



**MINUTES
MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
MAY 1, 2019
NAT U HILL III MEETING ROOM
COURTHOUSE
BLOOMINGTON, IN**

The Monroe County Commissioners met in a regular meeting on February 27, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. with the following members present: Julie Thomas, President and Lee Jones, Vice President and Penny Githens. Also present: Jordan Miller, Payroll Administrator, Jeff Cockerill, Attorney, Angie Purdie, Commissioners' Administrator, Lisa Ridge, Public Works Director, and Anita Freeman, Deputy Auditor.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Thomas

II. COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC STATEMENT

Statement read by Thomas

Welcome new Commissioner Penny Githens

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

Good morning Commissioners, **Jim Shelton** on behalf of the Chamber. Also want to extend a welcome to Commissioner Githens and congratulate her on being selected and I appreciate her willing to serve, and wish you the best as you undertake this. I want to share with you and the public a couple of events that CASA is going to sponsor during the month of May. Our CASA fund raises approximately 2/3 of their budget, 1/3 comes through the Court System budget system here at the County. And the rest comes for the State and grants. We're having a fund raiser on May 16th, "Candle Light Breakfast" 7:30 am in Fountain Square Ballroom. If anybody out there is interested in helping support the CASA program that would be a good thing. You can attend that, have breakfast and still get to work.

This is the 35th year that Monroe County has had a CASA program. It was started as a result of a 13 person committee working. We are going to have a gathering in the Courthouse May 30th at 6:30 pm. It will be a panel, 2 of the 13 members of that committee will be there, and one is

(Caudill) Yes that should extend, yes. But again if anyone is question for whatever reason they can certainly have titer drawn, there's going to be a charge for that but, you can have that titer ran and then you would know for certain that you have that immunity or you need to get another shot. Just to kind of say, I'm not sure of the exact air date but Chanel 13 from Indy will air a piece about Monroe County. We have excellent vaccination rates and we're among the best in the State. So they're doing a piece, we have a physician who's talking about vaccine, Public Health Nurse talked about our program, so just really to highlight the good work that's going on in Monroe County. We appreciate those people who are getting vaccinated and we appreciate those you maybe haven't and are considering that.

(Thomas) Kuddos to having that. That's a really great thing about our community and that's thanks to our Health Department. So thank you.

(Caudill) Yes. The pediatrician's office they're really good about telling people to get their vaccine or sending them to the clinic. So we're very blessed to have that working relationship.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **APRIL 24, 2019**

Jones made motion to approve. Githens seconded.

Motion carried by voice vote. Githens abstained.

V. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS DOCKET

- **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – MAY 1, 2019**

Jones made a motion to approve. Thomas seconded.

(Miller) Total Accounts Payable - \$763,350.44

- \$219,725.05 – Innkeepers Tax – March 2019
- \$158,758.60 – STEM Program
- \$115,570.77 – YSB Renovation
- \$109,965 – Highway Caterpillar Purchase

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

VI. REPORTS

- **TRAFFIC/ROAD UPDATE**

- For the next 3 weeks or so there will be a lot of construction going on in the Walnut St Pike/Old SR 37 South area. Fullerton Pike PH I & PH II projects are overlapping in this area. Citizen are encouraged to avoid this area as much as possible.
- City of Bloomington has sidewalk repair going on in that same area.
- Asphalt is being laid in PH I, after which pavement stripping, signage, curb/gutter and finishing touches will be done.

- Continue to report any pot holes or other road hazards to the Highway Department website. Currently six crews are out doing nothing but potholes. They're averaging about 100 ton a day of filling potholes as weather permits.
- A Paving Project list is being developed. To receive federal funding, INDOT requires an asset management plan to be used to rate and score which roads have a higher priority rating/score and to create a 5 year plan.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. MOVE TO APPROVE: CLR, INC. REVISED CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR CEDAR FORD BRIDGE.

FUND NAME: CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

FUND NUMBER: 1135

AMOUNT: \$46,935.11

Jones made motion to approve. Githens seconded.

(Ridge) We had a change order last month but due to the contractor had an incorrect material quantities on the previously approved change order. The change order is due to some bad soil testing and corrections that had to be done to that.

(Thomas) So we're issuing a change order to a change order.

(Ridge) Exactly.

(Thomas) This might be a legal question. What happens to the previous document? Does it just get rescinded automatically? Do we have to do something to rescind that previous change order or is it automatically rescinded because it carries the same number and it's for the same project?

(Cockerill) If this is truly replacing the previous change order # 1, I would make sure that you clearly state that in your minutes. So that way if anyone reads it will understand that we didn't issue two change order #1's and we are replacing this for the previous one.

(Thomas) That is our intention is to replace the previous change order #1 with this change order #1.

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

VIII. APPOINTMENTS

Thomas made a motion to approve. Jones seconded

- Commissioner Githens – Ambulance Board and Opioid Commission.

Motion carried with voice vote.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Proclamations and Recognition of the following:
 - National Drug Court Month
 - National Bicycle Month
 - National Historic Preservation Month
 - Nation Correctional Employees Week – May 5 – 11, 2019
- 33rd Annual Strawberry Shortcake Festival Thursday, May 2 10:30 am – 2:30 pm on the Courthouse Lawn. In case of inclement weather activities will be moved into Fountain Square Mall. All proceeds benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs.
- Get free Severe Weather alerts on your phone or email on Emergency Management web site. www.co.monroe.in.us
- Accepting applications for all boards and commissions
- Next Commissioners' Meeting: May 8, 2019, at 10 am in the Nat U Hill meeting room, 3rd floor of the Courthouse.

X. Commissioner Comments

(Thomas) We had a news story this week about one of the tenants in the North Showers Building, the Monroe County Government building of the Showers complex. Hanapin Marketing is moving. We appreciate all small businesses in our community and we will do everything we can to foster their development and growth. But if the issue is parking, we feel like our voices have not been heard on this. So my colleagues and I want to make sure that the record is straight on exactly what happened.

When the County purchased the building in 2012 we did not buy the lot, the lot remained in the ownership of the City of Bloomington for probably the Redevelopment Commission I guess. And we moved forward with buying the lot when we were building our employee parking garage. Because when we took our employee parking garage to the Plan Commission they reduced the size of the garage and we needed more space for our employees to park. And so we started moving forward with making those plans. At that point there were 101 spots available in that lot and we would've been fine. Before the City sold the lot to us they took a number of spots and blocked them off of the other parking lot and sold them to Solution Tree, which is obviously their right to do that. But the result was that we lost 32 total parking spots. And now as we've now finally moved forward with purchasing and finalizing the purchase we are in need of employee parking and that's what our priority is. That's what the Monroe County Government Center is there for so our employees can work there and people can visit and have a places to park. We never signed a lease that promised parking, we have helped facilitate and insure that tenants had parking even when our own employees did not in the past. That's because we did not own the lot. But as 2018 was winding down we notified all of

our tenants, Hanapin is not our only tenant, that their access to parking would be changing because we were going to prioritize our county employees. As the City pushed the closing date forward and forward we extended the time. We allowed the tenants to remain there. We have offered the tenants free parking at the Convention Center which is just a few blocks away and we have maintained full communication with every one of our tenants. We appreciate every one of them, we do. But this lot is there to provide parking for our employees. We didn't buy the lot to sell permits to tenants or other residents downtown. Unfortunately there just isn't enough parking. I guess that's what happens when you have a place to live and work that's wonderful.

For anybody in the City to assert that we have done nothing to help our tenants that would be an incorrect assertion. If anybody in the City feels that they could do something better they have an employee lot they're welcome to take some of their spaces and sell permits to our tenants or anybody downtown that they want too. Taxpayer dollars being spent for a parking lot means that it's going to be for Monroe County Government employees and for visitors and we do have a lot of visitors to Planning, Highway, Building, Parks and Rec departments. So that's where we're at.

(Jones) I think you've covered it quite well. We are truly sorry that we could not work this out in a better manner, but Monroe County Employees need to have a place to park.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The minutes of the May 1, 2019 Board of Commissioners' meeting were approved on May 8, 2019.

Monroe County Commissioners

Ayes:

Nays:




Julie Thomas, President

Julie Thomas, President



Lee Jones, Vice President


Lee Jones, Vice President



Penny Githens

Penny Githens

Attest:



Catherine Smith, Auditor



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- 1. Jackie Nester – Planning**
 - a. Approval of Robertson Sliding Scale Subdivision Written Commitment
- 2. Lisa Ridge – Highway Director**
 - a. Miscellaneous
- 3. Legal Department**
 - a. Miscellaneous
- 4. Angela Purdie – Commissioners' Administrator**
 - a. Application for Section 5311/5339 Transit Assistance to Rural Areas Grant with Authorizing Resolution 2019-04