



**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  
September 1, 2023**

Commissioners Present: Therese Brown, Richard Beck, Nelson Peters

Others Present: Bill Fishering, Laura Maser, Robin Minniear, Emily Almodovar, Bill Hartman, Deb Hudson, Scott Harrold, Brian Sechler

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Therese M. Brown called the legislative session to order at 10:06 AM.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**

**1. Items for Consideration:**

**1.a Consideration of minutes from the August 18, 2023, legislative session.**

Richard Beck made a motion to Approve. Nelson Peters seconded the motion. Motion Passed: 3 - 0

**1.b Consideration of claims submitted for payment for the period of August 15 to August 30, 2023, in the amount of \$3,642,715.05.**

Richard E Beck made a motion to Approve. F. Nelson Peters seconded the motion.  
Motion Passed: 3 - 0

**1.c Consideration of Diebold North Allocation Area and creation of the Diebold North TIF Fund.**

Scott Harrold of the Department of Planning Services appeared to request approval of the tax increment financing area of the Diebold North Allocation Area. He noted that this mixed-use development area, consisting of a winery, event center, shopping, and other businesses, would be beneficial to the tax base overall.

Richard E Beck made a motion to Approve. F. Nelson Peters seconded the motion.  
Motion Passed: 3 - 0

**1.d Consideration of Attestation of No Gag Clause Compliance and Attestation Statement with Physicians Health Plan.**

Human Resources Benefits Manager Deb Hudson presented a gag clause compliance attestation, a requirement of the federal government, for consideration.

Nelson Peters made a motion to Approve. Richard Beck seconded the motion. Motion Passed 3-0.

**1.e Consideration of LPA-Consulting Contract with Engineering Resources Inc. for construction engineering services for Fogwell Parkway from Lafayette Center Rd to Winters Rd, Project #1200318; in the amount of \$867,500.00.**

Allen County Highway Director Bill Hartman noted that this project is on the west side of General Motors and is for the maintenance of traffic coordination. Bidding for the construction phase will be held July 2024.

Nelson Peters made a motion to Approve. Richard Beck seconded the motion. Motion Passed 3-0.

**1.f Consideration for Supplemental Agreement #3 with Apex Consulting and Surveying Inc. for additional preliminary engineering and right of way services on Green Rd from Paulding Rd to Seiler Rd; in the amount of \$8,400.00.**

Allen County Highway Director Bill Hartman explained that additional survey and plan preparation was required for this project, requiring extra charges.

Nelson Peters made a motion to Approve. Richard Beck seconded the motion. Motion Passed 3-0.

**1.g Consideration for the Access Standards Manual for Allen County and City of Fort Wayne.**

Allen County Highway Director Bill Hartman requested approval of an access manual which was a joint standard between the county highway, Fort Wayne Street Department, Northeast Indiana Regional Coordination Council and Urban Transportation Advisory Board.

Nelson Peters made a motion to Approve. Richard Beck seconded the motion. Motion Passed 3-0.

**1.h Consideration of Sign Requests in Valencia Subdivision to post Speed Limit 30 MPH.**

Allenbrock Blvd – southbound Allenbrock Blvd, just south of Rothman Rd

Verandah Lane – northbound Verandah Lane, just south of Claypool Crossing

Wolfsboro Lane – Eastbound Wolfsboro Lane, just west of Coldstream Court

Highway Director Bill Hartman presented speed limit posting which had been requested by the residents of the Valencia Subdivision.

Nelson Peters made a motion to Approve. Richard Beck seconded the motion. Motion Passed 3-0.

**1.i Consideration for approval for Warranty Deed for Slusher Rd Bridge #141 over Edgerton-Carson Drain, Project #0100419.**

Parcel 01 – Coomer

Highway Director Bill Hartman noted that this was the first of three deeds required for this project, which will be bid in December 2024.

Richard Beck made a motion to Approve. Nelson Peters seconded the motion. Motion Passed: 3 - 0

**1.j Consideration for approval for Warranty Deed for Worden Rd Small Structure #116005, New Bridge #328 over Hamm Interceptor, Project #1500221.**

Parcel 02 – K & M Mendenhall, LLC

Highway Director Bill Hartman noted that this is the second of four deeds required for this project. It will be bid in October or November of this year.

Richard Beck made a motion to Approve. Nelson Peters seconded the motion. Motion Passed: 3 - 0

**1.k Consideration of agreement with RC Maintenance for the removal of underground storage tank at the Service Center.**

County Attorney Laura Maser presented an agreement with RC Maintenance for the removal of underground storage tanks at the Service Center on South Calhoun Street. She noted that employees will not refill county vehicles at highway barns or at contracted filling stations.

Richard Beck made a motion to Approve. Nelson Peters seconded the motion. Motion Passed: 3 - 0

**1.l Consideration of agreement with Borrer Public Affairs LLC for legislative services for Allen County.**

An agreement was approved with Borrer Public Affairs to service as consultant and lobbyist for the upcoming legislative session. The fee has been increased due to a greater scope of work expected in the coming session.

Nelson Peters made a motion to Approve. Richard Beck seconded the motion. Motion Passed 3-0.

**2. Other Business:** None.

**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.**

Richard Beck made a motion to Approve. Nelson Peters seconded the motion. Motion Passed: 3 - 0

**4. Comments from the Public:** None.

**5. Motion to Adjourn:** Commissioner Brown adjourned the public meeting at 10:20 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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