

Commissioners' Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2024

[Play 1010] **Prayer**

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Darlene Likens, Olivia Pratt and John Richwine.

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

[Play 1011] **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion: to approve minutes of December 2, 2024, regular meeting with an amendment on page 2 where Sheriff Beeman is speaking as to prior purchase of body cameras, by deleting through "ARPA" funding and replace that with "CARES Act" funding, so as to be accurate.

Moved: Darlene Likens

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 1012] **Approval of Claims:**

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

Moved: Olivia Pratt

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 1014] President Richwine reads into the record a proposed Resolution of Appreciation and Acknowledgment of the Service of Darlene Likens.

Motion: to adopt Resolution 2024-BC-R-20, a Resolution of Appreciation and Acknowledgment of the Service of Darlene Likens, as presented.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 1017] Jeff Graham, County Attorney, presents to the Commissioners for their consideration a proposed form of an Encroachment Agreement relating to the sewage easement at the new jail building construction project site, and requests the Commissioners approval, in general form, and their authorization for either Eric Weflen or Jeff Graham to amend said agreement as necessary.

Motion: to approve, as to general form, the Encroachment Agreement concerning sewage easement at the new jail building construction project site as presented and authorize either Eric Weflen or Jeff Graham to amend said agreement as necessary.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 1019] County Attorney Graham then presents to the Commissioners for their consideration a proposed Resolution authorizing the conduct of a sale of Commissioners' Tax Sale Certificates for their consideration.

Motion: to approve Resolution 2024-BC-R-21, by title only, 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, as presented.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 1020] Jessica Bastin, County Engineer, presents to the Commissioners for their consideration a proposed Ordinance suspending enforcement of weight limits on certain roads due to INDOT's emergency closure of a bridge on State Road 13.

Motion: to introduce Ordinance 2024-BC-O-23, an Ordinance Suspending the Enforcement of Established Weight Limits on Certain Roads in Unincorporated Madison County, amended to be effective up to 90 days and to be effective on County Roads 1050 South, 1100 South and 800 South.

Moved: Olivia Pratt

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously

President Richwine opens the meeting for public comment upon this matter. No one appeared to make comment.

Motion: to suspend rules so as to adopt Ordinance 2024-BC-O-23, by unanimous vote at first reading.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously

Motion: to immediately adopt Ordinance 2024-BC-O-23, an Ordinance Suspending the Enforcement of Established Weight Limits on Certain Roads in Unincorporated Madison County, amended to be in effect up to 90 days and to be effective on County Roads 1050 South, 1100 South and 800 South.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 1021] Todd Culp, Chief Deputy Auditor, presents to the Commissioners 2 proposed contracts, one with ClearGov for software to be used in budgeting process and one with Schneider Geospatial for parcel maintenance and requests their approval thereof.

Motion: to approve the contracts with ClearGov and Schneider Geospatial, as presented.

Moved: Olivia Pratt

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 1022] Chief Deputy Auditor Culp then requests the Commissioners amend Resolution 2024-BC-R-21 so as to establish a minimum bid for Tax Sale Certificates.

Motion: to amend Resolution 2024-BC-R-21, 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, so as to require a minimum bid of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each Tax Sale Certificate offered for sale.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 1023] Beatrice Ramey, Human Resources Director, presents for the consideration of the Commissioners a newly amended Employee Handbook.

Motion: to adopt, as Resolution 2024-BC-R-22, the Personnel Policy Handbook presented, amended to state that employees are eligible to receive benefits after 90 days of employment, beginning on the first of the following month and to further clarify the timing of termination of benefits when employment is terminated, with said handbook becoming effective January 1, 2025.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 1024] Jerry Bridges, Executive Director of Council of Governments, presents a proposed agreement with Life Stream for leasing of TRAM vehicles.

Motion: to lease agreement with Life Stream for TRAM vehicles, as presented.

Moved: Olivia Pratt

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 1025] COG Executive Director Bridges then presents a proposed Resolution authorizing Madison County Governments to act as agent of Madison County Commissioners with respect to operating of rural public transportation services and federal grants associated therewith.

Motion: to adopt Resolution 2024-BC-R-23, authorizing Madison County Council of Governments to act as agent of Madison County Commissioners with respect to operating of rural public transportation services and federal grants associated therewith, as presented.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 1026] Jessica Bastin, County Engineer presents the 2024 Thoroughfare Plan to the Commissioners and requests their approval of Ordinance 2024-BC-O-24, Amending the Text of the Comprehensive Plan so as to incorporate the Thoroughfare Plan therein.

Motion: to adopt Ordinance 2024-BC-O-24, Amending the Text of the Comprehensive Plan so as to incorporate the Thoroughfare Plan therein, as presented.

Moved: Olivia Pratt

Seconded: President Richwine

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 1027] County Engineer Bastin then presents to the Commissioners for their consideration a proposed Drainage Ordinance, requesting the same become effective January 1, 2025.

Motion: to introduce Ordinance 2024-BC-O-25, a new Drainage Ordinance, as presented, effective January 1, 2025.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously

President Richwine opens the meeting for public comment upon this matter. No one appeared to make comment.

Motion: to suspend rules so as to adopt Ordinance 2024-BC-O-25, by unanimous vote at first reading.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously

Motion: to adopt Ordinance 2024-BC-O-25, a Drainage Ordinance, effective January 1, 2025.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 1028] County Engineer Bastin then presents Interagency Agreements between the Commissioners and the Sheriff, Public Defenders, Prosecutor, Youth Center, Recorder, Auditor, Coroner, Drainage Board, Park Board, Plan Commission, Health Board, JobSource and the Jail Building Commission concerning expenditure of monies from ARPA Fund to the Commissioners for their consideration.

Motion: to authorize President Richwine to sign the Interagency Agreements with the Sheriff, Public Defenders, Prosecutor, Youth Center, Recorder, Auditor, Coroner, Drainage Board, Park Board, Plan Commission, Health Board, JobSource and the Jail Building Commission concerning expenditure of monies from ARPA Fund.

Moved: Olivia Pratt

Seconded: President Richwine

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 1029] County Engineer Bastin then presents Subrecipient Agreements between the Commissioners and the Anderson Housing Authority and Madison County Chamber of Commerce concerning expenditure of monies from ARPA Fund to the Commissioners for their consideration.

Motion: to authorize President Richwine to sign the Subrecipient Agreements with the Anderson Housing Authority and Madison County Chamber of Commerce concerning expenditure of monies from ARPA Fund.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 1030] County Engineer Bastin then presents to the Commissioners for their consideration an updated American Rescue Plan Act Allocation and Engagement Plan

Motion: to adopt the updated American Rescue Plan Act Allocation and Engagement Plan, as presented.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 1031] Clarence Walker of Highway Department, indicates to the Commissioners that the Highway Department received and opened 5 bids for paving of County Road 600 West between State Road 32 and State Road 128. All bids have been reviewed and the Highway Department is recommending acceptance of the bid of E&B Paving in the amount of \$2,023,000.00, being the lowest and most responsive bid received.

Motion: to approve and award the bid presented by E&B Paving for paving of County Road 600 West between State Road 32 and State Road 128, being the lowest and most responsive bid received.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 1032] Lynn Edens, Interim Director of Emergency Management, provides the Commissioners with an annual report concerning the activities of his department in 2024.

[Play 1033] Liz Bruns, Planning and Zoning Administrator, presents proposed Ordinance approving Petition 2024-Z-008, concerning a Zone Map change for property located at 4741 State Road 32, Anderson, Madison County, Indiana 46011 to the Commissioners for their consideration, with a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission.

Motion: to adopt Ordinance 2024-BC-O-26, Amending the Official Zone Map as to Certain Real Estate commonly known as 4741 State Road 32, Anderson, Madison County, Indiana 46011, pursuant to Petition 2024-Z-008, as presented.

Moved: Olivia Pratt

Seconded: President Richwine

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 1034] President Richwine presents to the Board of Commissioner for their consideration a proposed Memorandum of Executive Session which occurred on November 26, 2024.

Motion: to approve the Memorandum of Executive Session held November 26, 2024, as presented.

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Darlene Likens

Motion Passed unanimously

[Play 1035] **Motion to Adjourn**

Moved: President Richwine

Seconded: Olivia Pratt

Motion Passed unanimously

Next Meeting scheduled for January 7, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.