

**Commissioners & County Council  
Joint Meeting Minutes**

Friday, November 15, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Pineview Government Center  
Commissioner Meeting Room, Suite 104  
2524 Corydon Pike

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

**Present:** Commissioners – Al Knable, Jason Sharp and John Schellenberger

**Council –Present** - Denise Konkle, Danny Short, Connie Moon and Dale Bagshaw

**Absent** – Jim Freiberger, Brad Striegel and Tony Toran

**Also Present:** Attorney, Rick Fox; Attorney, April Geltmaker; Treasurer, Steve Burks; Auditor, Diana Topping; Chief Deputy Auditor, Gloria Jones; Assessor, Terry Watson; Sheriff, Steve Bush and Clerk, Danita Burks

***Approval of 10-22-2024 Joint Meeting Minutes***

**Motion to approve. Moved by Jason Sharp. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

***1. Chase Building Update***

The closing on the Chase Building took place on November 8.

Rick Fox said they are in the stage of transitioning. He said, as a landlord, they need to be ready to go to take care of and respond to anything that they have in regards to the building. The Commissioners will have to determine what they have to do statutorily and practically in order to get the spaces ready for remodeling that are going to be moving over there.

Al Knable said Suzanna Worrall will be the lead on managing the building for the foreseeable future.

Al Knable said by late March 2025 the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors will be vacated and the architects are getting the plans together in regards to how long the buildout will take. They hope to have some of the offices moved by this time next year.

The Building Representative has been working on the signage. Chase has the rights to the north and south facades of the building with regard to signage.

Chase Bank has a lease through 2032 and will pay roughly \$100,000.00 a year in rent.

## **2. Judicial Center Update**

All Knable said there is a team coming down on December 4 to the County Building again to determine if a phase build out is doable verses a take down and build up. He's hoping in February or March the board can decide the path way to go.

## **3. Building Authority Budget**

Al Knable said they met with Aaron Combs and believe they are ok where they are and is budget neutral.

Rick Fox said they need to be aware that there could be about \$1 million annually in terms of expenses to keep the building going. There could be additional appropriations for their budget because they took the capital expenses out.

## **4. FCHD Building Purchase**

Rick Fox said they are still under the Executive Session part of the case.

Danny Short said the time table has been disrupted, but won't affect the moving out the time period that they have for switchover.

## **5. AmeriPro Contract – Paramedic Response Car**

Al Knable said they are coming up of the end of year one. AmeriPro contacted him to see whether or not they were ok to drop the chase car because that was originally in their contract for 2025. He contacted the president of Highlander Fire Protection District. He said they were good to go. The contract states the Highlander Fire Protection Board shall notify the Floyd County Commissioners in writing when the Highlander Fire Protection District is fully staffed and certified to take over EMS services. They will need the notification before dropping the chase car. It cost almost \$14,000.00 a month to keep the chase car.

Rick Fox said the board should pass a resolution and send to the Commissioners. Denise Konkle said she received a \$2,500.00 bill for an ambulance transport because the insurance did not cover it. Her concern is part of the County has to pay for ambulance service but the other part of the county does not have to pay. Jason Sharp suggested for her to look at the contract and see if she was billed according to contract.

Connie Moon said they will have this as long as they have a split model.

Highlander Fire agreed to accept what the insurance pays and Ameripro charges anything over what insurance doesn't pay.

Jason Sharp said possibly there is legislation coming down from the state in the first of the year that changes the way they bill as well.

Dale Bagshaw asked what recourse they have if Highlander said they are ready to go but are not. Connie Moon said, according to the contract, there is no recourse.

### ***6. ARP Allocations***

Denise Konkle asked how much of the fund is unallocated since the deadline for allocating the funds is December 31, 2024.

John Schellenberger said \$600,000.00 that has been identified for Broadband. He spoke with Mainstream who said the holdup with the BEAD program is not Indianapolis or the vendors but the FCC. They're waiting to validate the last addresses. They are hoping they will make an assignment. He agrees that that money will need to be reallocated if not used for Broadband.

Al Knable said there is approximately \$1.4 million that is unallocated. Don Lopp suggested \$600,000.00 be allocated for the Bridge 51 Project because he's afraid that when the match comes due to keep the county on schedule next summer for breaking ground that the \$600,000.00 will be necessary. He said his thinking is \$800,000.00 should be used for the building since that's been part of their math with the bonding agents and the \$600,000.00, in his opinion, would need to shift from Broadband to the bridge. His thinking is the number of people crossing the bridge far exceeds the number of people impacted by broadband.

Denise Konkle requested some kind of working paper of what is unallocated and a couple of options that are out there on the table.

Al Knable asked for Don Lopp to be on the next Commissioners agenda to discuss.

### **Other Business:**

Al Knable said they had an S&P bond rating meeting on November 13. He said the meeting went better than expected.

Al Knable said the Regional Park was opened up on November 12.

Al Knable asked to keep the 2025 meetings on the same schedule as 2024.

### **Closing Comments:**

Connie Moon asked if there is going to be \$1 million a year on repairs to the County Building why did they purchase the Chase Building if they are going to leave the building as is and just do maintenance.


Al Knable said that is not his first choice. He does not think it is practical to quote \$1 million a year for 10 years, it was the Building Authority quote.

Connie Moon asked if the Edwardsville School belongs to the County. The transfer has not happened yet but is the intention.

**Motion to adjourn. Moved by Dale Bagshaw. Seconded by Jason Sharp.  
Motion passed unanimously.**

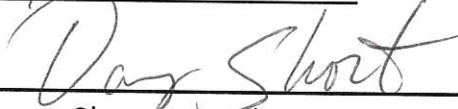
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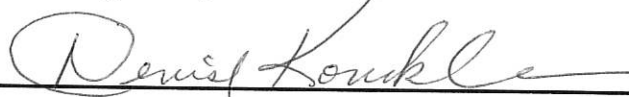
  
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Jason Sharp, Commissioner


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Attest: Diana M. Topping, Auditor