



MONROE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Julie Thomas, President
Penny Githens, Vice President
Lee Jones

Monroe County Courthouse, Room 323
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COMMISSIONERS' HYBRID MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 10:00 am
Nat U. Hill Meeting Room – 3rd Floor, Courthouse and Zoom Connection

Members

Julie Thomas, President - Present, **In Person**
Penny Githens, Vice President - Present, **In Person**
Lee Jones, **Not Present**

Staff

Angie Purdie, Commissioners' Administrator – **Not Present**
Jeff Cockerill, Legal Counsel – Present, **In Person**

1. CALL TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER THOMAS 10:07 am

2. COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC STATEMENT READ BY COMMISSIONER GITHENS 10:08 am

3. DEPARTMENT UPDATES 10:09 am
Health – Penny Caudill
Highway – Lisa Ridge

4. PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL SAFE PLACE WEEK 10:17 am

5. PUBLIC COMMENT- *For items NOT on the agenda (limited to 3 minutes per speaker)* 10:19 am
Bridgett Nasby

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 10:23 am
March 16, 2022

Githens made motion to approve. Thomas seconded.
No Public Comment.
Thomas called for Voice Vote.
Motion Passed; Unanimous; No Objections.

7. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS DOCKET 10:24 am
Accounts Payable – March 23, 2022
Payroll – March 25, 2022

Githens made motion to approve. Thomas seconded.
No Public Comment.
Thomas called for Voice Vote.
Motion Passed; Unanimous; No Objections.

8. REPORTS
None

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. ELECTRONIC RECORDING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SIMPLIFILE, CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY (CSC) AND INDECOMM GLOBAL SERVICE 10:26 am
Presenter: Eric Schmitz

With the passage of 2022, Indiana Senate Bill 357 to require all Indiana counties to accept and record documents submitted electronically, counties are moving to accommodate multiple e-recording service providers (ERSPs). These agreements enable our recording software provider, Computer Systems, Incorporated (CSI), to aggregate electronic submissions by several certified ERSPs, allowing us to process all submissions through a single interface. The ERSPs we wish to contract with at this time are ICE/Simplifile, Corporation Service Company (CSC), and Indecomm Global Service.

Githens made motion to approve. Thomas seconded.
No Public Comment.
Thomas called for Voice Vote.
Motion Passed; Unanimous; No Objections.

B. SUB-AWARD AGREEMENT WITH TRUSTEES OF INDIANA UNIVERSITY FOR THE REDUCING REVOCATIONS CHALLENGE GRANT. 10:28 am
Fund Name/Number: TBD
Amount: \$170,000
Presenter: Troy Hatfield

The Monroe Circuit Court Probation Department has been involved in the Reducing Revocations Challenge since 2019. This project is funded by Arnold Ventures and guided by the City University of New York (CUNY) Institute for State and Local Governance (ISLG). The project aims to use the knowledge gained to advance policy and practice solutions to reduce revocations and maximize community supervision success while protecting public safety.

Our Probation Department was chosen to be one of 10 jurisdictions from across the country for Phase 1 of the project. This phase involved data analysis to determine prominent pathways that lead those experiencing community supervision toward revocation resulting in serving time in jail or prison.

The Probation Department and research partners at Indiana University and George Mason University were chosen as one of only five (5) jurisdictions to continue with Phase 2 the Reducing Revocations Challenge. Phase 2 includes grant funding to aid in implementation of practices geared toward disrupting the pathways that lead to revocation and ultimately increase success on community supervision. The Probation Department is receiving \$170,000 of nearly \$300,000 in total grant funding provided by Arnold Ventures as a sub-recipient through Indiana University to use toward implementation of identified strategies.

The Monroe County Reducing Revocations Challenge (RRC) Phase 2 includes implementing the following three (3) strategies:

Strategy 1: Increase fidelity to Motivational Interviewing, Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS), and effective case planning.

Strategy 2: Revise standard conditions of probation with focus on race equity.

Strategy 3: Increase the use of incentives and early termination from probation supervision.

Githens made motion to approve. Thomas seconded.

No Public Comment.

Thomas called for Voice Vote.

Motion Passed; Unanimous; No Objections.

C. BLEDSOE, RIGGERT, COOPER AND JAMES LAND SURVEYING & CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICE AGREEMENT. 10:33 am

Fund Name(s): County General and Non-reverting Contractual

Fund Number(s): 1000 and 1179

Amount: Not to exceed \$5,500

Presenter: Kelli Witmer

The Monroe County Parks and Recreation Board will approve hiring Bledsoe, Riggert, Cooper, and James during their meeting on at March 23, 2022, 3:30pm. Monroe County Legal recommends having the Board of Commissioners approve the agreement during their meeting on March 23, 2022, at 10:00 am. This agreement will allow Bledsoe, Riggert, Cooper, and James to perform a staked survey of the NW boundary line of Jackson Creek Park. This agreement expires on December 31, 2022.

Githens made motion to approve. Thomas seconded.

No Public Comment.

Thomas called for Voice Vote, pending approval from Monroe County Parks and Recreation Board.

Motion Passed; Unanimous; No Objections.

- D. FRED PRYOR E-LEARNING FOR MONROE COUNTY EMPLOYEES. 10:36 am**
Fund Name: County General
Fund Number: 1000
Amount: \$123,456.60
Presenter: Elizabeth Sensenstein

Fred Pryor online eLearning library as a training resource for all Monroe County Employees. This agreement would provide access to content on the supplemental course list, required training such as OSHA, or state/federal training, and the ability to upload our own training (such as our annual internal control training) and monitor employee engagement. This item was previously discussed during the March 23, 2022 work session. This is a three-year agreement.

Githens made motion to approve. Thomas seconded.

Public Comment:

Eric Schmitz – Monroe County Recorder

Thomas called for Voice Vote.

Motion Passed; Unanimous; No Objections.

- E. CUMMINS PLANNED MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT. 10:40 am**
Fund Name: Cumulative Capital
Fund Number: 1138
Amount: \$7,192.92/3 years
Presenter: Greg Crohn

The current planned maintenance agreement for the Justice Building backup generator system is expiring. This request is to approve a three-year auto-renewing agreement provided by Cummins-Allison Corporation. Scope of service covered (same as previous agreement), two site visits annually to include one (1) Full Maintenance Service visit, and one (1) Maintenance Inspection.

Githens made motion to approve. Thomas seconded.

Thomas requested to have a non-discrimination clause added to agreement.

No Public Comment.

Thomas called for Voice Vote.

Motion Passed; Unanimous; No Objections.

- F. RESOLUTION 2022-11 REGARDING TO OPT BACK INTO OPIOIDS SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 4-6-15-2 AND RELATED APPROVALS. 10:42 am**
Presenter: Jeff Cockerill

The documents included in this item are:

1. A resolution to Opt Back into the opioids settlement pursuant to IC 4-6-15-2
2. Certification of the Resolution
3. An amended Attorney's fees agreement
4. Participation Agreement for the Settlements

This opts back into the State Code. The documents reflect two defendants' settlements, of which the County is to receive \$2,386,371.57 and \$559,601.87.

Some of these funds are subject to restrictions. At a future meeting, it is anticipated that a new fund or funds will be created.

Githens made motion to approve. Thomas seconded.

No Public Comment.

Thomas called for Voice Vote.

Motion Passed; Unanimous; No Objections.

G. RESOLUTION 2022-12; ROGERS STREET PROPERTY (THOMSON SITE) 10:47 am
Presenter: Jeff Cockerill

Catalent Indiana, LLC has approached the County Commissioners' concerning purchasing the Rogers Street Property (Thomson Site) in the future; this resolution indicates that the Commissioners will commit to not improving or selling the property for up to two years, as long as they are making progress towards the local investment promised.

Githens made motion to approve. Thomas seconded.

No Public Comment.

Thomas called for Voice Vote.

Motion Passed; Unanimous; No Objections.

H. VS ENGINEERING AGREEMENT FOR SIDEWALK/PATH PROJECT ALONG ROGERS STREET. 10:50 am
Fund Name: 2021 GO Bond
Fund Number: 4814
Amount: \$37,200
Presenter: Lisa Ridge

The Board of Commissioners has expressed concerns about options for getting alternative modes of transportation to the new library and Bachelor Middle School. This agreement will begin the process of a study and determine the scope of proposed sidewalk/path options along S. Rogers Street.

Githens made motion to approve. Thomas seconded.

No Public Comment.

Thomas called for Voice Vote.

Motion Passed; Unanimous; No Objections.

I. BUTLER, FAIRMAN, SEUFERT, INC. AGREEMENT FOR KARST FARM GREENWAY EXTENSION. 10:53 am
Fund Name: 2020 GO Bond
Fund Number: 4813
Amount: \$71,800

This agreement is for Right-of Way acquisition engineering services for the Karst Farm Greenway extension. This portion of the project begins at W. SR 45 at Liberty Drive and continues to the existing Karst Greenway, behind Sierra Drive. The services will be for Right-of-Way management, appraising, and buying.

Githens made motion to approve. Thomas seconded.

No Public Comment.

Thomas called for Voice Vote.
Motion Passed; Unanimous; No Objections.

9. APPOINTMENTS 10:56 am

Githens made motion to appoint. Thomas seconded.
Monroe County Convention and Visitor's Commission, remainder of a one-year term, ending 12/31/22
David Schaum

Thomas called for Voice Vote.
Motion Passed; Unanimous; No Objections.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS 10:57 am

Accepting applications for all boards and commissions. Go to www.co.monroe.in.us for more information or to fill out application.

Election Central is looking for Early Voting and Election Day workers. If you are interested or would like more information, please call 812.349.2690 or ljwilson@co.monroe.in.us.

Monroe County Commissioners' Blood Drive will be held at [Ivy Tech, Shreve Hall, 200 Daniels Way, Bloomington, IN](#) on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 29, 10am – 3pm
Wednesday, March 30, 1pm – 6 pm
Monday, April 4, 10am – 3pm
Tuesday, April 5, 1pm-6pm

Residents can sign up for the Monroe County Alert Notification System for all weather and health related emergencies and updates. To sign up visit www.co.monroe.in.us .

Commissioners' hybrid meetings will be in the Nat U. Hill meeting room, 3rd floor of the Courthouse and via Zoom. Meetings are open to the public.

Monroe County Commissioners and Monroe County Council have extended the Assistance Fund for county residents who need assistance in paying rent or utilities. Contact your local Township Trustee for further information.

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Salt Creek - Donn Hall	812.837.9140	donnhall403@yahoo.com
Van Buren - Rita Barrow	812.825.4490	vbtrita@bluemarble.net
Washington - Barbara Ooley	812.876.1188	ooleyb@yahoo.com

11. ADJOURNMENT 11:00 am

The summary minutes of the March 23, 2022 Board of Commissioners' meeting were approved on March 30, 2022.

Monroe County Commissioners

Ayes:

Nays:

Not Present

Julie Thomas, President

Penny Githens

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Attest:

Catherine Smith

Catherine Smith, Auditor

Minutes submitted by: AF Minutes reviewed by: MM
