



MONROE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Monroe County Courthouse, Room 323
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Bloomington, Indiana 47404
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Penny Githens, President
Julie Thomas, Vice President
Lee Jones

COMMISSIONERS' HYBRID MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 10:00 am
Nat U. Hill Meeting Room – 3rd Floor, Courthouse and Zoom Connection

Members

Penny Githens, President - Present, **In Person**
Julie Thomas, Vice President - Present, **In Person**
Lee Jones, Present, **In Person**

Staff

Angie Purdie, Commissioners' Administrator – Present, **In Person**
Jeff Cockerill, Legal Counsel – Present, **In Person**

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| 1. | CALL TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER GITHENS | 10:02 am |
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| 2. | COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC STATEMENT READ BY COMMISSIONER THOMAS | 10:02 am |
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| 3. | PROCLAMATION – WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH | 10:03 am |
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| 4. | DEPARTMENT UPDATES
Health – Jaimmie Ford
Planning – Jackie N Jelen | 10:04 am |
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| 5. | PUBLIC COMMENT- <i>For items NOT on the agenda (limited to 3 minutes per speaker)</i> | 10:09 am |
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| <p>Chris Emge, Monroe County resident, Bloomington Chamber of Commerce
Tamby Wikle Cassidy, Monroe County resident
Mary Morgan, Director Heading Home of South-Central Indiana (Virtual)</p> <hr/> | | |

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
March 08, 2023

10:17 am

Thomas made motion to approve. Jones seconded.
Githens called for voice vote.
Motion carried 3-0.

7. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS DOCKET
Accounts Payable – March 22, 2023
Payroll – March 24, 2023

10:18 am

Thomas made motion to approve. Jones seconded.
No public comment.
Githens called for voice vote.
Motion carried 3-0.

8. REPORTS
Clerk of Circuit Court – February
Treasurer - February

10:20 am

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT LETTERS OF AGREEMENT FOR DISASTER RESPONSE
Presenter: Justin Baker

10:20 am

The Monroe County Emergency Management Agency continues to be active in disaster preparedness planning for the county. The office has recently established two letters of agreement with two organizations to help provide their appropriate services after a disaster or incident occurs. One agreement is for structural engineering by BFW Crane, Inc. This agreement serves the purpose of establishing a person to contact locally in the event of a structural collapse. The second agreement is with Sunbelt Rentals for heavy emergency equipment. This agreement serves the purpose of establishing a person to contact locally in the event that heavy equipment, such as forklifts or generators, is needed in response to an incident. These agreements are to serve as a backup plan in the event that our office is unable to obtain a needed resource during an incident in a timely manner.

Thomas made motion to approve. Jones seconded.
Thomas amended motion pending appropriation of Council. Jones seconded.
Githens call for voice vote on amended motion.
Motion carried 3-0.
No public comment.
Githens called for voice vote.
Motion carried 3-0.

B. MALCON MALINOWSKI CONSULTING INC. AGREEMENT

10:27 am

Fund Name: Clerk IV-D Incentive

Fund Number: 8899

Amount: \$11,400

Presenter: Tressia Martin

The Clerk's Office seeks approval of a contract with Malcon Malinowski Consulting Inc. This contract provides that Malinowski will provide the Clerk's office assistance with the requirements of the Cooperative Reimbursement Program Agreements between the Monroe County Clerk's Office and the Indiana Department of Child Services including the preparation of the annual budget addendum and monthly Title IV-D claims. These services will improve the recovery of Title-IV expenses as it pertains to the Clerk's office. The cost of Malinowski services is \$950.00 per month.

Thomas made motion to approve. Jones seconded.

No public comment.

Githens called for voice vote.

Motion carried 3-0.

C. AMATEUR SPORTS PROGRAM AGREEMENT FOR SAFE PLACE

10:29 am

Fund Name: Project Safe Place

Fund Number: 9103

Amount: \$1,278

Presenter: Cassidy McCammon

Safe Place sponsors the calendars and pocket schedules for the sports programs at Bachelor Middle School, Jackson Creek Middle School, Tri-North Middle School, and Bloomington High School North, through Amateur Sports Promotion. We are continuing that partnership, with a total cost of \$1278.

Thomas made motion to approve. Jones seconded.

No public comment.

Githens called for voice vote.

Motion carried 3-0.

D. BLOOMINGTON CITY PARKS AGREEMENT FOR SAFE PLACE

10:31 am

Fund Name: Project Safe Place

Fund Number: 9103

Amount: \$3,400

Presenter: Cassidy McCammon

There are several sponsorship agreements from Bloomington Parks and Rec to continue our outreach to youth in Monroe County.

One banner at Bryan Park pool - \$600

Glow in the Park - \$300

Skate & Scare - \$300

Twin Lakes Recreation Center Banner - \$1200

Summer Solstice - \$1000

Thomas made motion to approve. Jones seconded.

No public comment.
Githens called for voice vote.
Motion carried 3-0.

E. EFFECT TV AGREEMENT FOR SAFE PLACE

10:32 am

Fund Name: Runaway and Homeless
Fund Number: 8120
Amount: \$4,000
Presenter: Cassidy McCammon

We are continuing a contract with Effect TV (formerly Comcast) as we have in years past. This contract allows us to run a 30 second commercial in our area to educate and promote Safe Place, where youth can access help in a crisis. Commercials are aired on channels targeting families with youth. We have moved more towards an online campaign which collects data on the effectiveness of the marketing. The total cost is \$4,000, with \$2,000 dedicated to traditional TV ads, and \$2,000 dedicated to streaming ads. Estimated # of Impressions: 78,946.

Thomas made motion to approve. Jones seconded.
No public comment.
Githens called for voice vote.
Motion carried 3-0.

F. INDOT CHANGE ORDER #3 FOR SAMPLE ROAD PH I

10:33 am

Fund Name: Sample Road, PH I
Fund Number: 8161
Amount: \$127,071.40
Presenter: Lisa Ridge

This change order is to cover the cost to switch from lime to cement for stabilization. After tests were performed it was discovered that the native soils were not suitable for the lime stabilization and would require cement to adequately stabilize subgrade. The item is considered a participating item for reimbursement of 80%. Local responsibility is 20% or \$25,414.28.

Thomas made motion to approve. Jones seconded.
No public comment.
Githens called for voice vote.
Motion carried 3-0.

G. INDOT CHANGE ORDER #3 & #5 WITH FORCE CONSTRUCTION FOR SAMPLE ROAD

10:36 am

Fund Name(s): Sample Road PH I and PH II
Fund Number(s): 8161 & 8162
Amount: \$186,015
Presenter: Lisa Ridge

Monroe County agreed at the beginning of 2022 to pay the additional acceleration costs to get the project to intermediate HMA paving and open the road before the winter of 2023. This was also to parallel with the Cost Reduction Incentive of a cost savings of \$233,496.10 when the project began, to build both phases in one year. Almost, making this a wash in the overall cost of the project, a difference of \$47,481.10. Change Order #3 - \$96,300, Change Order # 5 - \$89,715.

Thomas made motion to approve. Jones seconded.
No public comment.
Githens called for voice vote.
Motion carried 3-0.

- H. HARRELL-FISH, INC. MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR JUSTICE BUILDING GREASE INTERCEPTOR**
Fund Name: County General
Fund Number: 1000
Amount: Not to exceed \$5,674.50
Presenter: Richard Crider

10:39 am

The grease interceptor tank at the Justice Building is currently scheduled for quarterly maintenance. The tank is filling at a rate that requires an increase in service. This request is a 3- year agreement with HFI to empty the grease interceptor tank bi-monthly in an amount that will not exceed \$5,674.50.

Thomas made motion to approve. Jones seconded.
No public comment.
Githens called for voice vote.
Motion carried 3-0.

- I. ACCEPTANCE OF THE RECOMMENDATION TO NEGOTIATE WITH DLZ, INC REGARDING MASTER PLAN AND DESIGN FOR JUSTICE RELATED FACILITIES.**
Presenter: Richard Crider

10:41 am

Thomas made motion to approve. Jones seconded.
Public comment:
Scott Carnegie, DLZ, Inc representative (in person)
Isabelle Piedmont Smith, Bloomington City Council (virtual)
David Gardner, ASI (virtual)
Githens called for voice vote.
Motion carried 3-0.

- J. Documentation for Delegation of Signatory Authority for PH II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit Reports.** (This item was previously scheduled for today's work session)
10:56 am

Thomas made motion to approve. Jones seconded.
Public comment:
Kelsey Thetonia, MS4 Coordinator
Githens called for voice vote.
Motion carried 3-0.

10. APPOINTMENTS

10:52 am

Thomas made motion to approve. Jones seconded.

[Historic Preservation Board of Review](#)

Donn Hall, three-year term, ending 1.1.2026

No public comment.

Githens called for voice vote.

Motion carried 3-0.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Voter registration ends April 3, 2023, for residents of Ellettsville and Bloomington. You may register online at www.in.gov/sos/elections, or call the Clerk's office, 812.349.2612 for more information.

Absentee voting by mail deadline is May 1, 2023.

Early in person voting begins April 4, 2023, at Election Central, 302 S. Walnut St, Bloomington, IN 47404.

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, May 2, 2023. Polls will be open 6:00 am – 6:00 pm

Monroe County Development Ordinance (CDO) will be hosting Focus Groups March 23, 2023, at 5:30 pm via Zoom only. Find the Zoom link at www.monroecdo.com

Free COVID-19 testing available at the Monroe County Health Department, 119 W. 7th Street as well as the Monroe County Public Health Clinic located at 333 E. Miller Drive.

Accepting applications for all boards and commissions. Go to www.co.monroe.in.us for more information or to fill out application.

The Commissioners have virtual office hours via Zoom each month for anyone wanting to speak with a commissioner. Please go to the calendar at www.co.monroe.in.us for dates and times.

Monroe County Commissioners' Blood Drive will be held at Ivy Tech, Shreve Hall, 200 Daniels Way, Bloomington, IN on the following dates:

Thursday, April 6, 10am- 3pm

Friday, April 7, 1pm – 6pm

Thursday, May 11, 10am – 3pm

Friday, May 12, 1pm – 6pm

Wednesday, June 12, 10am – 3pm

Residents can sign up for the Monroe County Alert Notification System for all weather and health related emergencies and updates. To sign up visit www.co.monroe.in.us.

Monroe County Commissioners and Monroe County Council have extended the Assistance Fund for county residents who need assistance in paying rent or utilities. Contact your local Township Trustee for further information.

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE *New Trustee	Phone	email
Bean Blossom- Ronald Hutson	812.935.7174	beanblossomtrustee19@gmail.com
Benton - Michelle Bright	812.339.6593	michelleabright@gmail.com
Bloomington – *Efrat Rosser	812.336.4976	bloomingtontownship@in.gov
Clear Creek - Thelma Jefferies	812.824.7225	thelma@bluemarble.net
Indian Creek - Chris Reynolds	812.824.4981	indiancreektownship@gmail.com
Perry - Dan Combs	812.336.3713	trustee@perrytownship.info
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Richland - Marty Stephens	812.876.2509	rttfrontdesk@bluemarble.net
Salt Creek - *Joan Hall	812.837.9140	jcareyhall@gmail.com
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Washington – *Mary VanDeventer	812.325.1708	mvandeventertrustee@gmail.com

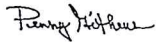
12. ADJOURNMENT
11:00 am

The summary minutes of the March 22, 2023, Board of Commissioners meeting were approved on March 29, 2023.

Monroe County Commissioners

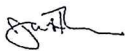
Ayes:

Nays:



Penny Githens, President

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Julie Thomas, Vice President

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Lee Jones

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Attest:



Catherine Smith, Auditor

Minutes submitted by: AF
Minutes reviewed by: DDM



MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'

WORK SESSION AGENDA

March 22, 2023

Nat U. Hill Meeting Room - 3rd Floor, Courthouse and Zoom Connection

No Work Session this date



PROCLAMATION IN OBSERVANCE OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS: Courageous women have called not only for the absence of oppression, but for the presence of opportunity. They have demonstrated for justice, but also for jobs -- ones that promise equal pay for equal work. And they have marched for the right to vote not just so their voices would be heard, but to ensure women could have a seat at the head of the table; and

WHEREAS: With grit and resolve, women have fought to overcome discrimination and shatter glass ceilings, and after decades of slow, steady, and determined progress, they have widened the circle of opportunity for women and girls across our country; and

WHEREAS: Women of every age, race, class, sexual orientation, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our nation and of Monroe County in countless recorded and unrecorded ways. Women have served as early leaders in the forefront of every major movement for progressive social change; and

WHEREAS: Women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the community by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home as well as providing the majority of the volunteer labor force; and

WHEREAS: We are grateful for each member of the Monroe County Women's Commission, and we appreciate their fight for women's equity.

NOW, THEREFORE: We, The Monroe County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim our observance of March 2023, as

Women's History Month in Monroe County

PROCLAIMED THIS TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF MARCH, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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