

Commissioners' Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2024

[Play 745] *Prayer*

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Darlene Likens, Olivia Pratt and John Richwine.

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

[Play 746] *Approval of Minutes:*

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

Moved: Darlene Likens

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 747] *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

[Play 748] President Richwine indicates the Commissioners previously approved Ordinance 2024-BC-O-06, a moratorium on all wind energy systems. A proposed formal written Ordinance 2024-BC-O-06 is now before the Board of Commissioners for approval and for placement in the record.

Motion: to enter into the record Ordinance 2024-BC-O-06, an Ordinance Establishing a Moratorium on All Wind Energy Systems, as presented.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 749] Tom Ecker, County Administrator, indicates that two (2) proposals to perform property appraisals for purposes of bonding of new jail project were before the Commissioners for their consideration.

Motion: to approve the agreements with Traynor & Associates, Inc. and Beam, Longest & Neff to perform appraisal services, as presented.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 751] President Richwine indicates that Madison County wishes to join the United States by proclaiming the week of April 14, 2024, through April 20, 2024, as Public Safety Telecommunicators week. Commissioner Pratt reads the proposed Proclamation into the record.

Motion: to adopt the Proclamation of the Madison County Commissioners to declare the week of April 14, 2024, through April 20, 2024, as Public Safety Telecommunicators week.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 752] Jessica Bastin, County Engineer, provides information about the County's selection by the Federal Highway Administration in the Thriving Communities program concerning the development of the Fall Creek Greenway. Engineer Bastin also indicates that the Parks Board has adopted its Master Plan, which has been forwarded to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources for approval.

[Play 753] Engineer Bastin then provides information concerning the Cumulative Bridge Fund and designated rate assessed.

[Play 754] Engineer Bastin then indicates that she and County Attorney Graham have not yet completed the draft of an Ordinance concerning the road detour required by the Delaware County bridge closure for repair or replacement.

Motion: to extend indefinitely the Emergency Declaration made by the Commissioners at their April 2, 2024 meeting, wherein the speed limit on 500 East was temporarily reduced from 45 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour while that road is serving as a detour around the area of bridge work, as well as approve the adding of additional signs indicating trucks not allowed on roads near the work area such as 425 East and 350 East.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 756] Engineer Bastin and Clarence Walker, Paving Crew Chief, provide the Commissioners with information about the Community Crossings Grant which the County has been awarded and request the Commissioners to approve acceptance of the grant award agreement.

Motion: to approve acceptance of the Community Crossings grant award agreement, as presented.

Moved: Olivia Pratt

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 757] President Richwine then opens the meeting for public comment upon the Cumulative Bridge Fund tax rate therefore. No one appeared to make comment.

Motion: to close public comment on Cumulative Bridge Fund tax rate portion of meeting.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 758] County Administrator Ecker indicates that Madison County Community Corrections is seeking from the Commissioners authority to purchase an old vehicle from the Anderson Police Department at the price of \$5,000.00.

Motion: to authorize David Kane, Executive Director of Madison County Community Corrections, to purchase a used vehicle from the Anderson Police Department for the price of \$5,000.00.

Moved: Olivia Pratt

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 759] President Richwine then asked Madison County Dispatchers in attendance at the meeting to raise their hands and asks if any of them would like to make comment as to their jobs or the proclamation of the Commissioners recognizing them and their good work.

[Play 760] SuLyn Wilkerson makes comment

[Play 761] Larry Strange, Planning Director, presents a proposed Ordinance amending the text of the Madison County Land Use and Development Code concerning placement of shipping and like containers on real estate in Madison County for the consideration of the Commissioners.

Motion: to adopt, by title only, Ordinance 2024-BC-O-07, an Ordinance Amending Text of the Madison County Land Use and Development Code, as presented. President Richwine requests the Planning Commission to further review the requirements contained in the Ordinance that the container be placed on a concrete pad or pier, to include placement on stone, and possibly seek to amend said Ordinance to that regard.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 763] Mark Yaudas, Hillcroft Services, provides an update concerning TRAM services. Mr. Yaudas indicates that at a routine review with the Indiana Department of Transportation (“INDOT”), they were provided a map which showed areas in and near Pendleton and Chesterfield now designated as urban areas, and were advised by INDOT that they could no longer service those areas after July 1, 2024. Those areas counted for about thirty percent (30%) of the TRAM users. Mr. Yaudas further indicates that Hillcroft Services would no longer be able to provide TRAM services to Madison County after the end of the year.

[Play 764] Ken de la Bastide, Herald Bulletin, asks questions

[Play 765] Discussion occurs and Engineer Bastin is requested to set a meeting with herself, the Commissioners and Madison County Council of Governments concerning these issues.

[Play 766] Dan Girt, Treasurer, requests the Commissioner to adopt a Resolution authorizing the retention of fees generated from items in Treasurer’s budget lines.

Motion: to continue this request to next scheduled meeting to allow for further consideration.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 767] County Attorney Graham indicates that pursuant to previously approved Resolution, the Commissioners offered certain tax sale certificates to adjoining landowners. Attorney Graham indicates he had received 4 applications for transfer of tax sale certificates. Applicants appeared and made comment as to their applications for transfer of tax sale certificates.

[Play 768] Rose Harrington
[Play 769] Amanda and Jimmy Lynn
[Play 771] Dennis Cox
[Play 772] Grover and Georgianna Phillips

[Play 774] President Richwine then opens meeting for public comment on the proposed transfer of tax sale certificates. No one appeared to make comment.

Motion: to approve all four (4) applications for transfer of tax sale certificates, as presented, pending legal review.

Moved: Olivia Pratt

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 775] **Motion:** to adjourn

Moved: Olivia Pratt

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously

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