

## Commissioners' Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2024

[Play 938] **Prayer**

### ***Pledge of Allegiance***

Present: Darlene Likens and Olivia Pratt. John Richwine was absent.

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

[Play 939] **Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion:** to approve minutes of September 17, 2024, regular meeting as presented.

**Moved:** Olivia Pratt

**Seconded:** Vice President Likens

**Motion Passed unanimously**

[Play 940] **Approval of Claims:**

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

**Moved:** Olivia Pratt

**Seconded:** Vice President Likens

**Motion Passed unanimously**

[Play 941] Scott Mellinger and Stephanie Murphy of Madison County Path, formerly known as Turning Point, make a presentation to the Commissioners about their organization and indicate their intention to seek partial funding of their organization from the Opioid Settlement Funds. Shawn Harris makes statements in favor of the mission and work of Madison County Path. Commissioners indicate a committee has been established to make recommendations about allocation of the Opioid Settlement Funds and that they would provide contact information for that Committee to Madison County Path so they might move forward with their request for funding.

[Play 942] Commissioner Pratt indicates there is before the Board for their consideration a Memorandum of Understanding concerning the location of a donation box in the Commissioners' office benefitting Turn Away No Longer where donations of Halloween candy for that organization might be made.

**Motion:** to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Turn Away No Longer, Inc., as presented.

**Moved:** Olivia Pratt

**Seconded:** Vice President Likens

**Motion Passed unanimously**

[Play 943] Kevin Sulc, Chief Operating Officer of Anderson Housing Authority presents to the Commissioners a Petition to Cancel Property Taxes on certain parcels of real estate, being Lots 18, 19 and 20 in John Davis Second Addition to the City of Anderson to the Commissioners for their consideration.

**Motion:** to approve the Petition to Cancel Property Taxes as presented by Anderson Housing, Inc., and cancel the property tax levied on Parcel Numbers 48-11-12-304-102.000-003, 48-11-12-304-101.000-003 and 48-11-12-304-100.000-003.

**Moved:** Olivia Pratt

**Seconded:** Vice President Likens

**Motion Passed unanimously**

[Play 944] Mr. Sulc then presents to the Commissioners a Petition to Cancel Property Tax Penalties and Interest on a parcel of real estate, namely Lot 11 in Stillwell's Second Addition to the City of Anderson, commonly known as Lincolnshire Apartments, to the City of Anderson to the Commissioners for their consideration.

**Motion:** to approve the Petition to Cancel Property Tax Penalties and Interest as presented by Anderson Housing, Inc., and cancel the penalties and interest levied on Parcel Number 48-11-13-201-166.000-003.

**Moved:** Vice President Likens

**Seconded:** Olivia Pratt

**Motion Passed unanimously**

[Play 945] Jeff Graham, County Attorney, presents to the Commissioners a Mediated Settlement Agreement for settlement of a civil lawsuit filed under cause number 48C04-2209-CT-000118 for their consideration.

**Motion:** to approve and ratify the Mediated Settlement Agreement in cause number 48C04-2209-CT-000118, as presented.

**Moved:** Vice President Likens

**Seconded:** Olivia Pratt

**Motion Passed unanimously**

[Play 946] Jessica Bastin, County Engineer, indicates that the ARPA Leadership Team has recommended the modification of the request of Madison County Information Technology Department, to increase their funding request from \$253,000.00 to \$622,000.00, inasmuch as the portion of funding the Information Technology Department intended to leverage from their 2025 general fund budget will not be available, and requests the Commissioners to approve that modification.

**Motion:** to approve the increase of the Information Technology ARPA funding request to \$622,000.00, as presented.

**Moved:** Olivia Pratt

**Seconded:** Vice President Likens

**Motion Passed unanimously**

[Play 947] County Engineer Bastin then provides an update as to the County acquiring the real estate adjoining the current County Highway Department location.

[Play 948] County Engineer Bastin then provides an update concerning the Thoroughfare Plan, indicating that a draft of the plan is on the Madison County website, ARPA portion, for public review and comment. Engineer Bastin further indicates that a public open house concerning the draft of the Thoroughfare Plan will be held at the Museum of Art this evening at 6:00 p.m.

[Play 949] Deandre Coleman, Highway Department, speaks to the Commissioners concerning the three students from The Crossing School who have been working with the County this season. Mr. Coleman indicates Travell Olden had a prior engagement and was unable to attend this meeting. Mr. Coleman

then introduces Makai Mitchell, who spoke about his experience working with the County Highway Department. Mr. Coleman also introduces Crystal Harris, who spoke about her experience working with the Human Resources Department.

[Play 950] Andrew Hanna, Chief Deputy Prosecutor, advises the Commissioners that he is the Chair of the JRAC Committee, who is responsible for making recommendations for the allocation of the Opioid Settlement Funds. Mr. Hanna indicates that he was able to speak with Stephanie Murphy of Madison County Path and provide her the appropriate contact information for their application to receive Opioid Settlement Funds.

[Play 951] Chief Deputy Prosecutor Hanna presents to the Commissioners with a proposed Ordinance creating a Fund for receipt of funding from the U.S. Government to provide investigative services to the Social Security Administration for their consideration.

**Motion:** to adopt Ordinance 2024-BC-O-21, an Ordinance Creating Fund 4975 – Social Security Investigative, a New Fund for the Receipt of Funding from the United States Government to Provide Investigative Services for the Cooperative Disability Investigations, Office of the Inspector General, Social Security Administration, as presented.

**Moved:** Vice President Likens

**Seconded:** Olivia Pratt

**Motion Passed unanimously**

[Play 952] John Beeman, Madison County Sheriff, presents a Memorandum of Understanding with Mid America Health, Inc. concerning inmate dental services to the Commissioners for their consideration.

**Motion:** to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Mid America Health, Inc., as presented.

**Moved:** Olivia Pratt

**Seconded:** Vice President Likens

**Motion Passed unanimously**

[Play 953] Sheriff Beeman then presents a contract with Convergent concerning security cameras to the Commissioners for their consideration.

**Motion:** to approve the contract with Convergent, as presented.

**Moved:** Olivia Pratt

**Seconded:** Vice President Likens

**Motion Passed unanimously**

[Play 954] Jenny Chambers, Director of Central Dispatch, speaks in recognition of Susan Koester-Isom and her honor of being named Indiana Telecommunicator of the year at last week's conference.

[Play 955] Commissioner Pratt indicates that due to a scheduling conflict with a conference the Commissioners desire to attend and their meeting currently scheduled for December 3, 2024, she would like to move the Commissioners' meeting to December 2, 2024.

**Motion:** to move the Commissioners' meeting currently scheduled for December 3, 2024, to December 2, 2024.

**Moved:** Olivia Pratt

**Seconded:** Vice President Likens

***Motion Passed unanimously***

[Play 957] ***Motion to Adjourn***

***Moved:*** Olivia Pratt

***Seconded:*** Vice President Likens

***Motion Passed unanimously***

***Next Meeting scheduled for October 15, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.***