

MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 2007 AGENDA MEETING

Commissioner Bassitt opened the meeting at 9:15 a.m. on the 28th day of August, 2007 with the following members present: Commissioner Greg Sneary, Commissioner Dan Reiff, Commissioner Sam Bassitt, and Clerk of the Board Kelli Singhaus.

Lisa Merkle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Reiff moved for the approval of the August 23, 2007 Agenda Meeting minutes. Commissioner Sneary seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Action Items:

Resolution #611-07. *Authorize 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 #612-07. *Authorize a warrant to advance funds from the Water Fund 5036 to the East Road Water Bond Fund 3170.*

Bruce Wells, Business Manager, requested the transfer of \$1,000 to cover a portion of the bond payment for said project due to delinquent assessments for the period.

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

Resolution #613-07. *Authorize intradepartmental transfers.*

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

Resolution #614-07. *Approve revisions to the Allen County Fixed Asset Policy.*

Ben Diepenbrock, Allen County Auditor, requested to increase the capitalization threshold to \$10,000, which is within the limits required by generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and with the State Auditor.

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

Discussion Items:

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

1. Request to approve four (4) Permanent Right-of-Way Easements and one (1) Temporary Right-of-Way Easement for the Thayer Road Improvement Project – Phase 2. David Louth, Roadway Engineer, stated that these four (4) easements total \$3,078.00. There are two (2) additional easements needed in order to begin the Phase 2 of the project.

B. Dana Sterling, Building and Grounds, presented the following:

1. Request to terminate service contract with Johnson Controls. Sterling stated that the county has had a service contract with Johnson Controls for several years to oversee the HVAC in the Allen County Justice Center. The service level over the past several years has been poor and Sterling

feels the county could be better served by being charged time and materials with Johnson Controls or finding a better provider.

2. Request to renew maintenance agreement with SimplexGrinnell LP. Sterling stated that SimplexGrinnell provides annual test and inspection of the sprinkler and fire system at the jail. The cost to the county is \$950.00.

C. Lisa Merkle, Child Support Enforcement Agency, presented the following:

1. Request to renew health insurance with Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield for employees at the Child Support Enforcement Agency and Department of Job and Family Services. Merkle stated that two (2) quotes were received from Aetna and Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The departments have chosen to stay with Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield. After making some changes in benefits and deductibles, this will result in a total increase of 2.1% from last year.

Announcements, Proclamations, Recognition and Commendations

Russ Decker, Director of Homeland Security/Emergency Manager, stated that President Bush has issued a "Major Disaster Declaration" for six counties, which included Allen County. By President Bush issuing this declaration, there will be assistance to persons as well as small businesses. FEMA is currently working on Disaster Relief Sites for the areas affected. Decker believes that the Bluffton Baptist Church will serve as the relief center for residents of the Bluffton area. There is \$8,000,000 estimated in damages to Allen County. The figure does not include overtime of emergency response departments, sandbags, etc. FEMA will reimburse 75% to local governments and the state will reimburse 12.5%. This is after other insurance plans come into play. Decker stated that many emergency response departments, businesses, college students, etc. came together and rose to the occasion.

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