

(Miller) Total for Accounts Payable - \$553,216.35

- \$291,297.35 – Food & Beverage Tax

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

VI. REPORTS

- **TREASURER – APRIL 2019**
- **TRAFFIC/ROAD UPDATE**
 - Fullerton Pike PH I, Walnut Street Pike is open.
 - The Community Crossings Paving Projects have been advertised and bids will be opened Wednesday, June 5th at 9 am in the Nat U Hill Room.
 - Discuss ribbon cutting for Covered Cedar Bridge during work session.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT ZONE.

FUND NAME: N/A FUND NUMBER: N/A AMOUNT: N/A

Thomas opens the public hearing.

(Cockerill) To begin while our power point is loading this kind of exemplifies what we're trying to do. Without technology we have troubles with business, we have troubles doing things. And what the Infrastructure Development Zone is, the State allows for a tax exemption to encourage certain utility investment in these zones. Particularly they talked about broadband, water, and gas infrastructure are kind of the three main areas of utility that we can look at. In order to do that we would have to designate a zone and in order to designate a zone we would have to hold a public hearing and then we would also have to make certain findings. And those findings were related to inadequate infrastructure in place and by incentivizing the infrastructure that there would be investment and that investment would create economic development. So I think it's clearly shown that having access to computers in other areas is important for us to do business.

Here is a depiction of the map that we're currently working on. This is what I would consider phase one and what we're going to do. We're trying to find people who install certain types of utilities that we see as being underserved and work with them to create these zones. I would imagine that if you look at this map and you're living in the southwest portion of the county you may wonder why it isn't there yet and my response to that is we're hoping to get a broader map. We want to be sensitive to people who already have infrastructure in place and that the incentive is actually incentivizing new placement of this type of infrastructure.

When we looked at that area we have not heard or seen a need for Gas, Water, or Wastewater so we're looking at just the broadband portion of that. Again broadband is federally defined as 5 MB up and 25 MB down there is some flux to that at this point but that's the basic standard. The area that was shown, we've discussed getting information from South Central Indiana REMC that shows there approximately 4,500 homes in that area that are underserved. Looking

Jim Shelton with the Chamber. We certainly support this. We've been advocating infrastructure, recognizing that infrastructure is an important part of economic development since we did our study back in the 1990s , although back then broadband wasn't digital. My son has recently moved out into the County and he's had to get a land line because his internet doesn't work and his cell phones don't work. I know this probably won't help the cell phones but I encourage you to do this. It will, I think, open all manner of opportunities to do things at home. And then as a CASA it will certainly help keep children in touch with the programs and services that they need which are very difficult to manage because there's so many involved and this will help them in school to do a lot of their assignments even if they're not home schooled you need access to the internet. So I certainly applaud you for doing this and we support it.

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I'm **James Tanneberger**. I'm the CEO of SCI-REMC. And I too want to thank the county for making this move. The point I wanted to make is really to the whole county, we've got this northern part which we really appreciate. We have some territory in here and Smithville does too and we're working together to serve that area. But the thing that I would want to make sure is said is that these areas and some more of the rural area around Bloomington are very expensive areas to serve and really when a provider builds in these areas it's because they've gritted their teeth and said we're gonna build it because I'll tell you the financials don't support it doing it as an investment from pure revenue going to be gained off people paying for internet. It's really about lifting up the area. This part of the map that's on here it's actually one of the southern parts of our service territory and we entered into a much bigger project and the whole idea was to bring high speed internet to our members. In order for us to do this we have to get a lot of participation from our counties and we've been able to accomplish that and so that is a huge way that the county can come and partner with the providers who are making a financial stretch to do this. Just wanted to point out the whole county, everybody in the rural area, if you've got a provider willing to build into there, just know that it's not about making money for them, it's about lifting up the rural areas. So thank you very much.

(Githens) Mr. Tanneberger, may I ask a question? I know I heard last year in Morgan County that our SCI REMC was looking to roll things out sort of in quadrants. Was this one of the areas that you were included in that?

(Tanneberger) Yes. So this is an area that we intend to make sure this entire area is served by fiber and that being us or another provider, we want to make sure fiber is provided in here. And I know part of this territory is part of Smithville's traditional telephone ILEC, and so we're working together to make sure we're doing this as efficiently as possible and trying to avoid building over each other. It's already a high cost area, we don't want to spend money twice.

(Githens) Thank you.

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Good morning, **Cullen McCarty** Executive VP of Smithville Communications. I don't want to repeat what James said because that's exactly what I could've said myself. But I applaud this move, Smithville applauds this move it's a tremendous opportunity I think for everybody

involved. But really I'd like to encourage that, to Geoff McKim's point, we keep looking at these areas and as we've gathered our data together in the foot print we serve which is all of Southern Monroe and all of Western Monroe, we have pockets that are fibered to the cabinet but that's distance sensitive with that DSL copper fiber hybrid and we want to continue to build fiber to the prim. We made that commitment 12 years ago, but with changes in regulatory recovery it became very hard. So we'd be glad to share with you what we have, maybe in a work session because that's a little more productive and you can actually sit down and we can take a look at what we've got and what areas we cover. We've got these pockets we need to hit and we would encourage you as this moves forward taking a look at what we can do in other areas of the county that can be served. It's a great start thank you for doing this, greatly appreciate it, Smithville supports it.

(Thomas) Absolutely. We had a meeting with Smithville a few years ago now in a work session and talked about the economic costs of infrastructure placement, the capital costs and how they were prohibitive and we would really appreciate meeting with you during a work session, so before you go today we'd like to get that booked in if we could; that would be great. I will also point out that for you and for anyone else that provides this kind of broadband infrastructure that we're very happy, I think it was Mr. Cockerill initially said this, we're happy to have this meeting every week if we need to, so we're happy to expand the map and that is our goal is to encourage that, so anything we can do to make that happen would be great, so you know we're on board.

(McCarty) Thank you and we'll be in touch.

After call for more public comment, Thomas closed the public hearing.

(Thomas) Mr. Cockerill the next step is next then? An ordinance?

(Cockerill) Well, I think what the anticipation is that we would have an ordinance on your agenda for next week. It would incorporate the information we've received today, because there has to be findings. So the next step is getting that put together and hopefully get it on next week's agenda. I did not hear anything that I thought was not in line with what I thought we were going to hear but it's great and I don't think it'll be a problem to get that next week.

(Thomas) Are the Commissioners agreed to get this on our agenda for next week as an Ordinance?

(Jones) Absolutely.

(Githens) Yes.

(Thomas) Yes. So please do that. That would be excellent. Thank you so much and thank you everyone for your comments today and for all your hard work to make this happen and we look

forward to working with additional entities. And Mr. Gould I suggest you speak with Jim Tanneberger today and check with him on your street.

B. MOVE TO APPROVE: ORDINANCE 2019-15; AMEND MONROE COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICH HANDBOOK AND MONROE COUNTY CODE CHAPTERS 266 & 296.

FUND NAME: N/A FUND NUMBER: N/A AMOUNT: N/A

Jones made a motion to approve. Githens seconded.

(Margie Rice) Good morning Commissioners. This is an ordinance that we've talked about several times in work session already so you should be familiar with the language. We are amending our Personnel Policy to broaden the language to specifically recognize those with whom we work and consult which is an addition to this policy. We've streamlined the process making it the investigation process the same for elected officials, all department heads, any employees, volunteers, and we are now putting this same language in chapter 266 and 296 in our code just to get the word out there that this the Monroe County Policy and to make sure that it is as visual as possible. We'll also be including this policy as an attachment to our contracts and having the language in each of our contracts. So with that I'm happy to entertain any questions that you have.

(Jones) Just happy to see this happening.

(Thomas) Absolutely.

(Githens) Yes.

(Thomas) This is great. Great work! It really clarifies for any contractor that they have, not just one place to go to issue a complaint, but they have a number of different people that they can reach out to and the same thing for our employees and volunteers, etc. so I really like that layering because sometimes that's the person you don't feel like you could go to issue a complaint and so you can actually go to the Board of Judges, go to Legal office etc. So I really like that layering that's happened. I think that's going to be really helpful and it is now part of our contracts as I pointed out last week in that section that we had of a contract. So I think it's a great thing for our employees and it's a wonderful thing for our volunteers and contractors and elected officials as well. I appreciate your work on this.

Jim Shelton again. The Chamber is a representative of a number of businesses that do work for you. We certainly support this. Somebody who worked for Crane as a contractor for a long time, 30 something years, I recognize how important it is that the public perceive that your business dealings are based on business only and that if there is a problem that the person knows that they'll get support if they do report the problem. I applaud your doing this. I think it's great and I watched your work session last week and it seems like it's a really good proposal. We're in support. Thanks.

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

VIII. APPOINTMENTS

- NONE

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Monroe County's Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) will celebrate 35 years Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Courthouse Rotunda. This event will highlight the history of the local CASA chapter. There will be a question/answer session as well as refreshments.
- Accepting applications for all boards and commissions.
- Next Commissioners' Meeting: June 5, 2019, at 10 am in the Nat U Hill meeting room, 3rd floor of the Courthouse.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The minutes of the May 29, 2019 Board of Commissioners' meeting were approved on June 5, 2019.

Monroe County Commissioners

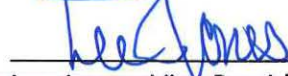
Ayes:

Nays:




Julie Thomas, President

Julie Thomas, President



Lee Jones, Vice President


Lee Jones, Vice President



Penny Githens

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Attest:



Catherine Smith, Auditor



MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION AGENDA
MONROE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
JUDGE NAT U. HILL III MEETING ROOM
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA
May 29, 2019

- 1. Lisa Ridge – Highway Director**
 - a. Discussion on Bicentennial Pathway

- 2. Legal Department**
 - a. Miscellaneous

- 3. Angela Purdie – Commissioners' Administrator**
 - a. Miscellaneous