

DELAWARE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2021 @ 9:01 A.M.  
COMMISSIONER'S COURTROOM  
100 W. MAIN ST. ROOM 309A  
CALL TO ORDER  
PLEDGE TO FLAG  
WELCOME

ROLL CALL

Mr. Shannon Henry  
Mr. James King  
Ms. Sherry Riggan  
Mr. John Brooke, County Attorney  
Mr. Steven G Craycraft, Auditor

ORDER OF BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS

MOTION: Commissioner Henry made a motion to appoint Ms. Rosa Selvey, Mr. Scott Alexander and Mr. Brian Smith to the Civic Center Authority Board.

SECOND: Commissioner Riggan

YEAS: Commissioner Henry, Commissioner Riggan, President King

MOTION: Commissioner Riggan made a motion to appoint Ms. Denise King to the Muncie Public Library Board.

SECOND: Commissioner Henry

YEAS: Commissioner Henry, Commissioner Riggan, President King

MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR POSITION

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Charlie Walker, Maintenance Supervisor for his dedicated service. Mr. Walker will be retiring Friday, August 6, 2021.

MOTION: Commissioner Henry made a motion to appoint Mr. Steve Foster as Maintenance Supervisor.

SECOND: Commissioner Riggan

YEAS: Commissioner Henry, Commissioner Riggan, President King

TABLED BUSINESS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4 OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY CODE REGARDING CHAPTER 2 PERMIT FEES FOR SOLAR FARMS, SOLAR INSTALLATIONS AND FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT  
ORDINANCE NO. 2021 - 025

Ordinance will remain tabled.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Riggan made a motion to approve July 19, 2021 Commissioner Meetings minutes.

SECOND: Commissioner Henry

YEAS: Commissioner Henry, Commissioner Riggan, President King

CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS FOR APPROVAL

THOMSON SUBDIVISION PLAT APPROVAL – ASHTON LAND SURVEYORS

Ms. Kathy Vannice, Ashton Land surveyors, presented the Thomson Subdivision Plat Approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve Thomson Subdivision Plat approval.

SECOND: Commissioner Riggan

YEAS: Commissioner Henry, Commissioner Riggan, President King

REJECT INDOT OFFER TO REPAIR COUNTY ROADS

Mr. John Brooke, County Attorney, said after much discussion with Delaware County Highway Department, Delaware County is rejecting the INDOT offer. An unofficial detour on Highway 28 took place with repairs costs being estimated around \$300,000, however INDOT offered \$50,000. Mr. Brooke will send a reject letter due to the cost difference of INDOT's offer compared to Delaware County estimates.

MOTION: Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve for Mr. Brooke to send reject letter.

SECOND: Commissioner Riggan

YEAS: Commissioner Henry, Commissioner Riggan, President King

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE TO LIMIT WEIGHT AND COMMERCIAL TRUCK TRAFFIC  
ON COUNTY ROADS IN DELAWARE COUNTY, INDIANA  
ORDINANCE 2021-026

Mr. Brooke said due to trucks being diverted onto county roads from State Highways, the Commissioners requested the presented Ordinance. Ordinance 2021-026, An Ordinance to Limit Weight and Commercial Truck Traffic on County Roads is in regards to INDOT detours. The roads cannot handle the semi-trailers on an ongoing basis.

MOTION: Commissioner Henry made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2021-026 to Limit Weight and Commercial Truck Traffic on County Roads in Delaware County.

SECOND: Commissioner Riggan

YEAS: Commissioner Henry, Commissioner Riggan, President King

RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL  
A RESOLUTION RESCINDING DELAWARE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY  
EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK HIGHWAY-BRIDGE-ENGINEERING EMPLOYEE MANUAL  
RESOLUTION 2021-031

Mr. Brooke presented Resolution 2021-031, rescinding the Handbook for Highway-Bridge-Engineering. The Highway had their own handbook when they were Union. In working with Ms. McCammon, it has become difficult because some of their rules were different from the counties handbook. Mr. Brooke said due to consistency, the Delaware County handbook should be used for Highway-Bridge and Engineering.

MOTION: Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-031, rescinding the Handbook for Highway-Bridge-Engineering.

SECOND: Commissioner Riggin

YEAS: Commissioner Henry, Commissioner Riggin, President King

DEPARTMENT HEADS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mr. Paul Singleton, 911 Director, said several months ago the Commissioners had authorized a software upgrade with Tyler Technologies. This upgrade effects Muncie City Police, Jail, Sheriff and mobile units of small towns. Jail, 911, City Police and Sheriff Department are short on staff, Mr. Singleton recommended that the upgrade does not go into effect until second quarter of 2022. The build out process should be finished, Mr. Jim Flook, IT Director is in agreement. This is a complete different platform. This will give more time for testing to ensure that this upgrade is done correctly.

All Commissioner are in agreement.

October dates will be cancelled and rescheduled for second quarter of 2022. Mr. Singleton will call after today's meeting to let Tyler Technologies know of the changes regarding the upgrade.

Mr. Tommy Humbert, Highway Superintendent and Mr. Bobby Daugherty, Highway Department shared concerns with issues and safety measures on 300 south and SR 35 and Meeker Avenue closing. Warning signs will be placed in the areas. Signage has to be added to be more visual to upcoming traffic. Drainage and right-of-way may have to be considered due to big trucks traveling the roads.

Ms. Laurynn Thieme, Extension Director, provided an update of the 2021 Delaware County Fair.

Commissioner Henry thanked Ms. Meagan Coutinho, EMS Administrator. Ms. Coutinho is an EMT and has worked a couple of shifts for EMS. Commissioner Henry stated that this is the type of people we have working in EMS. Much appreciation to Ms. Coutinho.

President King supports all Public Safety Officers-Law Enforcement for raises. King is in agreement that they are underpaid and the respect is no longer there for officers. Commissioners do not give raises, however, this is done through County Council. American Rescue Plan monies cannot be used for raises. ARP monies can only be used for specific things. The Commissioners are working on bringing revenue back into the county to build tax base up. Money generated from out of county inmates is used for meals within the Jail.

Mr. Brooke confirmed President King is correct and that ARP monies cannot be used for raises, personnel, retirement. ARP monies can be used for COVID, infrastructure, water sewer broadband and stormwater.

Mr. Brad Bookout, Economic Development said assessed value is up \$79 million in the last 4 years. Rural areas assessed values have gone up in the county too.

Mr. Jeff Stanley, Chief Deputy, said monies received for out of county inmates goes directly to county general. Mr. Stanley, Sheriff Skinner and Councilmembers have met and are trying to come up with solutions.

Commissioner Riggin is in hopes that all can come together to keep the Public Servants safe and paid what they deserve.

#### PAYMENTS OF CLAIMS

MOTION: Commissioner Riggin made a motion to approve claims in the amount of \$4,106,986.97.

SECOND: Commissioner Henry

YEAS: Commissioner Henry, Commissioner Riggin, President King

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, OTHER BUSINESS & DISCUSSION

NONE

Mr. Brooke received one question from social media about American Rescue Plan.

Mr. Brooke said the Commissioners are still working on the plan, Mr. Brooke will make adjustments and then the Commissioners will review.

President King said the Commissioners and Mr. Brooke are reviewing the American Rescue Plan for accuracy and are not jumping the gun. It is important that it is correct.

#### RECESS

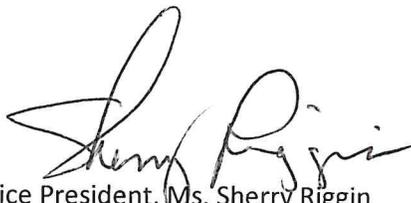
MOTION: Commissioner Riggin made a motion to recess until August 16, 2021.

SECOND: Commissioner Henry

YEAS: Commissioner Henry, Commissioner Riggin, President King



President James King



Vice President, Ms. Sherry Riggin

Commissioners August 2, 2021



Member, Mr. Shannon Henry



Auditor, Mr. Steven G Craycraft