

MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2007 AGENDA MEETING

Commissioner Bassitt opened the meeting at 9:15 a.m. on the 12th day of July, 2007 with the following members present: Commissioner Greg Sneary, Commissioner W. Dan Reiff, Commissioner Sam Bassitt, and Clerk of the Board Kelli Singhaus.

David Louth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Sneary moved for the approval of the July 10, 2007 Agenda Meeting minutes. Commissioner Reiff seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Action Items:

Resolution #499-07. *Approve training, seminar and travel related expenses for various departments.*

Commissioner Bassitt moved to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Sneary seconded the motion. The roll was called and the Resolution was approved unanimously.

Resolution #500-07. *Establish date and time of the view and hearing to vacate a portion of an alley in Homewood Subdivision, American Township.*

The view is scheduled for August 7, 2007 at 11:30 a.m. to view the proposed site. The hearing is scheduled for August 20, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Public Meeting Room.

Commissioner Sneary moved to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Reiff seconded the motion. The roll was called and the Resolution was approved unanimously.

Resolution #501-07. *Confirm submission of the Fiscal Year 2008 Tax Budget.*

Ben Diepenbrock, Allen County Auditor, stated that a public hearing was held on July 11, 2007. The budget tends to be consistent from year to year. The tax budget for 2008 contains the least two (2) years of actuals, six (6) months of 2007 actuals and six (6) months of estimated figures for the remainder of 2007. Allen County will continue to levy a tax. It is estimated Allen County will have a carry-over of \$1.5 million in 2008 with anticipated receipt of \$28 million in revenue and \$29 million in expenditures. The county needs to try to keep expenses consistent with revenues. There are five (5) levies included in the tax budget with those being MR/DD/operating and permanent improvement levy; Children Services levy, Mental Health Services levy and Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District levy.

Diepenbrock added that the new homestead regulations will take affect the first of next year. Reimbursement to the senior citizens will be made by the state. To date, 820 applications have been received.

Commissioner Reiff moved to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Bassitt seconded the motion. The roll was called and the Resolution was approved unanimously.

Discussion Items:

A. David Louth, Allen County Engineer's Office, presented the following:

1. Request an extension on the ODOD Roadwork Development Grant for the Thayer Road Improvement Project. Louth stated that the county was notified in October 2005 of the receipt of a \$2,000,000 ODOD Roadwork Development Grant for the Thayer Road Improvement Project with a completion date of October 2007. The project was broken down into two (2) phases with the first phase being completed in 2006. Phase 2 will not be completed by the October 2007 deadline.

Louth requested the Board request an extension to October 2008 to the State of Ohio. Louth stated that Phase II is from the railroad track north to SR 81. This project has been delayed to the development of the plans.

2. Request to accept permanent and temporary right-of-way easements for the Thayer Road Project – Phase 2. These easements are needed for the completion of said project. The total amount of the easements is \$13,948. There is a total of (27) right of way easements needed for said project. There are currently a total of three (3) easements yet to be obtained.

With no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Sneary moved to adjourn. Commissioner Reiff seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Kelli A. Singhaus
Clerk of the Board

Greg Sneary

W. Dan Reiff

Sam Bassitt