



Delaware County Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 21st, 2025 @ 9:01 A.M.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE TO FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Riggin
Commissioner Brand
Commissioner Henry
Attorney John Brooke
Auditor Ed Carroll

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

APPOINTMENT(S):

BZA Board

MOTION: Commissioner Brand made a motion to nominate Audi Barber for the BZA Board

SECOND: Commissioner Henry

YEAS: Commissioner Riggin, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

MOTION: Commissioner Henry made a motion to nominate David Spawl for the BZA Board

SECOND: Commissioner Brand

YEAS: Commissioner Riggin, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

Mr. Barber shared why he thinks he would be a good candidate.

Votes for BZA Board

Commissioner Riggin: Barber, Commissioner Brand: Barber, Commissioner Henry: Barber

Fairground Board

Commissioner Brand stated he spoke with Dan White President of the Fair Board who stated they have enough members. They just are in need for volunteers.

ECIRPD Board

MOTION: Commissioner Brand made a motion to table the election for the ECIRPF Board

SECOND: Commissioner Riggin

YEAS: Commissioner Riggin, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

TABLED BUSINESS:

Handbook Revisions – Pam McCammon

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-033: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY PERSONNEL HANDBOOK

911 Center Chair Lease – Fred Cummings

MOTION: Commissioner Riggin made a motion to remove 911 Center Chair Lease from the table

SECOND: Commissioner Brand

YEAS: Commissioner Riggin, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

MOTION: Commissioner Riggin made a motion to approve 911 Center Chair Lease

SECOND: Commissioner Brand

YEAS: Commissioner Riggin, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

Commissioners Meeting December 16th, 2024

MOTION: Commissioner Brand made a motion to remove December 16th, 2024 Minutes from the table

SECOND: Commissioner Riggin

YEAS: Commissioner Riggin, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

MOTION: Commissioner Brand made a motion to approve December 16th, 2024 Minutes

SECOND: Commissioner Riggin

YEAS: Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

NAYS: Commissioner Riggin

Commissioners Special Meeting December 30th, 2024

MOTION: Commissioner Brand made a motion to remove December 30th, 2024 Minutes from the table

SECOND: Commissioner Riggin

YEAS: Commissioner Riggin, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

MOTION: Commissioner Brand made a motion to approve December 30th, 2024.

SECOND: Commissioner Riggin

YEAS: Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

NAYS: Commissioner Riggin

Solar Moratorium – Stephen Brand

MOTION: Commissioner Brand made a motion to remove Solar Moratorium from the table

SECOND: Commissioner Riggin

YEAS: Commissioner Riggin, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

MOTION: Commissioner Brand made a motion to table Solar Moratorium

SECOND: Commissioner Riggin

YEAS: Commissioner Riggin, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Meeting January 6th, 2024

MOTION: Commissioner Brand made a motion to approve January 6th 2024 Minutes from the table

SECOND: Commissioner Riggin

YEAS: Commissioner Riggin, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

PRESENTATIONS:

Mental Health Facility update – BW Construction

Mr. Mark Manship gave a brief update on the construction of the Mental Health Facility.

CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS FOR APPROVAL:

ECIRPD Dues – Bill Walters

Mr. Walter presented the ECIRPD and gave a brief explanation of what they do for Delaware County. They yearly dues for the ECIRPD is \$33,579.00 annually.

MOTION: Commissioner Riggin made a motion to approve ECIRPD yearly dues for \$33,579.00

SECOND: Commissioner Brand

YEAS: Commissioner Riggin, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

Consulting Services contract – Kylene Swackhamer

Ms. Swackhamer Plan Commission, presented a contract for a retired employee to be able to come in and help train new employees. She would receive \$30 hourly and it would be paid out of their Comp Fund.

Commissioners and Ms. Swackhamer discussed some error within the contract.

MOTION: Commissioner Riggin made a motion to approve the Consulting Services Contract with corrections

SECOND: Commissioner Brand

YEAS: Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Riggin, Commissioner Henry

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01: ORDINANCE FOR PURPOSE OF CREATING A NEW FUND FOR GRANT FUNDED DELAWARE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COURT (PROBLEM SOLVING COURT PROGRAM)

Ms. Jayne Meranda stated this is an addition to their other Problem-Solving Grants. They were awarded \$5,000 towards training for team members.

MOTION: Commissioner Riggin made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2025-01.

SECOND: Commissioner Brand

YEAS: Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Riggin, Commissioner Henry

MOTION: Commissioner Riggin made a motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2025-01.

SECOND: Commissioner Brand

YEAS: Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Riggin, Commissioner Henry

MOTION: Commissioner Brand made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-01.

SECOND: Commissioner Riggin

YEAS: Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Riggin, Commissioner Henry

RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Resolution No. 2025-01- Resolution of the Delaware County Board of Commissioners establishing responsibilities and area of control for various departments and operations of the county.

Commissioner Henry read aloud the list of Departments and which commissioner will be over certain departments.

MOTION: Commissioner Brand made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-01.

SECOND: Commissioner Riggin

YEAS: Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Riggin, Commissioner Henry

DEPARTMENT HEADS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Ms. Kylene Swackhamer and Mr. Tom Fouch gave their Annual Report for the Planning Commission.

Ms. Pam McCammon stated Mr. Brand and herself met with IU Health Work Clinic and discussed concerns that was brought to them by employees. HR also broadening locations to be used for drug screens.

Mr. Tommie Humbert gave a heads up on the upcoming chip and seal maintenance for the year.

Mr. Mark Slusher stated he has been looking into new audio equipment for the Commissioner's Courtroom.

WEEKLY, MONTHLY AND QUARTERLY REPORTS:

Weights & Measures Monthly Report

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS: \$3,562,606.12

MOTION: Commissioner Riggin made a motion to approve payment of claims in the amount of \$3,562,606.12

SECOND: Commissioner Brand

YEAS: Commissioner Riggan, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

PAYMENT OF PAYROLL FOR 1/2/2025: \$1,066,965.98

MOTION: Commissioner Riggan made a motion to approve payment of payroll for the amount of \$1,066,965.98

SECOND: Commissioner Brand

YEAS: Commissioner Riggan, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

PAYMENT OF PAYROLL FOR 1/15/2025: \$1,110,452.35

MOTION: Commissioner Riggan made a motion to approve payment of payroll for the amount of \$1,110,452.35

SECOND: Commissioner Brand

YEAS: Commissioner Riggan, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

PUBLIC COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, OTHER BUSINESS & DISCUSSION (ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES AND SPEAKER MUST SIGN-IN BEFORE 9AM, PROVIDING NAME AND ADDRESS):

Mr. Robert Kester 2709 W. Bernell Drive is speaking for Ms. Linda Hanson who had to go to another meeting. He read aloud her comments about why solar would be good for Delaware County.

Dr. Jonathan Monroe of 5011 Fall Creek Rd in Indianapolis gave his perspectives on how solar is a good source for Delaware County.

Mr. Christian Hartselle of 549 W 1st St in Albany stated why the commissioners should put a stop on the moratorium for solar.

Mr. Jackson Franklin of 803 W Ashlyn Ave in Muncie, presented some financial benefits of why farmers should choose to utilize solar energy on their properties.

Ms. Rebecca Wright of 803 W Ashlyn Ave in Muncie, presented her background with solar energy and why its beneficial for Delaware County.

Mr. Dan Berry of 2901 E CR 800 N of Eaton stated why he believes solar in Delaware County could be a good way for land owners to diversify their income and also make renewable electricity for the community

Ms. Cheryl Swingly of Muncie stated her concerns about the document that was read aloud at the last commissioners meeting from the Royerton Group.

[COMMENTS MAY BE MADE TO THE COMMISSIONERS VIA THEIR EMAIL AT commissioners@co.delaware.in.us

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Executive Meeting – Personnel Issues

Commissioner Henry asked Attorney John Brooke to advertise for an executive meeting for personnel issues and economic development for next Monday January 27th at 10 in the commissioner's conference room.

2025 Commissioner Department Head Assignments

RECESS:

MOTION: Commissioner Riggan made a motion to recess

SECOND: Commissioner Brand

YEAS: Commissioner Riggan, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

The next Commissioner's meeting will be Monday February 3rd, 2025, starting at 9:00 am.

To be placed on the next Commissioner's Agenda, contact the Commissioner's Office (765-747-7730) no later than 12:00 NOON on the Thursday prior to the scheduled meeting.

Commissioner Riffin

Commissioner Brand

Commissioner Henry

Auditor Ed Carroll