



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEN**  
**Council Chambers Courtroom - Citizens Square**  
**200 East Berry Street, Room 035**  
**Fort Wayne IN 46802**

**MINUTES**

**Board of Commissioners' Legislative Session**  
**Friday, August 18, 2023**

Commissioners Present: Richard E Beck, F. Nelson Peters  
Commissioners Absent: Therese M Brown

Others Present: Chris Cloud, Bill Fishering, Robin Minniear, Emily Almodovar, Bill Hartman, Mike Fruchey, Rusty Holt, Sandra Flum, Kevin Sears, Dave Jones

**Call to Order** Commissioner Richard E. Beck called the legislative session to order at 10:02 AM.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**

**InDOT ProPEL US 30 East Study Team Presentation**

Rusty Holt of ProPEL presented a study of the US 30 East from Kosciusko County to the Ohio line. Following further analysis and public comment periods, the research will eventually be sent to the Indiana governor and Indiana Department of Transportation for consideration for road modifications and improvements to enhance road safety and traffic flow improvements.

So far, the analyses have shown over 2700 crashes in the past years in the corridor, with the majority happening in urban areas around Warsaw, Columbia City and either side of Fort Wayne. There are 189 access points, which would be reviewed to consolidation or improvement for efficiency and safety, as well as 12 “failing intersections” for cross traffic. The full study can be found at

[www.ProPELUS30.com](http://www.ProPELUS30.com)

## **1. Items for Consideration:**

### **1.a Consideration of the approval of minutes of the August 11, 2023, legislative session.**

F. Nelson Peters made a motion to Approve. Richard E Beck seconded the motion.

Motion Passed: 2 - 0

### **1.b Consideration of claims submitted for the period of August 8 to 15, 2023, in the amount of \$3,127,488.05.**

F. Nelson Peters made a motion to Approve. Richard E Beck seconded the motion.

Motion Passed: 2 - 0

### **1.c Consideration of agreement with A&Z Engineering LLC for Phase II section corner perpetuation project for Perry Township, with fees not to exceed \$61,200.00.**

Allen County Surveyor Mike Fruchey presented an agreement with A&Z Engineering for a Phase II project. He noted that this was a more difficult township, the fourth of the six currently being studied, and so the per-corner rate is slightly higher than other townships.

F. Nelson Peters made a motion to Approve. Richard E Beck seconded the motion. Motion

Passed: 2 - 0

### **1.d Consideration of request for vacation bank donations for surveyor's office employee.**

Allen County Surveyor Mike Fruchey requested approval of a vacation bank for one of his employees who has used all available personal time off and needs more for a serious medical situation.

F. Nelson Peters made a motion to Approve. Richard E Beck seconded the motion. Motion

Passed: 2 - 0

### **1.e Consideration of Change Order #1 and Final for Bid Ref #04-2022 for bridge replacement on Yoder Rd Bridge 260 over Simmerman Drain, Project #0100422; in the amount of \$2,974.61 (increase).**

Allen County Highway Director Bill Hartman requested approval of this metal culvert replacement project. He noted that the increase, due to additional required subgrade work, was only 0.31 percent over the original bid and still under the engineer's estimate.

F. Nelson Peters made a motion to Approve. Richard E Beck seconded the motion.

Motion Passed: 2 - 0

### **1.f Consideration of Project Acceptance for Bid Ref #04-2022 for bridge replacement for Yoder Rd Bridge 260 over Simmerman Drain, Project #0100422; for the final contract amount of \$974,694.29.**

F. Nelson Peters made a motion to Approve. Richard E Beck seconded the motion. Motion

Passed: 2 - 0

**1.g Consideration of Change Order #1 and Final for Bid Ref #24- 2022 for bridge replacement for Maplecrest Rd Bridge #184 over Trier Ditch, Project #0100522; in the amount of \$14,859.88 increase.**

Allen County Highway Director Bill Hartman requested approval of the change order, which was necessary due to additional patching and concrete needed on the old deck and pilings. He noted that, the total price will still be under the engineer's estimate for the project.

F. Nelson Peters made a motion to Approve. Richard E Beck seconded the motion. Motion

Passed: 2 - 0

**1.h Consideration of Project Acceptance for Bid Ref #24-2022 for bridge replacement for Maplecrest Rd Bridge #184 over Trier Ditch, Project #0100522; for the final contract amount of \$417,230.89.**

F. Nelson Peters made a motion to Approve. Richard E Beck seconded the motion.

Motion Passed: 2 - 0

**1.i Consideration of Supplemental Agreement #2 with Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc. for Utility Coordination for Diebold Rd - Phase II from N. Clinton Street to Roundabout, Project #1200312; in the amount of \$46,400.00.**

Allen County Highway Director Bill Hartman requested approval of the supplemental agreement with Butler, Fairman. He noted that right of way negotiations are more complicated and there are more utilities involved than originally anticipated. These two factors necessitate a contract extension.

Nelson Peters made a motion to Approve. Richard E Beck seconded the motion. Motion Passed: 2 - 0

**2. Other Business:**

**2.a Chief of Staff Chris Cloud presented a plat for approval.**

F. Nelson Peters made a motion to Approve. Richard E Beck seconded the motion.

Motion Passed: 2 - 0

**2.b Chief of Staff Chris Cloud asked to waive short term disability for a particular county employee, as requested by the Human Resources Department.**

F. Nelson Peters made a motion to Approve. Richard E Beck seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

**3. Approval to waive the 2nd Reading on any matter approved today and for which it may be deemed necessary for today's Legislative Session.**

F. Nelson Peters made a motion to Approve. Richard E Beck seconded the motion. Motion

Passed: 2 - 0

**4. Comments from the Public:**

None.

**5. Motion to Adjourn:** Commissioner Beck adjourned the session at 10:33 AM.

These Minutes were approved as distributed at the Board of Commissioners meeting on

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\_\_\_\_\_, Therese M. Brown, President

\_\_\_\_\_, Richard E. Beck Jr, Vice President

\_\_\_\_\_, F. Nelson Peters, Secretary

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