

Commissioners & County Council

Joint Meeting Minutes

December 28, 2023

1:00 p.m.

Pineview Government Center

Commissioner Meeting Room, Suite 104

2524 Corydon Pike

Commissioner, Al Knable, called the meeting to order and led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Present: Commissioners-Full quorum

County Council-Full quorum

Also Present: Auditor, Diana Topping

New Business:

1.) Benefits-Perf, Healthcare

Al Knable stated the Commissioners have not taken any action. Jim Freiberger stated nothing has changed. Denise Konkle stated a contract has been signed with WIS to do a benefit analysis. Michelle Portwood stated the analysis should be complete by early March.

2.) Building Authority Budget

Jason Sharp stated an email was sent to the Building Authority and the answers will be sent back to the Committee. Jim Freiberger stated the questions asked should not take a lot time to answer.

3.) Animal Shelter Update

Al Knable stated the contract has been signed and will begin Jan 1, 2024. Jason Sharp stated the oversight board will be made up of 1 veterinarian, 1 member from Law Enforcement, 1 member from the Health Department, and 2 members from the community. Brad Striegel asked if all five members are appointed by Commissioners. The Commissioners decided the Council could have one of the community member appointments. Al Knable stated they will have Attorney, Rick Fox, look into to making an amendment to have one Council appointment.

4.) Administrative & Judicial Building Updates

Al Knable stated the people from the First Financial building has taken the offer off the table for that building. They could not make it work on their end. They are will continue to look for properties in New Albany. There will be a formal asbestos study complete on the County Building sometime in the first quarter along with a structural study. The holdup is funding. The CCD money will be pay for the studies and they do not believe it will be available until June as part of settlement. The asbestos study will be approximately \$50,000.00 and structural analysis will be \$20,000.00 or less. The findings from the analyses will determine if the building can be renovated or tear down and rebuild.

5.) Annexation Update

Al Knable stated the surrounding property owners need to sign off on the public request. John Schellenberger stated they are half way there. They hope to publicly appeal for annexation to the City by the end of first quarter.

6.) EMS Update

Jason Sharp stated the RFPs are out and are due by the first part of February. The EMS Committee will review and make a recommendation of choice to the Commissioners. Jim Freiberger stated he heard it may be an additional \$500,000-\$750,000.00 than what they are currently paying. He thinks they need to get ahead of this and discuss funding. Al Knable stated the reality of it is they are asking for an upgrade of services because the County's needs have changed. They made need to cut services or raise revenues. John Schellenberger stated after they get the RFPs they can decide if they need to do a hybrid of services. He said

the Fire Departments may be able to help. They are asking for 3 ambulances and a paramedic response car. Denise Konkle asked about the Council not having an appointment on the Committee. Al Knable stated the meetings are open to the public and will inform the Council of all meetings. Denise Konkle stated she loves the idea of bringing the information to the Joint Meetings.

John Schellenberger stated they received responses from Apex and Assured Partners from the RFP for Healthcare. They selected Assured Partners and chose Anthem as the Health Insurance Provider.

John Schellenberger stated they set up a non-reverting funds for Healthcare. The money stays in the fund to pay for Healthcare cost.

Public

Joseph Moore, Georgetown Township, a stated he hopes they are realistic about cutting services or cutting back. If they aren't really considering it they should not put it on the table.

Closing Comments

Denise Konkle is glad they are having the joint meetings.

Dale Bagshaw stated the communication between the two bodies is important.

Jason Sharp thanked everyone that helped him since he came on as Commissioner, as well as the public.

Brad Striegel like the collaboration with the Commissioners and keeping everyone informed.

Jim Freiburger stated it has been a roller coaster ride and hopes the communication will improve.

Al Knable stated it has been a fun first year. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve.

Motion to adjourn. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

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Attest: Diana M. Topping, Auditor