

MINUTES MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 NAT U HILL III MEETING ROOM COURTHOUSE BLOOMINGTON, IN

The Monroe County Commissioners met in a regular meeting on September 18, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. with the following members present: Julie Thomas, President; Lee Jones, Vice President; and Penny Githens, Commissioner. Also present: Jordan Miller, Payroll Administrator; Jeff Cockerill, Attorney; Angie Purdie, Commissioners' Administrator; Lisa Ridge, Highway Director; Cathy Smith, Auditor; and Anita Freeman, Deputy Auditor.

- CALL TO ORDER
 The meeting was called to order by Thomas
- II. COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC STATEMENT
 Statement read by Jones
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA, LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES

My name is **Kevin Weinberg.** I am here to follow up on Professor Segigel's comments last week about our organization Indiana Against E-Carceration and the work that we are doing. I've been helping Professor Segigel research electronically monitored home detention. I work for CATS and I help lead a poetry class in the jail but of course I'm speaking on my own behalf this morning. To quickly reiterate what the professor said last week we're really excited about the county's public engagement process around criminal justice and are concerned that if a new jail is not god willing constructed we'll be drawn in to a nationwide trend to expand electronic monitoring. This is something we've seen in counties all across the country. In Indiana electronic monitoring expanded three fold in the last decade and it's something that is happening rapidly and we think it's not the solution, it's a very attractive one. We're especially concerned about pre-trial electronic monitoring which is people who have been accused of a crime and then placed in their home with an ankle bracelet. The State Supreme Court ruling that goes into effect 2020 will make cash bail illegal and I think leaders in Monroe County don't fully understand the fiduciary vs legislative and what power you really have. Leaders in Monroe

County have a chance to make a progressive choice and to push to let people out on their own recognizance. So to explain a little more for the folks back at home, which is something I love when people say so it's fun. So the way the court system decides who can be release while awaiting trial or who ends up on electronic monitoring is thru a risk assessment algorithm which kind of sounds scientific or objective, it's kind of like their back door for the racism classism's that exist elsewhere. They weigh among other things the frequency of someone's exposure over a life time to police which is just inevitably going to happen more in working class neighborhoods and communities of color. So it ends up punishing the people who are already the most vulnerable. It's not an objective system for determining anything. Electronic monitoring another reason that it's not a good solution is that in practice it places a huge economic burden on the people who end up on home detention. In Monroe County it costs up to \$540 a month to be on electronic monitoring, which is about as high as it gets in the state, although it's a little more costly in Marion County sometimes. It has a myriad of other problems too which we describe in detail on our web site www.notbetterthanjail.org which I suggest that people check out. So yeah letting people out on their own recognizance in contrast allows people to stay connected to a network of support while being able to continue provide for their family and for themselves. In general prioritizing supporting marginalized people rather than punishing them is something Monroe County is already doing, you can see the Opioid Summit next week and I think it's really important and I'll just really quick plug our event October 13th, 3:30pm at New Leaf New Life there will be a panel discussion with some people who have been on home detention and we invite everyone here to attend. Thank you so much.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

Motion carried by voice vote.

V. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS DOCKET

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

Jones made motion to approve. Githens seconded. (Miller) Total for Accounts Payable - \$1,315,827.80

- \$215,208.56 Anthem BC/BS Claims & Fees
- \$159,000.00 Convention Center Loan Payment
- \$431,000.00 Fund to Fund Transfer
 - o Fund 4811 2018 GO Bond to Fund 9107- Next Level Trails

After call for public comment, carried by voice vote.

VI. REPORTS

TRAFFIC/ROAD UPDATE

- Highland Village Subdivision paving to be completed this Friday.
- Liberty Drive paving begins Friday, September 20th, 23rd and 24th.
- Old ST Rd 37 South, from St Rd 37 to Chumley Road- paving will begin September 25th through October 2nd.
- Fullerton Pike PH III meeting will be September 26 at 6:30pm in the Batchelor Middle School cafeteria. Public encouraged to attend.

(Jones) I would like to say that Jonathan Drive looks better than it ever has.

(Ridge) All those projects there are a part of the Community Crossing Matching Grant projects. It was funded 50% locally and 50% from the State.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. (1)MOVE TO APPROVE: PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ADDITION OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF VAN BUREN & BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP INTO THE MONROE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

Thomas opens the Public Hearing.

(Cockerill) The following item is an ordinance 2019-34, which is part of this. This has been a 6-8 month long process for the county so far. Earlier this year for each Van Buren and Bloomington Township the Commissioners enacted resolutions outlining what was required in order for this ordinance to come to the County Commissioners for review. All those requirements have been met. There were public meetings for people to learn about what's going on. There was a time period where people could contact the county and say 'this is a bad idea' and there were requirements of petitions for certain areas of the county. And all those have been accomplished. The current ordinance we did make a couple changes that I would like to point out before the public hearing and that we added a final 'Whereas' clause that states this ordinance adds the un-incorporate areas of Van Buren and Bloomington Township to the Monroe Fire Protection District for the purposes of IC 36-4-37, that is the annexation portion of the code. And that we also clarified that the change in the district board would occur on January 1, 2021 when the actual two townships will enter the Fire Protection District as members.

So those are two changes to the ordinance and this is required by state statute that a public hearing occur before you address the issue.

(Thomas) Did we receive any remonstrations at the Auditor's Office? (Cockerill) Last I checked, which was last week, we had not and they have not indicated since then that we have. I'm pretty confident in saying we have not received any remonstrations at all. We certainly did not receive any within the allotted time limit.

(Cathy Smith) I was just going to say we did not. In fact we had many many people over the amount that we need and it was clearly something that was really supported by all the townships involved.

(Cockerill) I believe when she says more than we needed, she's talking about the petition portion of it not the remonstration portion.

(Thomas) The support petition, thank you for the clarification Mr. Cockerill.

With that we will go ahead and move to the public comment portion. Is there anyone here who wishes to speak in favor of the addition of these two unincorporated areas of these two townships into the fire district?

I'm Rita Barrow Van Buren Township Trustee.

I'm Kim Alexander Bloomington Township Trustee.

(Barrow) And we wanted to take this time and thank the residents for all their support. The Commissioners; the Attorneys; the Auditor; and the Fire District. They have been outstanding in helping us do this and I think this is an awesome organization now.

(Alexander) I don't have anything to add to that really. I just want to express my thanks as well.

(Thomas) Thank you both.

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Geoff McKim. I am a resident of the unincorporated Bloomington Township and also the Bloomington Township Citizen representative on the Executive Committee on the Northern Monroe Fire Territory, a committee that will go way once this transition is completed. I wanted to speak in favor of the unincorporated Bloomington Township joining the fire district. I think the primary reason, although there are many many reasons for increased efficiency. I think another important reason is the fire territory is just statutorily a much less secure form of organization. It's much easier to be disrupted due to electoral changes and so it just makes it difficult to plan for the future. Moving into the fire district I think will make it just much easier for moving into the future. I think Bloomington Township and Northern Monroe Fire Territory bring a lot of assets to the table that will benefit the district as a whole. So I encourage you to support this move to the fire district.

Now, while I have the microphone I would also like to encourage the City Fire Department in particular to continue to work with the fire district to establish an automatic aid agreement. I think that would by far the best interest of the community and I think it's a shame that automatic aid has been suspended. But I hope to see within the near future for it to be re-established in a formal agreement. Thank you.

(Thomas) Thank you for raising that issue.

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I'm Richard Martin. I'm a resident of the Bloomington Township unincorporated area north of the City of Bloomington. I am generally in favor of this consolidation of these fire districts into a larger unit. I think it's always true that the provision of infrastructure becomes more economically feasible when we have these larger units in which we can spread the costs around. I have two kind of concerns about this at this point in time. One of them has to do with your continuing obligation for management and oversight of the district. I can see that in the future there can be difficulties with how we manage the tax issues involved with this because we're going to have a uniform taxing across areas of the county which have very

different kinds of taxing capability. That's a potential problem that's going to have to be managed somehow.

The other one that I see is this issue of annexation. It occurs to me that areas that get annexed into the city where residents would rather have service from the city than from a fire district can be problematic in the future. Also, I see there are possibilities for the need for the fire district to service areas of industrial development west of Bloomington. That will be difficult for them to do without substantial investments in equipment in the future. That burden would then be placed upon county residents rather than the more capable city residents that have the capacity and the infrastructure in place to deal with that already. So those are two kinds of things that I think will be problematic in the future that we'll have to watch out for. But generally I support this notion of consolidating these fire districts. I would go so far as to say the entire county ought to have a single emergency response capability. Thank you very much.

(Thomas) Thank you so much Mr. Martin. Thank you for being here.

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Hi Cathy Smith again. I'm not speaking as the Auditor I'm speaking as a resident of the unincorporated area of Van Buren. I own two houses on Fullerton Pike next door to each other. A few years ago we, my neighbor and I both had a house fire. It was a windy day. The fire started where the construction project was, went through my yard a little bit and got my deck and then took her house out. It was a very scary situation. Van Buren responded they did an absolute amazing job. I work with all these different groups as the Auditor, but I just want to say that we have something really special going on in this county. Unfortunately I had a first-hand seat for that. It was a very scary situation. My neighbor was asleep in her house on the top floor. She was closing on her new house later that afternoon, her house had been sold so it was pretty unusual situation. However the professionalism of the fire fighters was absolutely amazing and it really gave me confidence, terrible it took something like that to really understand what they go through. But it really gave me confidence and really let me understand how important it is for the groups to work together because a large fire is much harder to fight than a small fire like a ditch fire. I mean this was a major home fire. So thank you for your service and thank you for wanting to save the taxpayers money by consolidating and working together. I think that's just amazing.

(Thomas) Thank you. Is there anyone else here to speak in favor of the fire district additions? Is there anyone here who wishes to speak in opposition? Seeing none, is there any comments from the board?

(Jones) I'd like to comment that each of us attended several of the meetings running up to this decision. One of the things at least to me very important was the degree of support this whole plan was receiving from the fire fighters themselves.

(Githens) I had just a couple of things that I'd like Mr. Cockerill to clarify. Could you tell us who appoints the members of Board of Trustees for the Fire Protection District and how long their terms are?

(Cockerill) The Commissioners appoint the members of the board. They are a four year term but they're staggered. I don't want to go out there and say when you add the extra two that they would automatically receive that full four year terms. But after that first cycle they would all be on a four year term basis.

(Githens) I also want to echo what Commissioner Jones said. There was tremendous support of all the meetings we went to and that both Rita Barrow and Kim Alexander did an exceptional job in getting information out to their constituents and it made a difference.

(Thomas) I do appreciate the leadership of the townships. I really appreciate the work that's been done by the fire districts to ensure that there is a smooth transition, to ensure that everything is in place for an efficient incorporation. We really appreciate Chief Dillard and the staff and all the fire fighters who do such a great job for us everywhere in the county.

Legally we could have as the Board of Commissioners gone forward and just made the unincorporated parts of Monroe County part of a fire district. But we choose a very deliberate path to do so where we are going to each township and each township actually comes to us and says yes we want to be a part of it. And going through that remonstration process to ensure that the residents really want this. Rather than it's something that we acknowledge that we see the efficiencies, the cost savings, we see all of that but we really wanted to make sure that it's something that the residents wanted and clearly this is something that we've seen, as you noted Commissioner Jones, the residents really wanted. We appreciate everyone's time and attention for this. Sometimes a slow deliberate process makes sense and I think this one of them.

(2)MOVE TO APPROVE: ORDINANCE 2019-34; REGARDING THE ADDITON OF THE UNICORPORATED AREAS OF VAN BUREN & BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP INTO THE MONROE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

FUND NAME: N/A

FUND NUMBER: N/A

AMOUNT: N/A

Jones made motion to approve. Githens seconded.

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

B. MOVE TO APPROVE: HARTMAN AND WILLAMS AGREEMENT FOR ACCOUNTING SERVICES.

FUND NAME: GENERAL

FUND NUMBER: 1000

AMOUNT: \$140,000

Jones made a motion to approve. Githens seconded.

(Smith) I think Jeff is going to speak about it.

(Cockerill) As we've discussed and I think as you all are aware of we are having additional reporting requirements which are based on a fundamentally different style of accounting than the county is used to. This agreement is really a three year agreement with four reports involved. They will do an initial report for 2018 and 2019 and that will be done early next year according to the state guidelines. Then there is an additional two years of work after that to

also use those reports on those reporting guidelines. The important thing that I felt when we were in discussions with it really for the first year they're going to build the model and year two & three they're going to train as well as accomplish the task. Year four all of our staff and all of employees should have a really good understanding of what this change is, what it means and how it works. This is a fairly costly agreement but if we don't get this work done it's also pretty extreme actions that we would not be able to do.

(Smith) The one thing that I was really concerned with is other large areas had hired contractors to help them with their accounting and when those reports went to the State Board of Accounts they failed there. And so I'll introduce Mike Williams. He used to run the State Board of Accounts and his partner ran it as well, they ran it under two different governors but I'll let him speak to, well I tell you, I think he was the best choice of everyone but I'll let him tell you a little bit about himself.

As she said I'm Mike Williams. One of the partners with Hartman-Williams. The other partner is Bruce Hartman and he finished up being state examiner about five years ago and become my partner in providing governmental services area the State of Indiana for various governmental units. Our model is to try to utilize former State Board of Accounts folks where possible. Right now I know we've got, Bruce and I, which we have a combined 66 years of experience with the board of accounts. We both took early retirement and went into CPA firm business and we've got other staff that have all worked for the board of accounts. Without this going and converting your financial statements to GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) to accrual financial statements you would not be able to bond after June 30, 2020. So we need to get working on it very soon because we've got to show comparative statements between 2018 and 2019. We've got to go back to the first of the year to get your accruals at that point your accruals here at the end of the year work on 2018 so that we can provide that with the 2019 information. It's a big undertaking, the law and this State Examiners directives say any county that has a population of 100,000 or more must do this along with cities that are 75,000. And it even reaches to school corporations. Our office is in Bloomfield about 25 miles away. My previous time at the board of accounts I walked the hallways here in the Courthouse many years ago. I am familiar with the system you have here.

(Githens) Do we actually need an outside firm to compile information on our capital assets?

(Smith) No we do not. We just prepared a new set of rules, Angie and our department worked together, Bri Gregory our Internal Auditor is presenting that. We have done that ourselves and we're almost finished and that has to be finished before they begin their work if you ratify this contract and it'll be done by the end of this month. It is not part of this contract.

(Thomas) I just want to point out for the public that the first year of this contract is \$140,000, the second and third year still have to have Council appropriation. I also want to point out that this is yet another unfunded mandate from the State of Indiana a total of \$405,000 which is just shocking to me that they do this to us and to the taxpayers but it is what it is. The law is in place and we need to comply.

(Cockerill) I'd just like to make two more comments. We got proposal from several vendors. Two things that stood out to me when we were going through this process on the selection is that \$405,000 is a not to exceed amount, not an estimate. We got a lot of estimates but this was the only one that I saw that was a due not exceed amount which was important. The other thing when the principles at this used to work for the State Board of Accounts they did this work for the counties. This was an item was accomplished back in time by the State Board of Accounts and now we've got to figure out how to do it locally. I think that experience was one of the things that we really took into account in the choice of vendor.

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

C. MOVE TO APPROVE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FISCAL YEAR 2019 ANNUAL REPORT. FUND NAME: N/A FUND NUMBER: N/A AMOUNT: N/A

Jones made motion to approve. Githens seconded.

(Tom Rhodes) This is my last annual report to the Commissioners. I've been here 30 years and will be retiring January 3. I'd like to introduce you to the next Community Corrections Director, Becca Streit. She has been with our department for several years and has been responsible in getting our Pre Trial Program up and running. I'm very confident in her abilities that Community Corrections will continue to be a fantastic program here in Monroe County. It's kind of sad looking back but we've accomplished a whole lot down thru the years. We started out with about \$250,000 grant money to get things going. Peggy Welch was the first Community Corrections Director and I'm the second Community Corrections Director and we've been around for 36 years. There is stability that has been there and I've been telling Becca she needs to here for 30 years and we'll continue.

I'm reporting on the fiscal year 2019. We receive from the DOC \$1,292,897, that's a million dollars more than what we received when we started out 30 years ago. The Department of Correction has been very helpful in making sure our program continued. We have developed many programs, we're very innovative, we have 4 problem solving courts; drug, veterans, mental health, and re-entry courts. We bring people back from prison early and we also have the last two program audits by the state we were rated as the top program in score out of 92 counties, which I'm very proud of our staff and what we been accomplishing down thru the years. Some rough numbers for you; Pre-Trial we received during the fiscal year 1291 cases and Post-Conviction 1661 cases that we supervised during the year. We've had some changes in the last couple of years, we no longer have road crew, except for Little 500, and that's still something we have to look at year in and year out. Our numbers have been going down on Little 500 so I'm hoping that the students are getting smarter and staying out of trouble. One thing that I want to emphasize is we have field officers that are on call 24/7 responding to any electronic monitoring alerts. We have had to replace 8 field officers during the year because their pay level is not very high for what we expect out of them. I've encouraged our advisor board to look into to being able to pay these individuals a little bit more so that we can have stability with our field staff. I've mentioned to the advisory board at our last meeting that Judge Todd said years ago that Community Correction basically was operating another jail out on the streets, but now I can tell you looking at it we are operating prison population on the streets. That means public safety has got to be our number one priority. We have been able to respond quickly if somebody violates home detention with any time during the day or night

there is a Judge on call ready to find probable cause to issue a warrant to put that individual into the jail and keep the community safe.

Our programs operate evidence based practices we're very innovative in treatments and interventions. We've seen people change. In 30 years I've seen grandparents then their children and now unfortunately grandchildren. We are trying to bring about changes that we do the interventions that's going to cut that off. We want people to be successful. That is basically my report and I wish the Commissioners the best and the best for Community Corrections into the future.

(Thomas) Thank you. Congratulations on your retirement appreciate your service.

(Jones) I think one thing that Mr. Rhodes is really quite famous for is spending every penny of every of any grant that he gets. I don't quite know how he accomplishes that but it's been very impressive. Yes, I do agree that we need to look into the situation with the field officers that's something that's going to be very important. Thank you.

(Rhodes) By the way, we did spend out the grant to the penny last year.

(Githens) I just applaud you for your length of service and your dedication to Monroe County. Thank you.

(Rhodes) Thank you.

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

D. MOVE TO APRROVE: ORDINANCE 2019-25; SOUTHERN MEADOWS REZONE. FUND NAME: N/A FUND NUMBER: N/A AMOUNT: N/A

Jones made motion to approve. Githens seconded.

(Drew Myers) I have a slide show to give you background information on this petition. It is petition number 1906-REZ05 – The Southern Meadows Rezone. The petitioner requests to rezone approximately 39.01 acres from Planned Unit Development (PUD), Estate Residential 1 and Single Dwelling Residential – 3.5/Pro 6 all to Medium Density Residential. The property is located between South Rogers Street and South College Drive near Gordon Pike. The current parcel zoning of the PUD was originally from the overlap of the South Crest Mobile Home Manor and it was originally part of a Type A Subdivision with the South Crest Mobile Home Manor. You can see on this map that PUD to the north is that portion. The map here is a little bit off that portion is a lot smaller in real life. The parcel zoning layer here is a little bit off. The rest of the parcel is the RS 3.5/Pro 6 and then the RE1 section is in the North West corner which is also all flood plain. The petition site is designated as MCUA Mixed Residential by the comprehensive plan and is also residential as well in PH II. Site conditions here it's fairly flat with some rolling hills type landscape it all drains into Clear Creek which is to the North West and flows South West.

Here is a slope map to show you the percentages of slopes and also the flood plain on the property. There are no steep slopes that are greater than 15% on the property. The petitioner submitted rezone request with the respective portions of the acreage that are petitioned to be rezoned. Staff worked with the petitioner to select the Medium Density Residential zone in

Chapter 802 because it is very similar to the predominate zone in this area which is RS 3.5. There is very minimal differences in the design standards and lot sizes between these two zones. The RS 3.5 zone and the RE1 zone are Bloomington Fringe Zones. Typically we encourage rezoning out of those fringe zones into the Chapter 802 zones which incorporates the Medium Density Residential. Here I have some site photos the top left is a pictometry image of the entire site. The bottom right is kind of an entrance off of South Rogers Street. You can kind of see the gate thru there. These are pictures on the other side of the entrance so it kind a residential area and if you go thru that tree line you come out into this view of the northern section of the property. That tree line in the back ground on the picture on the right is the border between South Crest Mobile Home Manor. This is back on the other side where you come in thru that gate it's just a pan of left to right of the site. You can tell on these rolling hills type of landscape from the photographs. I'm just going to go thru a couple more photographs here too. This is on the other side by the residential areas just a pan of more of the property. Then looking north and you can see that tree line there that's the border line of the South Crest Mobile Home Manor. This image here is also in your packet it talks about how the design standards between the RS 3.5 zone and the MR zone are very similar. We discussed during the work session there was just a very tiny difference between the lot sizes, I think it was .01 is the difference between these zoning districts. Here is the petitioners' letter just requesting that it all be rezoned to MR. Orginally it was petitioned just to have the PUD portions rezoned but at the Plan Review Committee meeting it was suggested that they rezone it entirely because the PUD portion is very small and they wanted to get rid of some split zoning and just move out of that fringe zone into the Chapter 802 zones.

The Plan Commission gave this petition a positive recommendation on August 20, 2019 with a vote of 6-1 and that one vote against we feel that was mainly due to the adjoin petition for this property which is a preliminary plat for a major subdivision. There was a lot of discussion about that petition for the rezone petition and we tried to hone it back in onto the rezone, but there still was some discussion on that and that I believe is where the opposition came from. Staff recommended approval of this rezone as well.

(Jones) I guess this is probably inevitable but to me it's just very sad to see such prime farm land crammed full of houses.

(Githens) Again I'm trying to learn things so if I ask questions that you think are obvious I apologize. In the Medium Density Residential district it says that we're trying to encourage development where public services exist. So are those public services just sewer and water or do they extend beyond that?

(Myers) I believe when it talks about public services it does include water and other infrastructure like that. Also public services could include public transportation and those kinds of things in the area as well as road infrastructure. So being on Gordon Pike I do know there are some bus stops in that area. I'm not completely confident about whether or not the site on septic or sewer right now, I know there is sewer in the area but I don't know how close or what the intentions of the development is.

(Githens) What kind of rates of traffic are expected to impact both South Rogers and South College Drive once it's fully developed?

(Myers) I am not sure about that because that would be more of a question that would be geared more towards the preliminary plat of the development petition. I know that as of right now there is one spot of entrance of the property and that is off of South College Drive. The petitioner is in works of acquiring a second point of entry off of South Rogers, but I am unsure of the status of that agreement. If it helps to understand the petition for the major subdivision I think is approximately 100 lots. That number has fluctuated during the planning review and the discussion with the petitioner as well so I can't confidently say what it is at this time.

(Thomas) So that is the next step after this, this is just a rezone. The petitioner could invoke the current zoning on this lot so it's not so that's why we're stuck with this unfortunate situation. I will also point out that either way they would have to have sewer to proceed with the subdivision of this density.

(Myers) That is correct yes. And it should be said to that the petition for the preliminary plat is being pushed thru and reviewed as if this rezone was not going to happen. So all the materials that the Planning office has seen and the discussion has been built around has just been talking about the zoning right now is RS 3.5. They could go forward with that if they wanted to.

(Thomas) Is there anyone here to speak in favor of this petition? Is there anyone here to speak in opposition of this petition? Any other public comment?

Motion carried by voice vote.

E. MOVE TO APPROVE: RATIFICATION OF VET ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS, LLC AGREEMANT.

FUND NAME: GENERAL

FUND NUMBER: 1000

AMOUNT: NOT TO

EXCEED \$5,383

Jones made motion to approve. Githens seconded.

(Purdie) This is the ratification of an agreement with VET Environmental Engineers to do an assessment of the Courthouse building in its entirety. This is Indiana and the change of the seasons however we've had a lot of complaints of sneezing and itchy eyes. There's been concerns in other departments about whether or not if it's damp or something of that nature. You guys actually choose to be proactive and to bring them in and have them do an assessment of our building.

(Githens) I hope we get some answers soon.

(Jones) Yes, there has been quite a bit of sneezing.

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

F. MOVE TO APPROVE: RATIFICATION OF CARDNO AGREEMENT FOR MITIGATION SERVICES FOR THE CEDAR FORD BRIDGE.

FUND NAME: CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND NUMBER: 1135 AMOUNT: \$123,500

Jones made motion to approve. Githens seconded.

(Ridge) So this was originally approved at the September 4th meeting however it was not broke down into the years. INDEM requires the ten year mitigation monitoring. If it ceases per their recommendation then we won't be billed for the remaining years. However when it was broke down by the years the consultant realized they had a typo in it so it was \$123,500.

(Thomas) So this will replace the previous agreement with the corrected amount. The addendums haven't changed just the total.

(Ridge) Yes.

(Githens) I need to know what weed whipping is.

(Ridge) Pardon me?

(Githens) What is weed whipping?

(Ridge) I don't know.

(Thomas) Its weed whacking.

(Jones) Its weed eating.

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

G. MOVE TO APPROVE: AMERICAN STRUCTUREPOINT, INC AMENDMENT #4 FOR HUNTERS CREEK ROAD PH II & III.

FUND NAME: LOCAL ROAD AND STREET FUND NUMBER: 1169 AMOUNT: \$87,335

Jones made motion to approve. Githens seconded.

(Ridge) Hunters Creek Road has been on the books for a few years. Ph I is just now being completed and closing out. PH II & III have been joined together as one project with INDOT and going to be constructed in one year. So we're finishing up the final design and permit renewals for both PH I & II for construction in fiscal year 2021.

(Githens) I'm confused about why it's PH II & PH III in one part of it and then its PH I & II in another part is it because they combined it?

(Ridge) It was one project in the beginning when the project was originated. It's such a long corridor it was broken into different. We purchased the right-of-way for the entire corridor. The right-of-way phase is completed. Then it was broke down by PH I and then broken down into PH II & III. It was basically for funding on INDOT's side and us providing a local match. PH II & III were submitted separately in two different INDOT call for projects however they reached

out to us in February and asked us if we could do the local match they would combine it into one project.

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

H. MOVE TO APPROVE: ABRAM-MOSS DESIGN GROUP, LLC FUND NAME: STORMWATER FUND NUMBER: 1197

Jones made motion to approve. Githens seconded.

(Ridge) This agreement is for engineering services for the Fairway Lane and Bloomington County Club drainage swale. Terry has been working with the property owners down there and trying to make some improvements. We had done a project down there a few years ago and it still seems to have some issues. The agreement was approved by the Stormwater Board on September 12th.

AMOUNT: \$8,500

AMOUNT: \$15,000

AMOUNT: \$336,000

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

I. MOVE TO APPROVE: ABRAM-MOSS DESIGN GROUP, LLC FUND NAME: STORMWATER FUND NAME: 1197

Jones made motion to approve. Githens seconded.

(Ridge) This agreement is also for engineering services for a Rhorer Rd drainage analysis and preliminary design. The agreement was approved by the Stormwater Board September 12th. **After call for public comment, motion carried by voice vote.**

J. MOVE TO APPROVE: SHREWSBERRY AGREEMENT.
FUND NAME: STORMWATER FUND NAME: 1197

Jones made motion to approve. Githens seconded.

(Ridge) I would like to correct that, that was the original amount and this is an amendment for that and it's only \$40,000. The original agreement for the Baby Creek Rd project was \$336,000. This is just a \$40,000 amendment to that.

(Thomas) So this should be an amended agreement.

(Ridge) It is.

(Jones) I amend the motion to make this an amended agreement of \$40,000. **All in favor of the amended motion.**

(Ridge) We started this project a couple of years ago with this company. Due to the requirements of the project raising the elevation to certain criteria needs to be met for the project it required the additional \$40,000 amendment to the contract to fit the transition lengths and widths, the culvert lengths, additional meetings we plan to have and submittals. It was also approved by the Stormwater Board September 12th.

(Thomas) I will say that it's great that this project is moving forward. I know it's been a problematic area for quite some time. I'm very excited to see this getting done as I know the area residents are as well.

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

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VIII. APPOINTMENTS

NONE

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Buskirk Chumley Theater and Monroe County Opioid Advisory Commission will be hosting a free screening of <u>Beautiful Boy</u>, Monday, September 23, 2019 at 6pm.
- Third Annual South Central Indiana Summit well be held Tuesday, September 24, 2019 from 7:30am to 6:00pm at the Monroe County Convention Center, 302 S College Ave. For tickets and registration go to www.co.monroe.in.us
- Fullerton Pike PH III public meeting will be held in the Batchelor Middle School Cafeteria on Thursday, September 26th at 6:30 pm. Public is encouraged to attend and offer input as there will be two options will be presented for the next phase of the project.
- Accepting applications for all boards and commissions.
- Next Commissioners' Meeting: September 25, 2019, at 10am in the Nat U Hill meeting room, 3rd floor of the Courthouse.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The minutes of the 18, 2019 Board of Commissioners' meeting were approved on September 25, 2019.

Monroe County Commissioners

Ayes:	Nays:
Ju lie Tho mas, President	Julie Thomas, President
Lee Jones, Vice President	Lee Jones, Vice President
Penny Githens	Penny Githens
Attest:	
Catherine Smith, Auditor	