



Delaware County Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 18th, 2025 @ 9:00 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

APPOINTMENT(S):
BZA Board

MOTION: Commissioner Brand made a motion appoint Christy Knap to the BZA 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

Solar Moratorium – Stephen Brand

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

SECOND: Commissioner Riggin

YEAS: Commissioner Riggin, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

Commissioner Brand stated after the new ordinance is prepared, it has to go to the Planning Commission, and have a public hearing. April 3rd will most likely be the public hearing at the Justice Center.

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

SECOND: Commissioner Riggin

YEAS: Commissioner Riggin, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

Bid Opening – Danyel Struble

MOTION: Commissioner Brand made a motion to remove Bid Opening from the table.

SECOND: Commissioner Riggin

YEAS: Commissioner Riggin, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

Ms. Angie Moyer stated she provided everyone the bid sheet. She stated in the past they have always awarded to all bidders depending on if they have the materials and the location of the project.

Commissioner Brand asked if the bids could be spilt up.

Ms. Angie Moyer stated she would have to make sure that was okay to do with the grant they are using. She also recommended awarding bids for asphalt mixes and liquid asphalt to Brooks Construction, E&B Paving, IMI, Park Asphalt, and Milestone. She also recommended awarding bids for crushed stone or sand from IMI from three locations and for fuel from Agbest.

MOTION: Commissioner Brand made a motion to approve bids if allowable to split them if not stay with E&B Paving.

SECOND: Commissioner Rigglin

YEAS: Commissioner Rigglin, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Meeting February 3rd, 2025

MOTION: Commissioner Rigglin made a motion to approve February 3rd minutes

SECOND: Commissioner Brand

YEAS: Commissioner Rigglin, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

PRESENTATIONS:

BW Construction Update – Mark Manship/Bill Gavin

Mr. Mark Manship, project manager for the mental health facility project for BW Construction gave a brief update on the Mental Health Facility.

CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS FOR APPROVAL:

Vending Contract – Danyel Struble

MOTION: Commissioner Brand made a motion to approve the Vending Contract

SECOND: Commissioner Rigglin

YEAS: Commissioner Rigglin, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

Crown Castle Consent Letter – Danyel Struble

Ms. Danyel Struble presented the Crown Castle consent letter.

MOTION: Commissioner Brand made a motion to decline the consent to sublease but accept their term sheet that was made

SECOND: Commissioner Rigglin

YEAS: Commissioner Rigglin, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

Pitney Bowes Software Renewal- Sara Hodges

MOTION: Commissioner Brand made a motion to approve Pitney Bowes Software Renewal

SECOND: Commissioner Rigglin

YEAS: Commissioner Rigglin, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

Funding for IRACS and Unsafe Housing – Stephen Brand

MOTION: Commissioner Brand made a motion to approve \$50,000 for IRACS out of project four and \$50,000 for unsafe housing out of project 11.

SECOND: Commissioner Rigglin

YEAS: Commissioner Rigglin, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

ECIRPD Contract – Shannon Henry

MOTION: Commissioner Rigglin made a motion to table the ECIRPD Contract

SECOND: Commissioner Brand

YEAS: Commissioner Rigglin, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

Ordinance 2025-03: CREATING A NEW FUND FOR GRANT FUNDED DELAWARE COUNTY ADULT DRUG COURT

MOTION: Commissioner Rigglin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-03

SECOND: Commissioner Brand

YEAS: Commissioner Riggan, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

Ordinance 2025-04: CREATING A NEW FUND FOR GRANT FUNDED DELAWARE COUNTY VETERANS' TREATMENT COURT

MOTION: Commissioner Riggan made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-04

SECOND: Commissioner Brand

YEAS: Commissioner Riggan, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

Ordinance 2025-05: IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON FILING AND ACCEPTING ANY NEW APPLICATIONS FOR SOLAR ENERGY INSTALLATIONS

MOTION: Commissioner Brand made a motion to remove from table

SECOND: Commissioner Riggan

YEAS: Commissioner Riggan, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

MOTION: Commissioner Riggan made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-05

SECOND: Commissioner Brand

YEAS: Commissioner Riggan, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL:

Resolution No. 2025-02: APPROVAL FOR THE 2024 CHANGES TO THE OFFICIAL ZONE MAPS FOR DELAWARE COUNTY INDIANA

Ms. Kylene Swackhamer executive director of the Planning Commission stated this resolution is to update the map of Delaware County.

MOTION: Commissioner Brand made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-02

SECOND: Commissioner Riggan

YEAS: Commissioner Riggan, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

OLD BUSINESS:

DEPARTMENT HEADS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Printing and Postage for Property Taxes- Brad Polk

Treasurer Brad Polk stated Master's Touch LLC is the company they use for printing costs and postage for property taxes. Last year the cost was \$34,500 and this year the cost is \$34,530.03. He stated they plan to use \$5,000-\$7,000 out of their own budget. Master's Touch LLC now provides E notices for tax payers. They would receive those by email and then could pay however they want to.

MOTION: Commissioner Riggan made a motion to recess

SECOND: Commissioner Brand

MOTION: Commissioner Brand made a motion to amend the motion to approve up to \$34,530.

Understanding that the treasurer's office will try to pull somewhere between \$5,000 to \$7,000 out of their budget

SECOND: Commissioner Riggan

YEAS: Commissioner Riggan, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

Building Upgrade Quotes – Tommie Humbert

Mr. Tommie Humbert asked for permission to build a salt barn and an add on to the west barn.

Commissioner Brand asked Tommie to provide the quotes for the two projects.

Mr. Humbert stated for the source for the west the west barn add-on which is a 22x110x13

Newsome Construction was \$35,500, Thornburg and Sons was \$44,500, and Aker Construction was \$44,635. The salt barn is going to be 20x72x13. Newsome Construction was \$58,200,

Thornburg and Sons was \$68,700, and Aker Construction was \$77,300.

MOTION: Commissioner Brand made a motion to approve Newsome Construction for the equipment barn and Newsome Construction for the salt barn as well. Those funds would come out of the revenue replacement fund.

SECOND: Commissioner Riggin

YEAS: Commissioner Riggin, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

WEEKLY, MONTHLY AND QUARTERLY REPORTS:

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS: \$ 3,775,275.82

MOTION: Commissioner Riggin made a motion to approve payment of claims in the amount of \$3,775,275.82

SECOND: Commissioner Brand

YEAS: Commissioner Riggin, Commissioner Henry

NAYS: Commissioner Brand

PAYMENT OF ARP CLAIMS: \$ 1,094,975.89

MOTION: Commissioner Riggin made a motion to approve payment of ARP claims in the amount of \$1,094,975.89

SECOND: Commissioner Brand

YEAS: Commissioner Riggin, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

PAYMENT OF PAYROLL FOR 2/12/2025: \$ 1,039,038.15

MOTION: Commissioner Riggin made a motion to approve payment of payroll in the amount of \$1,039,038.15

SECOND: Commissioner Brand

YEAS: Commissioner Riggin, 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):

Linda Hansen at 1400 W North St spoke on the solar controversy and the need for tax dollars.

Holly Hanover spoke about renewable energy and economic development.

Sheryl Swingley at Vienna Woods Dr, expressed concerns about the solar moratorium and the new ordinance.

Dan Barry from Eaton spoke about the property taxes that renewables can bring in.

Ron Crouch at 2901 W CR 700 N, expressed concerns about the impact of solar on his property and community.

Thomas Richards from Grant County shared concerns about solar projects impacting farmland.

Stephen Harrave gave a report on Real Black Excellence and invited everyone to their Black History celebration on Sunday February 23rd.

John Newby spoke about the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District Board. They are having their annual meeting on February 27th at Knights of Columbus Family Center.

Brian Hayes at 801 W SR 28 spoke about the impact of solar on his property and the need for protections.

Ms. Chery Dawson at 4214 W SR 28, expressed her concerns on solar panels near her home.

Steven Hinds at 2706 S Tacoma Ave, addressed tax revenues from solar panels and property value guarantees

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COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Sherry Riggin

Commissioner Riggin invited people to attend the soil meeting on February 27th.

Stephen Brand

Commissioner Brand discussed the Cowan Trail, Justice Center power outages, and the solar moratorium⁴⁴. He also mentioned a tax abatement granted to energy.

Shannon Henry

Commissioner Henry stated BW construction change order; number one the project duration extension extended 63 days. This extends the project 63 days at no cost to us.

MOTION: Commissioner Brand made a motion to approve the change order

SECOND: Commissioner Riggin

YEAS: Commissioner Riggin, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

RECESS:

MOTION: Commissioner Brand made a motion to recess

SECOND: Commissioner Riggin

YEAS: Commissioner Riggin, Commissioner Brand, Commissioner Henry

The next Commissioner's meeting will be Monday March 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.