



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEN**  
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**MINUTES**

**Commissioners' Legislative Session**  
**10:00 AM Friday, November 8, 2019**  
**Council Chambers Courtroom – Citizens Square**

Commissioners Present:

Nelson Peters, Rich Beck and Therese Brown

Others Present:

Chris Cloud	Commissioners Office
Mike Green	Commissioners Office
Robin Minniear	Commissioners Office
Bill Fishing	Commissioners Attorney
Mike Thornson	Highway Department
Karl LaPan	NIIC
Rosa Salter Gonzalez	Journal-Gazette
Kevin Leiniger	News-Sentinel

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

- 1. Consider approval of the minutes of November 1, 2019.** Commissioner Beck made a motion to approve minutes of November 1, 2019. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion, which carried 3-0.
- 2. Consider approval of Agreement between the Board of Commissioners and Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc. for a study for Antwerp Rd Bridge # 15 over Oberhaltzer Ditch, Project # 0100219; in the amount of \$3,700.00.** Highway department engineer Mike Thornson explained that an agreement for a study on the Antwerp Rd Bridge over Oberhaltzer Ditch, west of Harland, is the 4<sup>th</sup> of five studies to help prepare the scope of a grant application to INDOT, which is due December 13. Thornson assured the commissioners that the study would be back in time for the grant application to be completed by the deadline. Commissioner Brown made a motion of approval and was seconded by Commissioner Beck. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote.
- 3. Consider approval of Change Order # 3 for Washington Center Rd Bridge # 95 over Spy Run Creek, Project # 0100113; in the amount of \$7,142.76 (increase).** Thornson reported the need for a change order to repair shrinkage and cracking on the new Washington Center Rd. Bridge over Spy Run Creek, which was just replaced last summer. This bridge will be under city control to maintain, but is still under county highway for these installation repairs. Commissioner Beck made a motion to approve the change order increase and was seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.
- 4. Presentation from the Northeast Indiana Innovation Center.** Northeast Indiana Innovation Center Director Karl LaPan gave the annual report of the NIIC, which is in its 19<sup>th</sup> year launching northeast Indiana technology entrepreneurs. He noted the Indiana entrepreneurship is continuing to decline, with the state now 47<sup>th</sup> nationally in launching new businesses, although NIIC has assisted startups with \$114 million in payrolls since its inception, with no study done on the full economic impact of those companies. Commissioners Peters, who also serves on the NIIC board, concurred that it would

probably take a third party consultant to learn the full economic impact that NIIC has had on Allen County. LaPan noted that with the rebranding of Purdue Fort Wayne, the chancellor has joined the NIIC board, and will be serving as the vice chair next year, so he hopes that will bring stronger ties with PFW. In addition, NIIC works on key initiatives with Taylor University, Saint Francis University, the entrepreneurial program at Ball State University, as well as many high schools.

5. **Consider approval of agreement between the Board of Commissioners and Northeast Indiana Innovation Center for entrepreneurial support services.** Commissioner Brown made a motion to continue the annual Allen County support in the amount of \$100,000 toward the Northeast Indiana Innovation Center. Commissioner Beck seconded the motion, which passed with a 3-0 vote.
6. **Consider approval of technical assistance agreement between the Board of Commissioners and Purdue Fort Wayne for collection of Agricultural Census Data by the Community Research Institute.** Chief of Staff Chris Cloud explained that ever five years an agriculture data study specific to Allen County is prepared, with the cost year being \$1,500. Commissioner Brown inquired what the research is used for and Cloud responded that the research shows change in the agriculture community of Allen County. Commissioner Beck noted that Allen County is the first or second largest agriculture production county in the State of Indiana, so this would be good information to obtain. He made a motion to contraction with Purdue Fort Wayne for the study, and was seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote.
7. **Consider approval of infrastructure completion agreement between the Board of Commissioners and Millennium Development, Inc. for Eagle Rock subdivision.** Chief of Staff Chris Cloud explained that the agreement commits Millennium Development Inc. to complete the subdivision project even though they are not quite ready now. Funds are held in escrow to insure that the work will be done and the agreement has been reviewed by the drainage board attorney. Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Beck. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote.
8. **Consider approval of claims for payment.** Commissioner Beck made a motion to approve claims for \$435,283.97, and was seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote.
9. **Other Business:** Two plats were presented for approval. These were for Magnolia Meadows Section IV and Sienna Reserve Section II. Both are 100 percent complete. Commissioner Brown made a motion of approval and was seconded by Commissioner Beck. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote.
10. **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 8, 2019.** Commissioner Beck 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 November 8, 2019. Commissioner Beck seconded the motion, which passed with a 3-0 vote.
11. **Comments from the Public:** None.
12. **Motion to Adjourn.** Meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM.

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