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MINUTES

**Commissioners' Legislative Session
10:00 AM Friday, March 22, 2019
Council Chambers Courtroom – Citizens Square**

Commissioners Present: Nelson Peters, Therese Brown and Rich Beck

Others Present:	Chris Cloud	Commissioners Office
	Bill Fishing	County Attorney
	Tracy Mitchener	Asst. HR Director
	Kara Simonoff	HR
	Frankie Gagnon	Treasurer's Office
	Jeff Moore	YSC
	Tracy Gaunt	IT
	Deb Hudson	AC Benefits
	Bill Hartman	Highway Director

Commissioner Peters called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. Commissioner Peters led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

- 1. Presentation of Civil Service Awards: Frankie Gagnon, Tracy Gaunt, Jeff Moore.** Tracy Mitchener, Asst. HR Director, asked the Commissioners to join her in recognizing Frankie Gagnon, Collections Accountant with the Treasurer's Office, Tracy Gaunt, Project Manager with Allen County IT Department, and Jeff Moore, Transportation Officer for the Youth Services Center for this award. The employee recognition program allows county employees to nominate each other for their dedication to the county and to any constituents.
- 2. Consider approval of the minutes of March 15, 2019.** Commissioner Beck made a motion to approve minutes of March 15, 2019. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- 3. Consider approval of plan amendment to 401(a) retirement plan adjusting tracking of vesting to elapsed time.** Deb Hudson, Benefit Manager, stated this amendment would change our evaluation for service tracking to an elapsed time system instead of an equivalent system for our 401(a) plan. It's easier to track and makes a little more sense. We will make some adjustments for past amounts and then go forward doing it this way in the future. Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve of plan amendment to 401(a) retirement plan adjusting tracking of vesting to elapsed time. Commissioner Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- 4. Consider approval of Agreement between the Board of Commissioners and American Structurepoint, Inc. for Preliminary Engineering Services for Union Chapel Rd from Parkview Plaza Dr to Diebold Rd; in the amount of \$111,860.00.** Bill Hartman, Highway Director, stated this is to put an eastbound lane between Parkview Plaza Drive and Diebold Road. It will probably be somewhat of a challenging project. We need to try to get that within existing right of way and we feel that we can do that. There are conflict points there because it narrows and we are trying to eliminate those conflict points. The estimated construction cost is about \$700,000 for this project. Commissioner Peters asked

about the funding on this project and Bill stated we do not have any help from the feds on this one. Commissioner Beck made a motion to approve Agreement between the Board of Commissioners and American Structurepoint, Inc. for Preliminary Engineering Services for Union Chapel Rd from Parkview Plaza Dr to Diebold Rd; in the amount of \$111,860.00. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

5. Consider approval of Warranty Deed for Pufferbelly Trail –Kell Rd, Project # 0004707.
a. Parcel 1 - Rodocker

Bill Hartman, Highway Director, stated this 1 of 2 parcels that we need to extend the Pufferbelly Trail from Cedar Canyons Road on up to the north county line. Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve Warranty Deed for Pufferbelly Trail –Kell Rd, Project # 0004707. Commissioner Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

6. Consider of agreement between the Board of Commissioners and Downtown Improvement District for participation in planter program. Chris Cloud, Chief of Staff, explained that the Commissioners own lots of property downtown. This agreement is for participation in the planter program with the DID and we will pay \$8,000 annually for 16 streetscape planters that the DID will maintain for us through four seasons. Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the agreement between the Board of Commissioners and Downtown Improvement District for participation in planter program. Commissioner Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

7. Consider approval of claims for payment. Commissioner Beck made a motion to approve the claims as submitted in the amount of \$2,036,419.77. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

8. Other Business

9. Approval to waive the 2nd Reading on any matter approved today and for which it may be deemed necessary for the Legislative Session of March 22, 2019. Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the waiving of the 2nd Reading on any matter approved today and for which it may be deemed necessary for the Legislative Session of March 22, 2019. Commissioner Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

10. Comments from the Public

11. Motion to Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

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