

**MINUTES**  
**MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024**

The Montgomery County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, September 23, 2024 at 8:00 am at the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row – Room E109, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

**CALL TO ORDER**

On call of the roll, the members of the Board were shown to be present as follows: Board President John E. Frey; Commissioner Jim Fulwider; and Commissioner Dan Guard.

Also present: County Attorney Dan Taylor; County Administrator Tom Klein; Auditor Mindy Byers; Sheriff Ryan Needham; Building Administrator Marc Bonwell; Highway Director Jake Lough; Central Communications Director Sherri Hill; VA Officer Joe Ellis; Recorder Nancy Cox; Mapping Director Mike Davis; Treasurer Heather Laffoon; Assistant County Attorney Tyler Nichols and Commissioners Executive Assistant Lori Dossett.

**PLEDGE & PRAYER**

Commissioner Frey led the pledge of allegiance and Commissioner Fulwider led the prayer.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of Claims: AP \$4,260,421.63

10/4 Payroll - \$468,898.65

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**Purple Heart Parkway Extension Project Change Order #3 - \$5,670.70**

This amount is to cover the cost for the omission of the manhole in the original Pay Items Quantities List. Both Crider and VS agree with the additional costs shown in this change order.

**Panic Button Quotes - Secure Tech System - \$18,280**

Upgrade to County's Panic Buttons. CCD funds will be used to pay for the upgrades.

**Schneider Geospatial Contract Change Order - No Additional Fees**

Agreement amended to include Payment Processor Integration Certified Payments & 40 hours of GeoPermits Onboarding Custom Consulting.

*Commissioner Guard moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Fulwider. Motion carried 3-0 votes in favor.*

## **PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING LEASING A STRUCTURE FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE**

Attorney Taylor advised the purpose of the public hearing is to consider a resolution regarding leasing the portions of a structure, commonly known as 127 East Main Street, Crawfordsville, IN for the County Public Defender Office and to determine whether the rent is fair and reasonable. The terms are as follows:

1. Lessor: Allied Capital Title, LLC., an Illinois limited liability company.
2. Lessee: Montgomery County Board of Commissioners
3. Intended Use: office space for Montgomery County Public Defender Office
4. Rent: \$2,000 per month
5. Term: 60 months, beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2029
6. Security Deposit: retain \$1,000.00 previously paid
7. Other: Water, Sewer, Gas and Electricity utility charges included in rent
8. Property Address: 3rd floor 127 East Main Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana
9. Character of Structure: Office Building

Board President John E. Frey opened the Public Hearing @ 8:02 am.

No one came forward with a comment.

Board President John E. Frey closed the Public Hearing @ 8:02 am.

*Commissioner Guard moved to approve the proposed Commercial Lease.*

*Seconded by Commissioner Fulwider. Motion carried 3-0 votes in favor.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2025 County Employee Health Insurance Benefit Renewal**

**Patti Perry APEX Representative spoke to the Board via Zoom:** Ms. Perry reviewed with the Board the following recommendations:

Move stop loss carrier to Symetra

- Total Fixed and Maximum Cost reduction of 13% or \$290,463
  - Remain with TrueRx – new negotiated contract savings of \$78,417
  - Renew all Metlife benefits
  - No change in dental rates
  - No change in vision rates
  - Basic life premium increase 6.6% or \$1,976 annually
  - No change in voluntary life rates
  - Short term disability premium increase 20% or \$15,031 annually
  - No change in Long term disability rates

- No change in Voluntary Accident, Critical Illness, or Hospital Indemnity rates
- Offer 2-month premium holiday (November and December 2024)
- No increase in Employee Contributions
- Increase HRA threshold to \$3,300 to align with IRS guidelines
- Continue \$750 HSA contributions prorated per pay period; increase Wellness incentive HSA contributions from \$250 to \$750 (help offset increase in HRA threshold)

*Commissioner Fulwider moved to approve the 2025 Employee Health Insurance proposal. Seconded by Commissioner Guard. Motion carried 3-0 votes in favor.*

**Real Estate Purchase Agreement - Byrer Property in Alamo –**

Due to new information to come to the Commissioners regarding a disagreement of whom owns the property, the proposed Real Estate Purchase Agreement should be tabled. *Commissioner Guard moved to table the Real Estate Purchase Agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Guard. Motion carried 3-0 votes in favor.*

**Approval Unofficial Local Detour - CR1200 S**

Highway Director Jake Lough: Unofficial Local Detour (ULD)- approval to sign and unofficial detour. The detour is for a 21 day closure on SR236 in Putnam County. The ULD will utilize Montgomery County 1200 S .83 miles of roadway between Putnam County 600 W & 1375 N no start date has been given.

*Commissioner Fulwider moved to approve the Unofficial Local Detour as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Guard. Motion carried 3-0 votes in favor.*

**Bridge 114 Task Order - Egis (formerly BLN)**

Highway Director Jake Lough: Egis ( formerly BLN) to help submit Notice of Funding Application for a major rehab on bridge #114 over Sugar Creek on Jim Davis Bridge road. The hopeful construction date would be 2029 and the amount for the task order is \$1,000.00. *Commissioner Fulwider moved to approve the Bridge 114 Task Order with Egis as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Guard. Motion carried 3-0 votes in favor.*

**2025 Notice for Annual Highway Department Bids**

Highway Director Jake Lough: Annual Bids- sealed Bids for the year 2025 for the following: Gas, Fuel, Oil, Diesel Exhaust Fluid, Culverts, Salt, Aggregates, Bituminous, 50/50 Dust Control, Signs, and Tires. These are to be delivered to the Commissioner’s office at the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, Ste A Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933, no later than 2:00 p.m. (local time), Friday November 22, 2024 any bids received after 2:00 p.m. Friday November

22, 2024 will be returned unopened to the bidder. *Commissioner Fulwider moved to approve the Notice to Bidders for Annual Bids as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Guard. Motion carried 3-0 votes in favor.*

## **ORDINANCES**

### **1st Reading Ordinance 2024-21 Amending Tax Rate for Cumulative Bridge Fund**

Commissioners agree to Amend the Tax Rate for Cumulative Bridge Fund for 2024 payable 2025 budgets from \$0.075 per \$100 of assessed valuation to \$0.055 per \$100 of assessed valuation in order to relieve the County's General Fund and to provide greater flexibility to the County Council for 2025 budgets. The reduction is in accordance to the County's Financial Plan referred to as the "Peters Plan".

### **1st Reading Ordinance 2024-22 Amending Speed Limit on County Road 400 North Between State Road 231 and County Road 400 West**

Due to recent road improvements the County Highway Department recommends that the speed limit on County Road 400 North between State Road 231 and County Road 400 West changed to 40 miles per hour, effective immediately.

### **1st Reading Ordinance 2024-23 Amending Speed Limit on County Road 150 South Between State Road 47 and County Road 200 West**

The Board received a report from the County Highway Department on August 26, 2024 which recommended that the speed limit on County Road 150 South between State Road 47 and County Road 200 West be changed to 45 miles per hour, effective immediately.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution 2024-25 Approving the Issuance of Redevelopment Commission District Revenue Bonds**

The Board of Commissioners hereby approves the issuance of the Bonds for the design and construction of watermain extensions for Nucor Road. The project will benefit the Nucor Road Economic Development Area and to pay the costs of issuance, and all other incidental expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of bonds in one or more series, by the Redevelopment Commission in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$7,775,000, with a term ending no later than twenty years after their date of issuance, and a maximum interest rate of seven and one-half percent (7.5%) per annum for the Bonds.

*Commissioner Guard moved to approve Resolution 2024-25 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Fulwider. Motion carried 3-0 votes in favor.*

**OTHER BUSINESS**

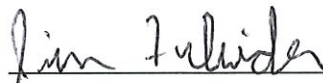
County Administrator Tom Klein announced a new Motocross Race will be coming to Montgomery County on October 2 to October 5, 2025. An estimated 30,000 spectators are expected.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned @ 8:30 am.

Minutes prepared by Commissioners Executive Assistant Lori Dossett.  
The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 28, 2024 @ 8:00 am @ Montgomery County Government Center-Room E-109.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

  
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~~John E. Frey, President~~  
Jim Fulwider, VP

**Attest:**

  
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Mindy Byers, Auditor