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MINUTES

Commissioners' Legislative Session
10:00 AM Friday, November 1, 2019
Council Chambers Courtroom – Citizens Square

Commissioners Present: Nelson Peters, Therese Brown and Rich Beck

Others Present:	Chris Cloud	Commissioners Office
	Robin Minniear	Commissioners Office
	Bill Fishing	Commissioners Office
	Bernie Beier	Homeland Security
	Lori Mayers	Homeland Security
	Deb Hudson	HR
	Bill Hartman	Highway Director
	Pat Fahey	DPS
	Michelle Wood	Zoning
	Kevin Leiniger	News-Sentinel
	Rosa Salter Rodriguez	Journal Gazette

Commissioner Peters called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

- 1. Presentation of Indiana Emergency Response Commission Chairperson's Award to Lori Mayers with Allen County Homeland Security.** Allen County Office of Homeland Security Assistant Director Lori Mayers was recognized with the Indiana Emergency Response Commission Chairpersons Award after 32 years of service. Allen County Director Bernie Beier noted that she was selected out of 302 reporting agencies, and the commissioners each praised her years of service to the citizens of Allen County.
- 2. Consider approval of the minutes of October 25, 2019.** Commissioner Beck made a motion to approve the minutes of October 25, 2019. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion, which carried 3-0.
- 3. Consider approval of amendment no. 5 to Active and Retiree Employee Benefit Plans.** Deb Hudson, HR – Benefit Manager, presented the annual update changes to the employee and retiree benefit plans which needed approval to go into effect January 1, 2020. These had already been presented to employees at various employee benefit meetings and included information on deductible increases, the addition of the Regenxx benefit, and other changes in healthcare coverages. Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve amendment #5 and was seconded by Commissioner Beck. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote.
- 4. Consider approval of agreement between the Board of Commissioners and Houseal Lavigne Associated for Allen County/Fort Wayne Comprehensive Plan on behalf of the Department**

of Planning Services. Pat Fahey presented an agreement proposal from Houseal Lavigne Associates LLC. to revise and update a comprehensive zoning plan in cooperation with the City of Fort Wayne. Such a plan has not been updated since 2007 and many questions have arisen since that time. Fahey explained that in March 2019, it was determined that a new plan needed developed and that it would be a joint project of the city and county. Eight proposals for the work were received with five groups being interviewed. Houseal Lavigne received the highest ranking from all those officials involved in the review process. The agreement has been reviewed by county attorney G. William Fishing, and has already been guaranteed funding by the Allen County Council, and the City of Fort Wayne. The Allen County Commissioners are the final body to sign onto the agreement. The project kickoff is planned for January 2020 with the \$330,000 project targeted for completion by the end of 2021. Commissioner Beck inquired about the 24-month term of the contract and Fahey said there were remedies in place if the project is not completed in the time allotted. Commissioner Beck made a motion to approve the agreement as presented, and was seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

5. **Consideration of Rezoning Petition #REZ-2019-0061 to rezone 108 acres at the northeast corner of the intersection of Indianapolis Road and Coverdale Road from R1/Single Family Residential to A1/Agricultural to allow for the filing of a special use variance with the Board of Zoning Appeals.** Michelle Wood of the Department of Planning Services, presented a petition for rezoning by Dennis and Kristen Wood for a 108 acre plat on the northeast corner of Indianapolis and Coverdale Roads. The petition requested the change in zoning type so that they may sell processed meat through a wholesale business on their property. Commissioner Brown made a motion of approval and was seconded by Commissioner Beck. The motion passed with a 2-0-1 vote with Commissioner Beck abstaining.
6. **Consider approval of Warranty Deed for dedication of right of way on Tula Trail from The Chapel.** Highway Director Bill Hartman presented a warranty deed for approval in which The Chapel granted Tula Lane, which had formerly been used as The Chapel's main entrance but will now be used as the entrance to a housing addition. Commissioner Beck made a motion to approve the warranty deed as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote.
7. **Consider approval of Agreement between the Board of Commissioners and Clark Dietz, Inc. for study for Monroeville Rd Bridge # 277 over Hoffman Drain, Project # 0100319; in the amount of \$4,900.00.** Highway Director Bill Hartman explained the contract for engineering services with Clark Dietz Inc. which will scope and study Monroeville Rd Bridge #277 over Hoffman Drain for \$4,900 in anticipation of the Fackler Rd. repaving project. This work will be done Nov. 4-Dec. 13. Commissioner Brown made the motion to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Beck. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote.
8. **Consider approval of granting authority to Fort Wayne Downtown Development Trust to approve first amendment to funding agreement with Broadway Redevelopment Partners for modifications to remediation scope of Electric Works property.** As explained by Chief of Staff Chris Cloud, commissioners were asked to consider an amendment to a funding agreement with the Fort Wayne Downtown Development Trust for the Electric Works project on Broadway. The renovation and overhaul project, which is joint with the county, city and private investors, has expanded the remediation scope of work. The other partners in the project have already signed onto this phase of the project with the commissioners being the final party. Commissioner Peters noted that by remediating additional portions of the site, "we get more for our dollars this way." Commissioner Beck made a motion to approve the First Amendment to Funding Agreement in the amount of \$3,000,000, and was seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

- 9. Consider approval of amendment to Resolution 10-26-18-05 extending the commitment date on funding from the Board of Commissioners to the Electric Works project to April 30, 2020.** Chief of Staff Chris Cloud explained that because the Electric Works project is more extensive, the deadline for funding needs extended from when originally termed. Therefore, a resolution was presented to the commissioners extending the commitment date from December 31, 2019 to April 30, 2020. Commissioner Brown made a motion approving the resolution with the funding extension date, and was seconded by Commissioner Beck. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote. Commissioner Peters noted that he felt “we are obligated to make this thing work.”
- 10. Consider approval of Change Order #21 on the Allen County Work Release project in the amount of \$9,953.79 (increase).** Chief of Staff Chris Cloud described a change order on the Allen County Work Release building project which was presented for electrical work, with an increase totaling \$9,953.79 to CME Corporation. This was approved with a 3-0 vote following a motion by Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Brown.
- 11. Consider approval of claims for payment.** Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the claims as submitted in the amount of \$1,305,566.15. Commissioner Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- 12. Plat for approval: Rolling Oaks Section 1** Chief of Staff Chris Cloud requested the commissioners approve a plat for Rolling Oaks Section I. Commissioner Beck made a motion of approval, was seconded by Commissioner Brown, and the motion passed with a 3-0 vote.
- 13. Other Business:** Chief of Staff Chris Cloud reminded the audience that trick-or-treat hours had been postponed to Saturday, Nov. 2 in Allen County and the City of Fort Wayne.
- 14. Approval to waive the 2nd Reading on any matter approved today and for which it may be deemed necessary for the Legislative Session of November 1, 2019.**
- 15. Comments from the Public:** Joe ***** commented on the work being done at Fort Wayne Community Schools.
- 16. Motion to Adjourn.** Meeting adjourned at 10:42 AM.

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