



**MINUTES  
MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'  
JULY 10, 2019  
NAT U HILL III MEETING ROOM  
COURTHOUSE  
BLOOMINGTON, IN**

The Monroe County Commissioners met in a regular meeting on July 10, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. with the following members present: Julie Thomas, President; Lee Jones, Vice President; and Penny Githens, Commissioner. Also present: Elizabeth Sensenstein, General Ledger Manager; 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 Jones

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

**Allison Moore**, Emergency Management. I wanted to introduce Laurie Dana, with SBA. We were fortunate enough that Monroe County qualified for SBA loans. They are in our County the remainder of this week until next Thursday. We wanted to let the public know and I would like to invite her up and she can speak real quickly on what SBA is so the public can be aware of what services we now have in the County to offer them.

(Laurie Dana) The SBA, when there is a disaster offers disaster assistance to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and non-profits. The interest rates for homeowners and renters is as low as 1.98% with terms up to 30 years. We really encourage people to apply if they had damage. They don't have to accept the loan if approved it's an option. If they find out their insurance didn't cover everything and a lot of people don't have tornado insurance. As long as they apply before the deadline, September 3, 2019. If they're denied a disaster loan they are referred to the State for these grants of up to \$10,000 and the State also helps coordinate other

resources from volunteer agencies. So those who can't afford a loan aren't left out in the dark it's a partnership with the State.

Businesses they can apply for disaster loans to repair their buildings or replace their assets. They don't need damages to apply for working capital loans because a lot of businesses people couldn't get to them. So if they suffered economic losses and it's hard for them to recover they can also apply for disaster loans and the interest rate for businesses is as low as 4%. Churches can apply. They want to make it affordable as possible but they have to get the application in before the deadline for property damages.

I brought you some flyers {steps away from microphone}

(Thomas) Can you get back to the mic, I'm sorry.

(Dana) Sorry about that. There is a disaster loan outreach center where people can get one on one assistance. They can also apply online at [www.disasterloans.sba.gov](http://www.disasterloans.sba.gov) and they may also call 1.800.659.2955 and have an application mailed to them or while you're filling out the application you can call that number and assistance and status.

(Moore) The only thing I'd like to add is all that information is on our County website. I know local people who are out there listening today they may be more familiar with that website and that will guide them towards all the information that was shared with us this morning. That website is [www.co.monroe.in.us](http://www.co.monroe.in.us) .

(Thomas) Thank you. Do have any other updates on storm recovery or anything else going on?

(Moore) As we said last week Washington Township is having a cleanup day Saturday, July 13 at 8am. If you would like details about that there are some details about that on our county website and you can also contact the Washington Township Trustees office for details as well.

(Thomas) And that's so people can volunteer and help out as well?

(Moore) Yes. I have had some questions about the townships that were effected. We are working with those townships to see what we may be able to offer those individuals. Get with your township trustees offices to see what we might be able to set up for those other townships that do not have a scheduled cleanup day.

(Thomas) Thank you so much.

(Githens) I understand that Washington Township cleanup is also posted on their Facebook page.  
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Good morning Commissioners, **Jim Shelton** with the Chamber. Here to remind the public that application for the next CASA training is due on July 25. The training will be August 8 – 29. Monday; Wednesday; and Thursday evening from 5:30pm to 8:30pm in the CASA office which



right across the street from the entrance to the Morton Garage. And since it will be after 5pm you'll be able to park in the City parking lot and walk down the B-Line trail to attend the training. If you need more details you can go to [www.monroecountycasa.org](http://www.monroecountycasa.org) or call 812.333.2272 and get any details you might need. Thank you.

(Thomas) Thank you

(Shelton) Oh! And tomorrow morning you can stop by the CASA office at 7:30am and have coffee with some CASA'S and staff and get your questions or any concerns answered in public.

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Good morning Commissioner's. **Kim Shell**, representing the Auditor's Office. I'm presenting to you today the form 144 or the long name is The Statement of Wages and Salaries Proposed for Officers and Employees for the calendar year of 2020.

These form 144's reflect the annual salaries and include the proposed County Council cost of living, COLA rate and it also reflects the amount necessary to cover the 27<sup>th</sup> pay. These are here for your review.

(Thomas) Thank you so much for bringing those in. We appreciate it.

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **JUNE 26, 2019**

Jones made a motion to approve. Githens seconded.

**Motion carried by voice vote. Thomas abstained.**

#### V. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS DOCKET

- **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – JULY 3 AND JULY 10, 2019**

- **PAYROLL – JULY 5, 2019**

Jones made a motion to approve. Githens seconded.

(Sensenstein) Total for Accounts Payable - \$ 3,588,756.55

- \$126,046.03 – Anthem BC/BS
- \$178,850 - Old National Bond Payment
- \$1,582,636.53 – Huntington Bank Bond Payment

Total for Payroll - \$1,050,813.14

[Spoken error. The correct amount is **\$1,477,015.87** per submitted claims]

- 71.1% - Direct Costs
- 28.9% - Indirect Costs

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

#### VI. REPORTS

- **TRAFFIC/ROAD UPDATE**

- The Paving Program for 2019 has begun. Crews were at Mt. Tabor Rd and Prow Rd. Pavement for these roads will be completed July 11 weather permitting.

- Crews will be out paving Strain Ridge Rd, Rockport Rd and Tramway Rd the next few weeks.
- Patching crews are still out filling the pot holes.
- Mowing crews will be out soon.
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**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. MOVE TO APPROVE: RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INC.  
 FUND NAME: IDENTIFICATION SECURITY PROTECTION FUND NUMBER: 1160  
 AMOUNT: \$4,800**

Jones made motion to approve. Githens seconded.

Good morning Commissioner's. I'm **Eric Schmitz** your County Recorder. This is basically what it says 4 year contract, we pay it annually, and it allows us to purchase the software that redacts social security numbers and other sensitive information from documents that we record.

(Jones) Is this something that kind of goes on into perpetuity or do eventually all those get taken care of and new ones not generated?

(Schmitz) It goes through searches to make sure there aren't any. They're supposed to have social security numbers on them. We have a stamp that says *I have reasonable care to redact social security numbers*. But once in a while like with older records with have social's on them. It mostly comes into play in our back scanning when we're putting the older records put in that was before the social security law.

(Jones) And then once the older recorders are all done do you continue to do it just to make sure?

(Schmitz) Yes, it's just a component of the software.

(Jones) Thank you.

(Thomas) Thank you so much.

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

**B. MOVE TO APPROVE: INDIANA YOUTH SERVICES ASSOCIATION GRANT FOR YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU.  
 FUND NAME: 1503 GRANT FUND NUMBER: 9111 AMOUNT: \$38,352**

Jones made motion to approve. Githens seconded.

(Viki Thevenow) Good morning. We've had this grant before and it helps us pay for part of the salary for our case manager and it also pays a little bit for some hourly help in the shelter for direct service to the kids.

(Thomas) Has this amount stayed pretty static?

(Thevenow) Yes.

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

**C. MOVE TO APPROVE: YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU SAFE PLACE GRANT.**

**FUND NAME: SAFE PLACE GRANT**

**FUND NUMBER: 9103**

**AMOUNT: \$7,579.50**

Jones made motion to approve. Githens seconded.

(Viki Thevenow) This grant is used mostly to advertise and get out to the public that we are a safe place and information to the youth. In fact we just had a booth at the fair last week and had a lot of kids stop to spin the wheel and quizzed on questions and get fun surprises for guessing correctly.

(Thomas) And has this grant changed? A higher dollar amount?

(Thevenow) I will say Indiana Youth Services Association kind of a fixed amount of money that they contract with DCS for and the number of YSB's in the State has stayed pretty much the same if it increases our numbers will go down. It's been the same for a number of years.

(Thomas) Ok. Thank you so much.

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

(Thevenow) I'd like to report to you on the construction if I could take a second?

(Thomas) That'd be great.

(Thevenow) It is going great right now they are roofing and it's a little bit noisy. Angie Purdie and Jeff Cockerill are coming for a meeting with me to visit tomorrow and we've got some hard hats and we're going to take them out and show them the construction so that they can report back some details to you. It is really exciting. The gym is done, at least it's under roof, and it's going to be amazing. It's still on schedule for December and we will keep you posted and invite everyone, including the community, to come once it's finished.

(Thomas) That's fantastic.

(Thevenow) Thank you very much.

(Thomas) Thank you.



**D. MOVE TO APPROVE: RESOLUTION 2019-12; PLANNING AND ZONING INTERLOCAL WITH TOWN OF STINESVILLE.**

**FUND NAME: N/A**

**FUND NUMBER: N/A**

**AMOUNT: N/A**

Jones made motion to approve. Githens seconded.

(Dave Schilling) Here asking you to revive an Interlocal agreement that we've had in the past. I think it lapsed in 2013. This is to provide planning and zoning services for the Town of Stinesville. One of the benefits of doing this that it allows the residents of that area to obtain flood insurance. This was presented to the Plan Commission for review and recommendation and they recommended approval. The form that was presented to the Plan Commission was for a one year term, which would have required you to be back in February. I've talked with the attorney for the Town of Stinesville and she believes that there is a willingness on behalf of two board members to extend this to five years. So this form is for five years and I think if you decide to approve it today I would recommend that you motion authorizing Julie to sign it on behalf of the Board and that it be up to a term of five years. In that way if we can get that agreement we can have a five year term and won't have to come back in February.

(Thomas) Ok. Great, thank you.

Jones made a motion to amend the Interlocal for a term of up to five years and signed by the President of the Board. Githens seconded

**All in favor of amended motion carried by voice vote.**

(Githens) This is basically a no cost situation, right?

(Schilling) When this was in effect in the past I don't think we had a single petition come forward from Stinesville, so it didn't take any staff time and they are willing to undertake it.

(Thomas) And the petitioner always pay their fee which doesn't necessarily cover the cost of the staff time used but it's just a county amenity offered to our residents.

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

**E. MOVE TO APPROVE: DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES NEXT LEVEL TRAIL GRANT.**

**FUND NAME: TBD**

**FUND NUMBER: 4811-47151**

**AMOUNT: \$2,337,710**

(Margie Rice) We are not used to those big numbers, all those millions of dollars, but today we're here to ask you to approve the grant application. You are aware that the State of Indiana approved a project that a collaboration of people here in Monroe County developed it. Essentially a trail project to go from Ellettsville to the Karst Farm Greenway. It's about a \$3.3 million dollar project. Because of you and the dollars that you guys have already given us for trails our local match was close to in terms of dollars and in kind work we had done, our match was \$966,082.97. Again the project is \$3.3 million with our match leaves us receiving a grant of \$2.3 million dollars.

I want to thank you because had you guys not prioritized trails and contributed the bond money you did we wouldn't be standing here today receiving this grant. I really appreciate that you guys have done that and I can tell you that when the Parks Board did their 5 year survey for master planning and trails was the highest need out there in the community. I know people are going to enjoy this trail and we want to thank you. If you have questions about this, it's a very standard grant contract a lot of boiler plate language, the budget is in there if you have questions. I'm happy to answer any other questions you might have.

(Githens) Would you explain to the public what type of trail this is?

(Rice) Yes absolutely. It's going to be a 2.8 mile trail, ten feet wide, asphalt and some boardwalks because there are some higher areas where we have to elevate a bridge. It'll be a bike/pedestrian trail, there will be some bridges and will in fact go over an operating railroad that will be a challenge. There is a trail head existing in Ellettsville on SR 46 it's going to connect that trail head to the Karst Farm Greenway. I think it will be well used. I know Geoff McKim wanted to be here today, he has spoken with some people in Ellettsville and they're really eager for this trail to be completed. It's part of the old Monon Railroad corridor which we required the rail banking rights to that corridor so we are able to develop it.

(Thomas) I noticed in terms of the railroad crossing you're talking about tearing down gates.

(Rice) Yeah, we'll have to work with that railroad. Of course that's a challenge, we want to make sure everybody is safe and that lines of sight are clear and there's all kinds of signage. So yeah, we'll work with them, it's been done before, we're not reinventing the wheel, but we have to careful.

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

(Thomas) Thank you Ms. Rice, thank you to the Parks Board, thank you Ms. Witmer. We appreciate all the hard that went into making this happen, from our Highway to our Planning to Parks, everybody has contributed quite a bit to get us to this point and this is really a great win so thank you.

(Rice) You're welcome, thank you.

**F. MOVE TO APPROVE: MOU WITH INDOT FOR I-69 MITIGATION PROPERTY ON VICTOR PIKE.**

**FUND NAME: N/A**

**FUND NUMBER: N/A**

**AMOUNT: N/A**

Jones made motion to approve. Githens seconded.

(Rice) The theme of the day is partnership between Monroe County and State of Indiana, I think, because this is asking you to accept property from the State of Indian that they want to give to Monroe County to manage long term. The property is near Dillman Road and Victor Pike. It was acquired by INDOT as mitigation for I-69 project. I think there is roughly 41 acres



with the exceptions it's about 38 acres of land. You can see the map of it on page 2 of 4 of exhibit "C".

The hatched marked area is the land that has to be mitigated and kept safe. There are a few exceptions for access to the railroad corridor. You'll recall that the County developed a trail south of Church Lane to this property. The trail actually just this week the Parks Department and DNR went out and looked at the trail nearly done. I'm going out tomorrow to look at a few areas where we need extra fencing. This does attach to the City's Clear Creek Trail system and continues south and the trail goes right through the mitigation property. What we're asking you to do today is to accept the quit claim deed accept this property knowing that there are deed restrictions on the property. On exhibit "C" it states that public access is strictly prohibited within the portions of the real estate that are protected by the declaration until it's released and release is not anticipated until 2026. We essentially have to take care of that property makes sure the trees grow and it continues to be mitigated as green space because when I-69 came through they obviously took a lot of greenspace so we're adding it back. We have to make sure the trees are protected and we also have to do education and outreach regarding the endangered Indiana Bat and the Northern Long-Eared Bat species. Tree clearing is strictly prohibited, we can do some tree removal that are in bad shape and that has to be performed between November 16<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> because of the bats. And artificial lighting is strictly prohibited. So, Parks has looked at this and they feel like they are able to work within these limitations and I can tell you that I've already been in touch as you know, with the contractor for IDOT and there are other mitigation properties within Monroe County that they would like Monroe County to receive, we're not as far along with those properties as we are with this one. It maybe I'll be back in the future with other properties.

(Thomas) This is great. I love the way that the trail runs through part of it and it's really a nice asset for county residents.

(Rice) It's a beautiful part of the county and I'll tell you that your vision of protecting land and promoting greenspace matches nicely with what's going on at the state right now. It's a really good nexus and I'm really excited about the collaboration.

(Thomas) Looking forward to seeing more properties.

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

**G. MOVE TO APPROVE: DLZ INDIANA, LLC SUPPLEMENTAL #4 FOR PROFILE PARKWAY EXTENSION.**

**FUND NAME: WESTSIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT      FUND NUMBER: 4920**

**AMOUNT: - \$15**

Jones made motion to approve. Githens seconded.

(Ridge) This was approved at the last Redevelopment Commission meeting by their board. And the supplemental is due to the added Soil Management Plan into the contract and then we were able to decrease some other areas to make up for that cost for the \$15 decrease overall.



(Thomas) What are we looking at time line wise?

(Ridge) It is our goal to bid that this fall around October for 2020.

(Thomas) Great thank you.

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

**H. MOVE TO APPROVE: DUKE ENERGY INDIANA, LLC UTILITY REIMBURSEMENT  
FUND NAME: WESTSIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT      FUND NUMBER: 4920  
AMOUNT: \$39,222.82**

Jones made motion to approve. Githens seconded.

(Ridge) This is for utility reimbursement for the Profile Parkway extension project. Due to the project Duke will have to relocate some lines necessary to build the infrastructure. This was also approved at the RDC board.

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

**I. MOVE TO APPROVE: FURNITURE PURCHASE FROM KIMBALL/FLEMING INTERIOR  
GROUP.  
FUND NAME: GO BOND                      FUND NUMBER: 4807-40002-0000  
AMOUNT: TBD**

Jones made motion to table this item. Githens seconded.

**All in favor of tabling this item, carried by voice vote.**

(Thomas) We're just waiting on some additional cost estimates.

**VIII. APPOINTMENTS**

- NONE

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Accepting applications for all boards and commissions.
- Next Commissioners' Meeting, July 17, 2019, 10am in the Nat U Hill Meeting room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Courthouse.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The minutes of the July 10, 2019 Board of Commissioners' meeting were approved on July 24, 2019.

Monroe County Commissioners

Ayes:

Nays:

  
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Julie Thomas, President

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Attest:

  
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Catherine Smith, Auditor





**MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION AGENDA  
MONROE COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
JUDGE NAT U. HILL III MEETING ROOM  
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- 1. Beth Hamlin – Prosecutor’s Office**
  - a. Request for Ratification of Adult Protective Services Contract for 2019/2020
  
- 2. Carlos Laverty – Airport Director**
  - a. 2020 CCD Matching Funds for Airport Development
  
- 3. Kelli Witmer – Director of Parks and Recreation**
  - a. Tree Removal at the Limestone Greenway and at Will Detmer Park
  
- 4. Lisa Ridge – Highway Director**
  - a. Miscellaneous
  
- 5. Legal Department**
  - a. Miscellaneous
  
- 6. Angela Purdie – Commissioners’ Administrator**
  - a. Storage Express Rental