

Owen County Commissioners
Minutes-August 16, 2021

Meeting was called to order by President Gary Burton.

Pledge of Allegiance was said, Prayer was given by Sheriff Sam Hobbs.

Roll was called; all members present. Public sign in sheet attached for permanent record.

A motion was made to approve the minutes was made by Dale Dubois; seconded by Bob Curry. Carried 3-0. Attorney Bryan gave an overview of the current Financial Status for Funds that are still in the red as well as the new process to begin with the approval of the LIT Edit-7332 \$800000, Riverboat-1191 \$304715.06, Jail Housing-4906 \$100000, and Sheriff Fuel Reimbursement \$60000 Fund Appropriations. This will stop all negative amounts going into the General Fund-1000. The Auditors Office will receive claims and appropriate accordingly. The List dated 08/16/21 will be attached for permanent record. He added that there is no guarantee that the General Fund will be out of the red. Mr. Bryan reviewed a Dormant Funds List that had been gathered of several Funds that have Cash Balances with no activity in them for multiple years. A specific amount of \$213000 has already been approved by State Board of Accounts to be placed in the General Fund. Other Funds will be further reviewed with Departments and the State for their approval of any transfers and/or uses. Other Claims are pending corrections/transfers for insurance and liability.

A motion to approve the Claims Docket was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Carried 3-0.

Mr. Burton noted that the General Fund Claims on the Docket in the amount of \$47208.28 will be moved to the new Funds previously mentioned.

A motion to approve the Out of Cycle Claims was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Carried 3-0.

A copy of the Treasurer's Report was provided for review also.

A copy of an updated IU Health Program Contract was presented and read by Attorney Bryan. A minimum of 60 persons must participate in the Health-Wellness Program to be eligible for the guaranteed two-year lock in rate for insurance. A motion to approve the Contract was made by Dale Dubois; seconded by Bob Curry.

Motion carried 3-0.

A copy of the Barnes & Thornburg Standard Terms of Engagement for the American Rescue Plan Act to serve as Counsel to the Board of Commissioners was presented for review. A motion to accept was made by Gary Burton, seconded by Bob Curry. Motion Carried 3-0.

Highway Superintendent-Grey Melton began with stating that monies are exasperated due to recent floods. An update was given on the road conditions. He asked Commissioners to put projects on hold at his time. Mr. Burton wants to move those projects to the top of the list for 2022. Mr. Melton also related they are short one road on plan-Steubenville and ask to add money back to the Community Crossings Grant for Denmark to 246. Projects that are being done in-house to place on next years Crossings Grant. Mr. Burton was concerned what happens if not approved for 2022, what to do with Millings are already received. It was agreed to take under advisement and further discussion at the next meeting to try and figure out how to come out of the financial situation they are in.

Due to the lack of funds at this time he also related that he would need additional monies for the Community Crossings Grant Match. Other Funds/Line-item shortages noted were Liability, W. Comp, Cumulative Bridge, Local Road & Street, Kelley Road Bridge Project, and upcoming Loan Payment causing extreme concern that they won't make it until the end of the year. Mr. Burton noted that no monies were being used from the LIT Edit for the Highway.

Next, he requested for Bridge #16 on Rocky Hill Rd. to have a weight limit be set due to the deck needing replaced, the Road is currently closed. United Consulting has looked at it and thinks probably a heavy truck has caused the issue. After further discussion it was Deemed an Emergency per IC 36-1-12-9 to close with a detour route on Wesley Chapel Rd. The Motion was made by Mr. Burton; seconded by Bob Curry. Carried 3-0. Detour Routes-Weight Limit set for heavy trucks not to exceed 14000lbs-7tons, but still allow School Buses. A motion for the Resolution was made by Gary Burton; seconded by Dale Dubois. A motion to reduce the Speed Limit to 20mph was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Carried 3-0. Mr. Bryan clarified he was to write a draft Resolution.

Mr. Melton also wants to have a 7-ton weight limit on Coon Path Road due to the sharp hills and several residents. A motion to draft an Ordinance was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Carried 3-0.

Mr. Burton spoke with the Water Company asking them not to travel on Wesley Chapel or Coon Path.

Mr. Bryan will write and present a Resolution Notification and/or a Variance for the BZA regarding the Water Company's Travel.

Mr. Melton explained that the Decking must be replaced while the beams are in good shape. Mr. Burton asked for him to obtain three Quotes (minimum of two) for the Bridge #repairs needed. Again, this was noted it was deemed an emergency per IC 36-1-12-9. A monetary amount is necessary for the consideration. will be Mr. Melton has already reached out to E-3, EH, and CLR. Mr. Melton asked if quotes come in quickly, can they call a Special Meeting to address as soon as possible; so, agreed with proper notice and to go to Council as quick as possible.

Next was Bridge#148 remains closed and Repairs on White Road are needed. They will be evaluating as soon as possible with a Plan to be presented at their next meeting.

Bridge #194 on Surber Rd. at Rattlesnake must be replaced Mr. Burton related that Mr. Barnett had gone out to that Bridge and does not think it needs fixed; common sense thought. Mr. Melton to Mr. Barnett related that he has looked at the bridge; and the State Engineers says it must be closed.

Bridge #108A on Dunn Rd can be repaired. United consulting said they have a viable plan and go ahead. He had reached out to E-3 Bridge (who won't repair), CLR (no response back yet) and Fender Excavating Bid expected tonight. IC 36-1-12-9 again allows for the attempt to obtain three bids-minimum of two required. A motion to reject all quotes for Bridge#108A was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Carried 3-0. Additional Quotes will be obtained and presented in the expected to be called Emergency Meeting for Bridge #16 and Bridge 108A.

Parkview Estates-Rich Roberts was present requesting for the County to take over the Roads in the Subdivision. Mr. Melton had looked at the roads and feel that they meet all the requirements. Mr. Bryan will review and write specifications for adoption of the roads to be presented at the next meeting.

A request from the organizers for the Hilly Hundred to be on the agenda was made, however no one was present with exact maps for all the routes. Mr. Melton will contact them, and they will be placed on the next agenda.

Redevelopment Attorney Appointment (discussed later in the meeting) A motion to appoint County Attorney Jim Bryan to the Economic Redevelopment Board was made by Gary Burton; seconded by Dale Dubois. Motion Carried 3-0. Noted was that the Former Attorney has resigned, and that Mr. Bryan will serve at no extra cost for legal services.

Sheriff Sam Hobbs related that he had Surplus Vehicles and requested that Mr. Bryan prepare the Ordinance. The Ordinance will be presented at the next meeting.

EMS Director Cris Lunsford was present and related Funeral Arrangements for the EMS Employee Brandon Staley. Mr. Burton offered that any County Employees that wish to attend services can do so during the evening of the showing; if they want to go on Wednesday, they can use their personal time. Mr. Burton also asked Highway-Mr. Melton for traffic assistance during the funeral procession services at EMS. Mr. Hobbs added that Owen County EMS Employees are second to none and offered continued prayers for all of them.

Elected Officials-

Health Administrator Christine McBride presented current statistics for COVID including 147 Active cases, 66 variants of concern and 26 Delta with a positivity rate of 20.7%. She also related that the county would go "Red" tomorrow. Mr. Burton says continued discussions with the schools and options with Vaccines and Masks we still need to keep an eye on things.

Attorney Comments-

Mr. Bryan related that the Liability Insurance Company-John Parmley had provided a Public Safety Manual for review and would like to have a Meeting with Commissioners and Council to help reduce Workman's Comp Insurance. A meeting date to be determined that will be for "Insurance" related issues only.

The Dormant Funds List was discussed a little more in detail and it was agreed that further review and guidance from the State was needed. The Funds with no activity revenue nor expenses in the amount of \$373000. Mr. Bryan related that Fund#4932 in the amount of \$213736.94 will help close the Gap in the General Fund as approval has been given from the State. In 2015 it was an active Fund for Re-development and then in 2016 new Funds were created per Statute. They now have three Funds Redevelopment General-4933/\$358967.65, Bond-4934/\$28.19, Capital-4935/\$598063.76 at Peoples State Bank. Combined Account Balances of \$955059.60. The Redevelopment Commission has all their Funds is important to note.

Ms. Reeves related as it appears that other Funds were being used for payments; thus, leaving this unspent balance. (Monies comingled) State Board of Accounts has sent a letter of confirmation to allow the transfer of the funds. Mr. Burton made the motion to approve the Transfer of the Fund #4930 Cash Balance in the amount of \$213736.94 to be transferred to the County General Fund#1000; seconded by Dale Dubois.

Motion Carried 3-0.

An additional Dormant List will be presented at the next meeting for consideration. Ms. Reeves will reach out to Departments to verify their uses. Mr. Hobbs noted that the Car Camera Fund, Cops Fast Grant, and the Cagit Fund do belong to the Sheriff's Department. Other Funds were discussed briefly and will be looked at.

Auditor Comments-Nothing further

Commissioner's Comments-

Mr. Burton provided a copy of an updated Contract with Toshiba for the Maintenance Fees breakdown was presented for approval. A motion to approve was made by Bob Curry; seconded by Dale Dubois. Carried 3-0.

A motion to adjourn was made Bob Curry; seconded by Gary Burton. Carried 3-0.