cigarettes at the Madison County correctional Complex and Madison County Work Release, as presented.

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

Motion: to suspend rules so as to adopt Ordinance 2023-BC-O-29 upon first reading if passed by unanimous consent.

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

President Richwine opens meeting to public comment.

[Play 1047] Katherine Callahan, citizen, makes comment.

Motion: to adopt at first reading, Ordinance 2023-BC-O-29, by title only, an Ordinance Amending Portions of Certain Madison County Ordinances for the Purpose of Allowing the Use of electronic Cigarettes at the Madison County correctional Complex and Madison County Work Release, as presented.

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

[Play 1048] ***Motion:*** to adjourn

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously.

Next Regular Commissioner's Meeting will be January 2, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.