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### MINUTES

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

Commissioners Present:                      Nelson Peters, Therese Brown and Richard Beck

Others Present:	Chris Cloud	Commissioners Office
	Mike Green	Commissioners Office
	Robin Minniear	Commissioners Office
	Bill Fishinging	County Attorney
	James Wolff	Purdue Extension
	Bill Hartman	Highway Dept.
	Kevin Leiniger	News-Sentinel

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

- 1. Consider approval of the minutes of November 15, 2019:** Commissioner Beck made a motion to approve minutes of November 15, 2019. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.
- 2. Consider approval of agreement between the Board of Commissioners and Purdue University for Extension Service Programs:** Interim county extension agent James Wolff was present to request a renewal of the agreement between the Board of Commissioners for continued extension service programs from Purdue University for 2020 for \$157,900. This partially pays for the salary and services of the five educators of the extension agency. These agents provide health and human science, horticulture, agriculture and youth education programs and support to the residents of Allen County. After inquiry from Commissioner Beck, Wolff said he did not have exact numbers on the total number of residents touched by the many agency programs, but that those would be gathered in the annual report given after the first of the year. Commissioner Brown asked if the agency had a section on the Allen County website, and was told by Chief of Staff Chris Cloud that it had a link on the website, as well as a social media presence through the Allen County Twitter account. Commissioner Brown made a motion approving the agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Beck, and the motion carried with a 3-0 vote.
- 3. Consider approval of Change Order #2 and Final for Bid Ref # 29-18 for Antwerp Rd Bridge #326 over Hamm Interceptor, Project #0400116; in the amount of \$4,197.61 decrease:** Allen County Highway Director Bill Hartman noted that because rip rap was reused for the project, the Antwerp Rd Bridge project had a decrease. The change order for the project was approved with a 3-0 vote following a motion by Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Brown.
- 4. Consider approval of Project Acceptance for Bid Ref #29-18 for Antwerp Rd Bridge #326 over Hamm Interceptor, Project #0400116; for the final contract amount \$749,083.31:** With certification from Allen County Highway Director Bill Hartman that the entire project had been completed,

Commissioner Beck made a motion of approval of project acceptance for the final amount for Antwerp Rd Bridge #326. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and passed with a 3-0 vote.

5. **Consider approval of Letter of Understanding/Unofficial Detour between the Board of Commissioners and Indiana Department of Transportation for road work on SR 1 (Bluffton Rd) from Davis Rd in the Town of Ossian to North of Hamilton Rd in Allen County:** A letter of understanding was presented from the Indiana Department of Transportation regarding the closing of State Rd 1 north of US 224 to I-469, through Allen County with the detour traveling on Wells and Allen county roads. "INDOT agrees to reimburse Allen County for costs related to damages on the listed unofficial detour," per the letter of understanding, and was accepted with a 3-0 vote following a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Beck.
6. **Consider approval of settlement agreement in the case of Lymon v. Allen County Government, et al:** County Attorney Bill Fishing explained the terms of the \$20,000 settlement. This was approved with a 3-0 vote following a motion by Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Brown.
7. **Consider approval of claims for payment:** Commissioner Beck made a motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$942,817.43. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.
8. **Other Business:** Chief of Staff Chris Cloud presented three plats for approval on completed subdivision projects. These plats, on Hidden Pointe Section III, River Hollow Estates Section II, and Whisper Rock Section IV, were approved with a 3-0 vote after a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Beck.
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 November 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 November 22, 2019. Commissioner Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
10. **Comments from the Public:** None.
11. **Motion to Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.

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