



**MINUTES
MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
SEPTEMBER 4, 2019
NAT U HILL III MEETING ROOM
COURTHOUSE
BLOOMINGTON, IN**

The Monroe County Commissioners met in a regular meeting on September 4, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. with the following members present: Julie Thomas, President; and Penny Githens, Commissioner. Also present: Elizabeth Sensenstein; Jeff Cockerill, Attorney; Angie Purdie, Commissioners' Administrator; Lisa Ridge, Highway Director; and Anita Freeman, Deputy Auditor. Not present; Lee Jones, Vice President.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Thomas

II. COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC STATEMENT

Statement read by Githens

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA, LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES

- NONE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **AUGUST 28, 2019**

Githens made motion to approve. Thomas seconded.

Motion carried by voice vote.

V. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS DOCKET

- **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – SEPTEMBER 4, 2019**

Githens made motion to approve. Thomas seconded.

(Sensenstein) Total for Accounts Payable - \$1,663,128.55

- \$239,154.75 – Anthem BC/BS

After call for public comment, carried by voice vote.

VI. REPORTS

- **TRAFFIC/ROAD UPDATE**

- Paving in Highland Village will soon be completed.
- Jonathan Dr & Liberty Dr paving will begin after Highland Village is completed.
- Paving crews will be paving next week on Fluck Mill Rd.

- **CONVENTION CENTER UPDATE**

- See attached memo.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. MOVE TO APPROVE: RESOLUTION 2019-16; SOPHIA TRAVIS COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT RECIPIENTS.

FUND NAME: GENERAL

FUND NUMBER: 1000

AMOUNT: \$120,000

Githens made motion to approve. Thomas seconded.

Good morning. I'm **Cheryl Munson**, member of the County Council. I'm here to present to you contracts for funding from Sophia Travis Grants. Working with me on the Council were two members of the Sophia Travis Grants Committee, Eric Spoonmore and Kate Wiltz; two members of the public, Frankie Presslaff and Rachel Guglielmo. There were 37 applicants requesting \$ 241,000. We have available in the fund \$120,000. We spend every nickel with this grant program. I want to let the public know, and especially you because you will be signing the contracts, about the particular projects for the different agencies. (Complete list of recipients is attached). These 36 organizations do so much for our community. The projects that the \$120,000 is funding is just a small portion of what they do. If you want to know more about them please check them out on the internet. If you need to know more about the Sophia Travis Grant Program please check the County website www.co.monroe.in.us.

(Thomas) Thank you so much. We appreciate the work of all the social service agencies in our community. I know you all wish you could've done much more. I appreciate all the hard work that goes into reviewing applications, interviewing and making these really tough decisions so thanks to everybody and your self-included.

(Munson) So for the County Council members who have served on this committee, and there have been a number over the years, we say it is the best work of all that we do in County Government. Thank you.

(Thomas) It's a good day. Thank you so much.

(Githens) It's a herculean task and I'm glad somebody is willing to step up and do that.
After call for public comment, motion carried by voice vote.

B. MOVE TO APPROVE: ORDINANCE 2019-27; AMEND MONROE COUNTY CODE CHAPTERS 296 & 430.

FUND NAME: N/A

FUND NUMBER: N/A

AMOUNT: N/A

Githens made motion to approve. Thomas seconded.

(Cockerill) This is a result of changes in State Law. It's essentially mandating that when we do inspections and permits that the conflict of interest applies to those as well. I don't think we've historically had any issues with that but it's State Law and we want to put it into our code.

(Githens) In the definition it refers to *immediate family member* who you define that for me?

(Cockerill) I think essentially it's anyone who lives in your house. Family members who are in the same home.

(Githens) Thank you.

After call for public comment, motion carried by voice vote.

C. MOVE TO APPROVE: ORDINANCE 2019-28; AMEND MONROE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 262.

FUND NAME: N/A

FUND NUMBER: N/A

AMOUNT: N/A

Githens made motion to approve. Thomas seconded.

(Cockerill) This and the following ordinance adds an ability to, if someone is violating our Courthouse grounds statutes, tell them not to come back for a month. If they come back and comply with the rules that's fine and subsequently if they continue to not follow the rules it's two months, three months. This would not be for the first offense but it would be for a second, offenses would be up to the discretion of the enforcement officer, which would be either the Sheriff's Department or our Maintenance Department.

(Githens) In the actual ordinance you say something about protecting the County '*fisc*' is that a standard abbreviation for fiscal or is it a typo?

(Cockerill) Where are you at?

(Githens) It's the second page of this one. The second full paragraph on the second page of that one the last line. It says it *would protect the County fisc*.

(Cockerill) Is it overnight camping facility?

(Thomas) No.

(Githens) No the next –

(Thomas) No it's about promoting public safety welfare.

(Cockerill) I think that is probably a typo and it should read facility.

(Githens) Ok.

(Thomas) It's a scrivener's error.

(Githens) The County facility or County fiscal body. I didn't know which it should be.

(Thomas) No, facility probably.

(Githens) Ok.

(Thomas) But that could be a scriveners error we won't need to make an amendment there.

After call for public for public comment, motion carried by voice vote.

D. MOVE TO APPROVE: ORDINANCE 2019-29; AMEND MONROE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 257.

FUND NAME: N/A

FUND NUMBER: N/A

AMOUNT: N/A

Githens made motion to approve. Thomas seconded.

(Cockerill) This also adds to the same language regarding multiple infractions to the ordinance. It also removes sleeping bags from the definition of "*Camp paraphernalia*" which is not allowed on Courthouse grounds. This would allow sleeping bags to be brought and it just makes those changes of multiple violations and the resulting penalties including removal from the property for a period of time.

After call for public comment, motion carried by voice vote.

E. MOVE TO APPROVE: ORDINANCE 2019-30; AMEND MONROE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 442.

FUND NAME: N/A

FUND NUMBER: N/A

AMOUNT: N/A

Githens made motion to approve. Thomas seconded.

(Cockerill) This is a change in our policy that would allow people to bring their dogs onto the Courthouse grounds. There are strings attached to that. The owner must attend with the dog and dogs must be on a leash and under the control of the dog's owner or attendant. This is allowing dogs on the Courthouse grounds and cats are not included in this.

(Purdie) Will they still have to pick up their-

(Thomas) Yes.

(Cockerill) Yes. They still have to follow the rules of picking the droppings and throwing them away.

(Githens) There's another scriveners error here. Sorry. I do read these things in advance. Under 442-3, it says "*The owner of attendant*" I think it's supposed to be "*the owner OR attendant*" of a dog.

(Thomas) Oh I see the second one just at the very bottom of the page.

(Githens) Are we actually going to put something out on the Courthouse lawn to provide –?

(Thomas) Yeah, Parks is bringing over bag dispensers.

(Purdie) Yeah, we'll work with Parks to have a dispenser for the little doggy bags. We will also be amending our ordinance notifications on our lawn.

(Thomas) We just need to make sure there is good signage, and the bags are near the trash can.
After call for public comment, motion carried by voice vote.

F. MOVE TO APPROVE: CONTRACT WITH DONNA BARBICK FOR YOGA CLASSES.

FUND NAME: SELF INSURANCE FUND NUMBER: 4700 AMOUNT: \$50/PER CLASS.

Githens made motion to approve. Thomas seconded.

(Cockerill) This is a contract so that the employees of Monroe County have an opportunity to take a yoga class. Scheduling will have to go through the Commissioners' Office and its \$50 per class. When we initially talked we looked at maybe a 10-12 class course and see how popular it is and how well it's doing and then maybe extend it. This contract itself does not give any kind of end date other than anything has to be scheduled through the Commissioners' Office so the time and place is by agreement with your office and the person performing the work.

(Thomas) So it's free to employees?

(Purdie) It is. This is something you guys are providing to our employees free of charge. When I sent out a preliminary email asking about interest I was basically inundated with emails. People are pretty happy about it.

(Thomas) That's great.

(Githens) I'm glad we're focusing on wellness.

(Thomas) Yeah, it is nice.

After call for public comment, motion carried by voice vote.

G. MOVE TO APPROVE: RESOLUTION 2019-21; APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF COUNTY GENERAL BONDS.

FUND NAME: 2019 GO BOND FUND NUMBER: 4812

AMOUNT: NOT TO EXCEED \$5,170,000

Githens made motion to approve. Thomas seconded.

(Cockerill) This I guess will officially kick off the request for a bond for the 2019 year. The projects which are typically the most important part of these bonds. I'll just read off the project list and talk about a little bit more after that.

- The projects include highway vehicles, fiber improvements, Nat U. Hill technology improvements, general County vehicle acquisition and improvements (including retrofitting for propane), construction of a propane filling station, probation vests, LOW treasurer software, vending machines, fans, Alexander Monument improvements, sealant on parking garage, justice building pin tuck, election equipment, roundabout design/landscape, ADA paved seating area on Courthouse lawn, fair board support, and all related improvements and the incidental expenses in connection with these projects.

And I would ask that it would also include land purchase-

(Thomas) Right.

(Cockerill) I don't see that on that list and it should be. I think the amendment should include purchase of land.

(Thomas) Right. You good with that?

(Githens) I move to amend Resolution 2019-21 to include purchase of land.

(Thomas) Second.

All in favor of amendment, motion carried by voice vote.

(Thomas) So that gets added to 'Exhibit A' description of properties. We also talked about permitting software, are we just going to do that out of a different fund?

(Purdie) Yeah, (inaudible) hasn't made a decision in what we're doing. But I think we can handle it under Cumulative-

(Githens) What is LOW Treasurer software?

(Cockerill) LOW is our financial software and it needs some updating and improvements and this is to help with that.

(Purdie) I think it actually - Elizabeth do you know more about it?

(Sensenstein) Is this in regards to the site they want too? I'm not sure.

(Purdie) Yeah. Currently the Treasurer doesn't have this software and this will help them with the parcels-

(Sensenstein) Yeah, property tax. Parcels will be something that the public would have access to to be able to look up their information about their property.

(Purdie) We are also going to talk to them about mobile home data on a separate Legacy kind of software platform and we want to talk to LOW about bringing that over.

(Githens) Will this compliment the County's GIS system?

(Purdie) I don't know about that.

(Sensenstein) It will be much more in-depth than the GIS.

(Githens) Oh, ok. Thank you.

(Thomas) It's kind of bringing together information from the Assessor, Auditor and Treasurer all in one place. But I didn't realize it was going to have the resident's interface which is really nice.

(Sensenstein) I think that is what they'd like. A lot of counties that use LOW (inaudible)

(Thomas) Good I like that. Even better.

(Githens) Thank you for explaining it.

(Thomas) So the Fair Board is a specific equipment upgrade for safety compliance. And yes we want to finish the Alexander Monument improvements. We want to get that done. My understanding is there is some local quarries who are hopefully going to help us as well.
After call for call for public comment, motion carried by voice vote.

H. MOVE TO APPROVE: RATIFY AGREEMENT WITH INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

FUND NAME: N/A

FUND NUMBER: N/A

AMOUNT: \$0

Githens made motion to approve. Thomas seconded.

(Purdie) I am here for Penny Caudill and this agreement is between our Health Department and Indiana University. When Ms. Caudill spoke about this last week at the work session this program is going to unite nursing students and our Health Department employees. It's going to be an education on use of Naloxone program. This will provide education, training to students who will then conduct community education and training on Naloxone. This is going to be a good educational experience for both the students and our Health Department employees. There is no money attached to this and we believe this is a nice partnership with the university.

(Githens) I like the education outreach part of it.

(Thomas) Yeah, it is a good thing.

After call for public comment, motion carried by voice vote.

I. MOVE TO APPROVE: AGREEMENT WITH CARDNO INC. FOR MITIGATION SERVICES.

FUND NAME: CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND NUMBER: 1135

AMOUNT: \$113,500

Githens made motion to approve. Thomas seconded.

(Ridge) This is required to carry out our IDEM permit. Since the bridge has just now been completed we have to continue mitigation services over the next 10 years. This is for those services. Down the road if IDEM wants to eliminate the permit we are allowed to eliminate the services. Say if 5 years down the road they feel that the mitigation is working and effective and doesn't need to continue the 10 year monitoring then we can cease this portion of the project.

(Thomas) So is this paid annually in 10 increments?

(Ridge) No it's actually paid roughly around \$13,000 per year depending on which year it is. I have a breakdown of that, I believe it's in the packet. But it's broke out per year so we don't pay for it in advance.

(Thomas) Right. Ok, good.

(Githens) There was no 'exhibit B' is that correct? Because it says as agreed in writing in 'exhibit A' or if applicable in 'exhibit B' attached. There's no 'exhibit B' in the packet.

(Thomas) It's in 'A'.

(Ridge) I believe it is.

(Githens) It says that their rates are subject to increase annually. Do we have any cap on that?

(Ridge) We have it spelled out exactly what it will be every year. If I didn't include that in the packet I can send that to you. Dave Schilling had already reviewed everything legally also on it.

(Githens) Ok. It looks like they have a lot in there about all insurance they cover but I didn't see some of this stuff.

After call for public comment, motion carried by voice vote.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS

- **NONE**

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 'Paint the Town Purple' event to kick off our Opioid Awareness Month will be this Friday, September 6th from 5 – 8pm on the Courthouse lawn. Event is free and open to the public.
- Accepting applications for all boards and commissions.
- Next Commissioners' Meeting: September 11, 2019, 10am in the Nat U Hill room, 3rd floor of the Courthouse.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The minutes of the September 4, 2019 Board of Commissioners' meeting were approved on September 11, 2019.

Monroe County Commissioners

Ayes:

Nays:



Julie Thomas, President

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Lee Jones, Vice President

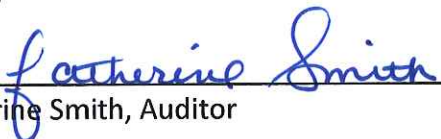
Lee Jones, Vice President



Penny Githens

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Attest:



Catherine Smith, Auditor

Commissioners' Update on the Status of the Convention Center Expansion

September 4, 2019

We want to bring the public up-to-date on where things stand regarding the expansion of the convention center.

In July the Monroe County Commissioners issued a statement inviting the County Council, the Bloomington City Mayor and the Bloomington City Council to sit down with us to work out issues that were beyond the scope of the original steering committee, most importantly, to identify funding for all portions of the project. We are pleased to announce that all parties have accepted our invitation, and with the help of the mayor's staff we have scheduled a meeting for September 16th at 5:30 pm.

The expansion of the convention center includes renovations to the current facility, the construction of a second building, erecting a new parking garage, creating at least one connector, and properly incentivizing a new hotel development. The total cost for this expansion is estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$59 M – not including incentives for the hotel. The food and beverage tax created by the County Council can support a 20-year, \$30 M bond. Together, we need to identify additional funding sources to support the \$59 M total estimated cost plus the additional incentives for the construction of a hotel. These funding sources should be identified before any work begins. We hope that by bringing the fiduciary bodies, the Commissioners and the Mayor to the table that we can answer questions about funding for the residents of Monroe County.

It is also important to clear up some misconceptions. On Sunday, September 1, Erin Predmore, president and CEO of the Bloomington

Chamber of Commerce wrote a column in the Herald-Times supporting our recommendation of a Capital Improvement Board. We thank her for the support of our recommendation. However, in her column Ms. Predmore stated, "The current center, which opened in 1991, is a partnership between Monroe County and the City of Bloomington." This is incorrect. The current Convention Center is wholly owned by Monroe County, and proceeds from the county's inn-keepers' tax pays for its operations. In fact, it is the county's ownership of the facility that led us to insist that we be true and equal partners in the convention center expansion, something the city was previously reluctant to agree to.

Second, Ms. Predmore was critical of the County Commissioners for our efforts to ensure that all relevant elected officials work together. Rather than construe this as "putting the brakes on the current process," we want to ensure that funding is in place for this project before any work begins. Instead, we are focused on ensuring a thoughtful, deliberative, and fiscally responsible process. **We cannot support a decision to break ground with only half of the required funding identified!**

Third, while there are many instances where County Government delegates responsibility, a \$59 M project that involves funding from a county food and beverage tax and on-going support from the Inn Keepers' tax **requires** our involvement. We cannot abrogate our responsibility to taxpayers.

With several major items to work out, we are hopeful that we can identify funding – the first decision of many that need to be made. We believe other decisions will come much more quickly in subsequent meetings. This is a step forward, and a necessary one, and we are glad to have the opportunity to work collaboratively with our elected colleagues.

2019 Sophia Travis Community Service Grant Awards

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
All-Options Pregnancy Resource Center	Hoosier Diaper Program	\$3,900.00
Amethyst House	Residential Food	\$2,300.00
Big Brothers, Big Sisters	Bigs in Badges	\$6,500.00
Boys & Girls Clubs	Youth Transportation Assistance	\$5,000.00
Catholic Charities of Bloomington	Trauma Treatment Sustainability Grant	\$2,200.00
Cardinal Stage	Cardinal for Schools	\$1,450.00
Community Justice and Mediation Center	CJAM Training, Education & Outreach	\$2,460.00
Community Kitchen	Food Purchase	\$6,700.00
El Centro Comunal Latino	Community Interpreting Needs	\$1,990.00
Girls Inc.	Security Fence	\$2,270.00
Grace Center, Inc.	Food Purchase	\$5,400.00
Harmony School Corporation	Rhino's Youth Radio	\$600.00
Hoosier Hills Food Bank	Truck Replacement Project	\$4,800.00
Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry	"Meat" the Need 2019-2020	\$2,000.00
Indiana Recovery Alliance	SAP & Overdose Prevention	\$5,000.00
IU Health Bloomington Community Health	Middle School Wellness Camp	\$600.00
Lotus Education & Arts Foundation	A Light in the Dark	\$1,750.00
Middle Way House	Roof Repair	\$4,000.00
MidWay Music Speaks	MidWay Music Festival	\$1,400.00
M. C. Health Department	Safe Sharps Disposal	\$2,250.00
M. C. Parks & Recreation Department	IN Limestone Symposium	\$2,100.00
Monroe County United Ministries	Basic Needs for M.C. Residents	\$3,400.00
Mother Hubbard's Cupboard	Emergency Food	\$1,130.00
My Sister's Closet	Continued Client Services w/help of the Cloud	\$1,000.00
New Hope For Families	An Open Door	\$3,750.00
New Leaf- New Life	Support for Day 1 Release Assistance	\$5,000.00
Planned Parenthood of IN & KY	Cockrum Compassionate Care Fund	\$5,300.00
Safe Families for Children	Safe Families for Children	\$5,300.00
Shalom Community Center	Friend's Place Shelter	\$2,700.00
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Truck Repair & Maint/ Box Springs & Bed Frame Fund	\$5,400.00
South Central Community Action Program	Thriving Connections	\$5,750.00
South Central Indiana Housing Opportunities	Housing4Hoosiers Resources for Renters	\$3,500.00
Team First Book	Edgewood Primary School Early Literacy	\$2,300.00
The Warehouse	Safety Updates	\$3,500.00
Wheeler Mission	Installation of utilities for expansion	\$4,800.00
Writing For (A) Change Foundation	Young Women Writing for Outreach Programs	\$2,500.00
	TOTAL	\$120,000



**MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION AGENDA
MONROE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
JUDGE NAT U. HILL III MEETING ROOM
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA
September 4, 2019**

- 1. Talisha Coppock – Director, Downtown Bloomington**
 - a. Canopy of Lights
- 2. Lois Pursell – Town of Stinesville, Clerk/Treasurer**
 - a. Request for Assistance
- 3. Tammy Behrman**
 - a. 2019-24 Owen County State Bank Rezone
- 4. Jackie Nester**
 - a. 2019-26 Hoosier Hills Bank Rezone
- 5. Lisa Ridge – Highway Director**
 - a. Miscellaneous
- 6. Legal Department**
 - a. Miscellaneous
- 7. Angela Purdie – Commissioners' Administrator**
 - a. Miscellaneous