

**DAVISS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, January 14, 2020  
Daviess County Commissioners Room, Daviess County Courthouse  
Washington, Indiana**

The Daviess County Commissioners met Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Room within the Daviess County Courthouse.

**Roll Call.**

**Present: Michael Taylor, Vice President, Nathan Gabhart, President, Tom McCracken, Secretary.**

Commissioner Nathan Gabhart, President called the meeting to order.

Gary Blubaum with Antioch Christian Church gave the opening prayer.

**ANNUAL DRAINAGE BOARD (CALLED TO ORDER)**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS (BOARD ADJOURN)**

Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner called the annual drainage board meeting to order and opened up with election for the drainage board. Office are as follows: Nathan Gabhart, President, Tom McCracken, Vice President, and Michael Taylor, Secretary. President Nathan Gabhart asked if there was any business for the Drainage Board. With none noted, the meeting was adjourned.

**Motion:** Elect officers, Nathan Gabhart as President, Tom McCracken as Vice President, and Michael Taylor as Secretary, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

**ANNUAL BOARD OF FINANCE (CALLED TO ORDER)**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Nathan Gabhart, President, called the annual Board of Finance to order.

Elaine Wellman, Daviess County Treasurer presented to the Finance Board an annual report. Mrs. Wellman reported that checking accounts are at German American and First Financial Banks and reported nothing has changed with the policy. The recommendation to renew the investment policy with no changes was made by Elaine Wellman. **Document**

**Motion:** approve investment policy, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

Nathan Gabhart made the motion for election of officers for the Board of Finance. Motion for the board are as follows: Nathan Gabhart, President, Tom McCracken, Vice President and Michael Taylor, Secretary. **Motion:** Elect officers as stated. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** To adjourn the board of finance meeting, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by,** Tom McCracken, Secretary. **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, Vice President  
Motion passed unanimously.

**DAVISS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (CALLED TO ORDER)**  
**2020 ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR COMMISSIONERS**

Nathan Gabhart, President called for election of 2020 officers for the Daviess County Board of Commissioners. They are as follows. Nathan Gabhart, President, Tom McCracken, Vice President, Michael Taylor, Secretary. Nathan Gabhart, President agreed to be President for one more year.

**Motion:** Approve the election of officers for 2020, Nathan Gabhart, President, Tom McCracken, Vice President, Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Secretary.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**ANNUAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORMS**

Annual Conflict of Interest forms need to be completed by Commissioners and returned to the Auditor's office.

**ANNUAL NEPOTISM POLICY**

Annual Nepotism forms need to be filled out by Commissioners and returned to Patty Ball, Daviess County Auditor. Nathan Gabhart, President passed out the nepotism policy forms for each of the Commissioners.

**ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS**

COUNTY ATTORNEY-Grant Swartzentruber

IT DIRECTOR-Dale Quakenbush

COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR-Scott Schnarr

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER- Tony Potts

HIGHWAY DEPT. SUPERVISOR-Phil Cornelius

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES-David Gray

**Motion:** Leave all annual appointments the same, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 10, 2019**

**Motion:** Approve meeting minutes from the 12/10/2019 Commissioners meeting, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**DAVISS COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER (ANNEX) UPDATE**  
**DELAWARE GLASS CONTRACT**

Mike Schapker, Owners Representative for the Government Center, came before the Commissioners with the Delaware Glass contract regarding the Government Center construction. Mr. Schapker stated Delaware Glass will be working on the remedial work that remains to be completed on the construction of the building. The Delaware Glass construction contract is in the amount of \$107,600.00. **Document**

**Motion:** Approve Contract with Delaware Glass, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.  
Motion passed unanimously.

#### **UPDATE ON GOVERNMENT CENTER**

Mike Schapker, Owners Representative for the Government Center, came before the Commissioners with an update on the Government Center construction. The Stoneply work is continuing and the projected date for delivered Stoneply being hung is by the end of the working day Friday. Mr. Schapker stated he is hoping with weather permitting that the caulking work can come in right behind the completion of the Stoneply installation. On the north side of the building the Stoneply is being worked on now and is to be completed by the end of today. The pieces and parts necessary for the curtain wall are on order and will be here next week. The last week of January or first week in February should start with fabrication work. RQAW is close to having the final bid documents to have the interior work completed. By the end of the day Friday Mr. Schapker should have the draft document. Mr. Schapker will present this document to the Commissioners at their next meeting for approval to issue for bids.

#### **HIGHWAY**

##### **900 E UPDATE AND CLAIM VOUCHERS**

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, presented the Commissioners with a claim voucher for Cannelburg Road Phase 4 for \$15,295.81 with 80% reimbursable at \$12,236.65. Lochmueller is currently working on road way design and public involvement portion and is 95% complete. The environmental document is back and approved from Federal Highway. Mr. Cornelius stated he is expecting to receive from DNR specifications regarding animal passage under the bridge. The Highway Department did receive notice to proceed approval for the right of way purchase. Probably survey stakes out the end of next week and appraisers and buyers will be out to talk to property owners regarding the purchase of right of ways. Mr. Cornelius presented the Commissioners with the claim voucher for approval with a single signature. **Document**

**Motion:** Approve LPA Claim Voucher, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Vice President, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, asked Mr. Cornelius to present an update of work regarding the road improvement plan at the next Commissioners meeting. Mr. Cornelius agreed to give that update. Mr. Cornelius stated the revenue was anticipated to be at a 50% or greater increase and turned out to be 28%. The Highway Engineers Supervisors Association is going to be talking to the State Legislature about trying to reduce the specifications.

#### **BRIDGE INSPECTION REPORT APPROVAL**

Michael Stevenson, SJCA, came before the Commissioners and presented them with a bridge inspection report and explained the report. Mr. Stevenson stated that this report is in regards to phase 1 of the bridge inspection. He presented two copies of a book that contained the requirements of the contract. (One copy of this book will be in the Auditor's office for the public to access.) Mr. Stevenson stated that overall the condition of the bridges are really good. Due to policy changes there will be extra signage on the bridges regarding load limit postings. Mr. Stevenson stated he will get the map to Phil Cornelius to present that to Commissioners soon and he looks forward to working on the next stage with Daviess County.

**Motion:** Acceptance of Daviess County Inspection Report Phase 1, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **BRIDGE INSPECTION CLAIM VOUCHER**

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, presented the commissioners with a claim voucher for county wide bridge inspection. The LPA Claim Voucher for preliminary engineering county wide bridge inspection and reinspection for \$44,338.05 with 80% reimbursable at \$35,470.44. Phil presented claim voucher to the Commissioners for a single signature. **Document**

**Motion:** Approve Bridge Inspection Claim Voucher, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Vice President, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, Secretary.  
Motion passed unanimously.

### **COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT 2020 APPLICATION DISCUSSION**

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Supervisor, stated it is that time of year to apply for the Community Crossings grant if the Commissioners want to apply for it again. Daviess County is eligible to apply again for 2020. Sportsman Road, US 50 to CR 600 S is an option this grant could go towards. This project would be similar to the Cannelburg Road project. Mr. Cornelius stated that the amount of cost on this project will likely run over what the grant will cover and if that happens the county needs to decide what they are willing to cover. Another option would be to stop short of CR 600 S and not fully repave the entire road. Tom McCracken, Daviess County Commissioner, stated he didn't want to repave a road that is in pretty good shape and would like to see the roads that are in need of repair be considered. Mr. Cornelius stated that Sportsman road has not been paved since it was originally paved in the 1990's and had been chip and sealed ten years ago. Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, stated that he agreed with Mr. McCracken regarding maybe finding a middle ground and not doing a full replace to Sportsman road. Maybe there is resurfacing or something similar and still qualify for the grant. As long as we are providing connectivity and opening the county up it is moving in the right direction. Michael Taylor, Daviess County Commissioner, stated he is in favor of repaving Sportsman road. The county has a good quality of life and if we are going to grow as a county some of these issues are going to have to be addressed and feels the Sportsman road project is a great opportunity to do that. Mr. Gabhart state that at the end of the day making a road that is 100% and leaving the other roads that are 60% and getting much more quality of life is worth the investment but there has to be a decision one way or another. Mr. Taylor stated that the other roads in question are not failing beyond repair and there is time to address those as well. Mr. Cornelius stated that it could be programmed back into the annual report to address some of the projects Mr. McCracken brought up in addition to the Sportsman road project. Mr. Gabhart stated that the Commissioners would like to move forward with the bid and estimates for Sportsman road. Mr. Cornelius stated he is going to come back with the total cost to the Commissioners now that he knows the Commissioners are interested in this project.

### **APPROVE PEABODY AGREEMENT AND BOND RELEASE FOR 350 S BETWEEN 800 E AND 900 E**

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Department Supervisor, stated the highway department asked Peabody coal mine to give easements to the county. This agreement reflects all of the locations with the easements. Mr. Cornelius recommends the Commissioners release Peabody from the remaining bond and escrow on CR 325 S. **Document Document Document**

**Motion:** Approve the request for release, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.  
Motion passed unanimously.

### **RDC**

Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, stated the RDC (Redevelopment Commission) annual report was received at the RDC meeting this morning and would like to make a motion to approve the report.

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**Motion:** Approve RDC Annual Report, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.  
Motion passed unanimously.

### **NEW HEALTH BOARD APPOINTMENT REQUEST**

Kathy Sullender, Daviess County Nurse, came before the Commissioners with the resignation of James Steimel from the Health Board effective December 2019. Mr. Steimel had served as a Health Board member for eleven years. The Daviess County Board of Health would like to recommend to appoint Dr. James Simpson to fill the vacant position of Mr. Steimel.

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**Motion:** Approve appointment of Dr. James Simpson to the Daviess County Health Board, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.  
Motion passed unanimously.

### **EVAPAR CONTRACT**

Kathy Sullender, Daviess County Health Nurse, presented the Commissioners with the EVAPAR contract. This contract is for generator maintenance and needs a six month extension, due to not being able to be in the Government Center Building as expected. The contract is for \$515.00 and will come out of fund 1159. **Document**

**Motion:** Approve the \$515.00 for EVAPAR, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.  
Motion passed unanimously.

### **EDI CONTRACT**

Kathy Sullender, Daviess County Health Nurse, came before the Commissioners regarding a new program with Optum Intelligent EDI. The Health Department would like to use EDI it is a free program. This program would help the Health Department become paperless. **Document**

**Motion:** Approve EDI contract, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tom McCracken, Vice President, **Seconded by** Michael Taylor, Secretary.  
Motion passed unanimously.

### **COMMUNITY HEALTH LIAISON**

Kathy Sullender, Daviess County Health Nurse, came before the Commissioners with the resignation of Chris Raber as the Community Health Liaison. The Liaison works with the Latino and Hispanic translating. Ms. Sullender stated that Rose Raber would like to take this position. Rose Raber speaks fluent Spanish and has worked as an OB nurse. The Community Health Liaison salary will continue to be paid through a grant. **Document**

**Motion:** Accept resignation from Chris Raber and to hire Rose Raber as community health liaison, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.  
Motion passed unanimously.

### **ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN-SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT**

Kris Callaway, Advisor with Baird, came before the Commissioners with a deferred compensation plan for the Sheriff's department. Mr. Callaway stated he has been working with the Sheriff's department to get low cost and compensation package. He has worked with Sheriff's department across the state to provide a low cost investment company and work with officers to help them develop their retirement plan. Mr. Callaway stated the county would be giving your county officers another way to save for retirement and this is not doing away with the PERF the county currently has. This is just another option for the officers. This would be no expense to the county. This would be deducted from the officers' wages. Patty Ball, Daviess County Auditor, explained that there is no cost to the county but the Auditor's

office will have additional work, however she is not opposed to the office taking on the work load. Mr. Callaway offered to look into helping the county have something similar offered to them as well. Ms. Ball stated that Daviess County employees have a choice of using Hoosier Start. Currently there is not a compensation plan that could be used in addition to that. Mr. Callaway stated the compensation plan is something that will take months for him to develop. Stating he would be willing to present a plan similar to this compensation plan presented today to the Commissioners for county employees as well.

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**Motion:** Approve Deffered Compensation Plan for the Sheriff's Department, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS INSURANCE-DIANA SNYDER**

**Motion:** Table, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**PACE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY, INC BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESIGNATION**

Dr. Bruce Hatton was previously appointed by Commissioners to the PACE Board of Directors and submitted his resignation.

**APPOINTMENT**

Pace Community Action Agency's Board of Directors has recommended Michael Hosford to serve on the board. **Document**

**Motion:** Approve Resignation of Dr. Bruce Hatton and Appointment of Michael Hosford **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD OF AVIATION RESIGNATION**

Ray Crawford is resigning from the Daviess County Aviation Board. The Aviation Board is looking for an appointment but does not have one at this time. **Document**

**Motion:** Approve the resignation of Ray Crawford to the Aviation Board, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**ANNUAL GROSS WAGE REPORT**

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**Motion:** To approve the gross wage report, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**COMMUNITIES AND CRANE MOA**

Nathan Gabhart, Daviess County Commissioner, discussed the joint land use study that was previously conducted. This is communicating with Crane and surrounding areas. Daviess County has a small band that is affected. This is an agreement between Crane and local municipality to communicate together. Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, stated that this agreement can be dropped at any time.

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**Motion:** Passed 2-1 with Tom McCracken opposed, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Nathan Gabhart, President.  
Motion passed unanimously.

### **BUGGY PERMIT FEE ORDINANCE**

The Buggy Permit Fee Ordinance is an Ordinance regarding the buggy permit fees going from \$60 in 2019 to \$75 for 2020. This fee will be looked at yearly. This Ordinance will need to be advertised.

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**Motion:** Approve Ordinance 2020-1, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **2020 COMMISSIONERS APPOINTMENTS**

Appointments, boards all three Commissioners serve on:

Solid Waste

Daviess Community Hospital

Daviess County Redevelopment

Ambulance Advisory Board

Drainage Board

Boards/Committees that one or two Commissioners are appointed to:

Bennington Levee-Tom McCracken

Workforce Development-Nathan Gabhart

APC-Michael Taylor

Child Protection Services-Nathan Gabhart

IDHS(Emergency management issues) District 10 planning oversight-Tom McCracken

Daviess County Economic Development Corporation-Michael Taylor

Westgate@Crane Authority and SIDC each have new appointments that are needed. Diana Snyder has agreed to fill both of these appointments. **Motion:** Approve Diana Snyder to Westgate@Crane Authority board and SIDC appointments, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Vice President, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

Tom McCracken has four people that have agreed to serve on Commissioner appointed boards.

Visitor's Bureau-Debbie Goodwin, Marilyn McCullough, and Natalie Smith

Aviation Board-Bernie Harner

**Motion:** Approval of appointments, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.

Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, discussed the Consulting Agreement Amendment #1. This document is an agreement of temporary pay adjustment for Mike Schapker, Owners Representative for the Government Center project. The adjustment to time and pay in this amendment was previously approved by Commissioners. This document is adjusting time and pay for a three month window. This document is an amendment to \$11,000 a month and 4 days a week. This was amended due to work procedures on hold.

**Motion:** Approve Consulting Agreement Amendment, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **PAYROLL DOCKET 12/20/2019**

**Motion:** , **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Taylor, Secretary, **Seconded by** Tom McCracken, Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously.

**CLAIMS DOCKET**

**Motion: , Action: Approve, Moved by Michael Taylor, Secretary, Seconded by Tom McCracken, Vice President**

Motion passed unanimously.

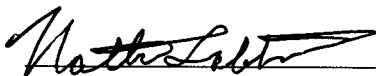
**INFORMATION**

**DAVISS-MARTIN JOINT COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
DAVISS COUNTY BOARD OF AVIATION COMMISSIONERS  
IDEM CFO PERMIT-CONFINED FEEDING OPERTATION  
APPROVAL OF COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLAN  
INDIANA UPLANDS WINTER FOOD CONFERENCE IDEM APPROVED PERMIT  
CITY OF WASHINGTON WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS  
IDEM-RECEIPT OF AIR PERMIT APPLICATION  
ACUITY  
DNR PERMIT RENEWAL  
INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**ADJOURN**

**Motion: Adjourn Meeting, Action: Approve, Moved by Michael Taylor, Secretary, Seconded by Tom McCracken, Vice President.**

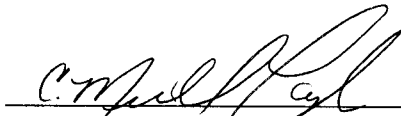
Motion passed unanimously.



Nathan Gabhart, President



Tom McCracken, Vice President



C. Michael Taylor, Secretary

ATTEST: 

Patricia K. Ball, Auditor of Daviess County