

Commissioners' Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2024

[Play 649] **Prayer**

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Darlene Likens, Olivia Pratt & John Richwine

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

[Play 650] **Motion:** to amend agenda by adding proposed ESW Consulting, LLC agreement under Miscellaneous matters

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 651] **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion: to approve January 2, 2024, regular meeting minutes as presented.

Moved: Darlene Likens

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously.

[Play 652] **Approval of Claims:**

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

Moved: Olivia Pratt

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously

Appointments:

[Play 653] Motion: to accept the recommendation of the Board of Health to appoint William VanNess, II, MD, as the Madison County Health Officer.

Moved: Olivia Pratt

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 654] **Motion:** to reappoint Susan Markle, RN, Todd Rhoades, MD and Matilda Barber as members of the Board of Directors of the Madison County Health Department.

Moved: Darlene Likens

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 655] **Motion:** to appoint Curt Stephenson and Lindsay Brown as members of the Madison County Board of Zoning Appeals.

Moved: Darlene Likens

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 656] **Motion:** to reappoint Jeff Purdue and Nathan Wood as members of the Madison County Drainage Board

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 657] Tom Ecker, County Administrator, requests the Commissioners to approve the annual service agreement with Smiths Detection

Motion: to approve the service agreement with Smiths Detection for the year 2024.

Moved: Darlene Likens

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 658] Jeff Graham, County Attorney, and John Beeman, Sheriff, present to the Commissioners a proposed Ordinance creating a non-reverting Jail Commissary Fund.

Motion: to introduce Ordinance 2024-BC-O-01, an Ordinance Establishing the Madison County Jail Commissary Fund, as presented.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously

Motion: to suspend the rules so as to adopt Ordinance 2024-BC-O-01 at first reading by unanimous vote of the Board of Commissioners.

Moved: Darlene Likens

Seconded: President Richwine

Motion Passed unanimously

Motion: to adopt at first reading and by title only, Ordinance 2024-BC-O-01, an Ordinance Establishing the Madison County Jail Commissary Fund, as presented.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 659] County Attorney Graham presents to the Commissioners a proposed Resolution approving a sale of Commissioners' Tax Sale Certificates.

Motion: to approve, by title only, Resolution 2024-BC-R-01, a Resolution Establishing the Intent to Conduct a Commissioners' Sale to Sell Tax Sale Certificates for Properties that are Severely Delinquent in Payment of Property Taxes.

Moved: Darlene Likens

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 660] Jessica Bastin, County Engineer, presents a proposed letter supporting the State's plans to make improvements to State Road 28 near Elwood, Indiana.

Motion: to accept, sign and remit the letter in support of plans of the Indiana Department of Transportation to make improvements to State Road 28 near Elwood, Indiana, as presented.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 661] County Engineer Bastin then requests the Commissioners to make their appointments of members of the Madison County Parks and Recreation Board.

Motion: to appoint Rachel Christenson and Ben Orcutt as members of the Madison County Parks and Recreation Board.

Motion: to amend prior motion to specify the appointment of Rachel Christenson is for a four (4) year term and Ben Orcutt is for a two (2) year term as members of the Madison County Parks and Recreation Board.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 662] County Attorney Graham requests the Commissioners approve the retention of special appellate counsel concerning appellate action of the decision of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission concerning a complaint filed Lone Oak Solar Energy, LLC against the County.

Motion: to retain Kevin D. Koons and his law firm of Kroger Gardis & Regas, to represent the County is all appellate actions regarding the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission adjudication involving the County and Lone Oak Solar Energy, LLC

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 663] Eric Weflen of ESW Consulting, LLC, presents a proposed agreement to serve as owner's representative regarding the new Jail project.

Motion: to approve the agreement with ESW Consulting, LLC, pending legal review, which review shall not substantially change the contract presented this date.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 664] **Motion:** to adjourn

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously

Next Regular Commissioner's Meeting will be February 6, 2024, at 10:00 AM