



**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 8, 2023**

Commissioners Present: Therese Brown, Richard Beck, Nelson Peters

Others Present: Chris Cloud, Robin Minniear, Bill Fishing, Mike Fruchey, Bill Hartman, Brad Riehle, Nathan Dennison, CJ Steigmeyer, Melanie Carney, Kate Dippold

Call to Order Commissioner Therese M. Brown called the legislative session to order at 10:01 AM.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

1. Items for Consideration:

1.a Consideration of the approval of minutes of the September 1, 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 the period of August 30 to September 6 in the amount of \$9,254,338.89.

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

1.c Consideration of agreement with Abonmarche Consultants Inc. for Phase II section corner perpetuation project for Lake Township, with fees not to exceed \$55,400.00.

Allen County Surveyor Mike Fruchey presented the fifth Phase II contract and the last that will be recommended this calendar year. He noted that Lake has 49 Class 1 corners to be marked. The state mandate is to reaffirm five percent of corners annually. Because this project is so far behind, he has made this a priority since assuming office and will gain ten percent this year.

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

1.d Consideration of agreement with Corsica Technologies to purchase internet networking equipment and professional services to program the equipment and provide service for five years at a cost of \$219,235.32.

Brad Riehle, IT Director at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, presented an agreement to update equipment and purchase a service contract, noting that the previous system had been installed in 2012.

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

1.e Consideration of a contract with Carbonhouse for the design and implementation of website for the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum at a cost of \$40,500 plus \$9,000/year for licensing, support and hosting.

Nathan Dennison, vice president for sales at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, presented an agreement for the rebuild and licensing of a new website. He noted that the old site had been created in 2018 and was now considered obsolete by today's standards and with accessibility requirements. He added that three proposals were received, the county IT and purchasing departments had approved this from Carbonhouse, and it is expected to launch by the first of 2024.

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

1.f Consideration of Warranty Deed for Slusher Rd Bridge #141 over Edgerton-Carson Drain, Project #0100419.

a. Parcel 2 – Wetter

Allen County Highway Director Bill Hartman presented a deed for the Slusher Road Bridge, which is located 1 ½ miles south of SR 101 and south of Woodburn. The project is expected to be bid in 2024.

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

1.g Consideration of NonPermanent Fund Agreement, to be known as the Allen County Bicentennial Fund, between the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne and Allen County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioners' legislative liaison Kate Dippold reminded the panel of the Allen County Bicentennial Celebration which will begin in April 2024. The organizing committee has established a fund with the Community Foundation of GFW for organizations and individuals wishing to donate unrestricted and cash donations for events and legacy projects associated with the Bicentennial. There will be no fees for donors, but as funds are withdrawn, a five percent distribution charge will be assessed as an administrative fee, Dippold stated. However, the county commissioners have consented to pay this fee so all donated monies will be used for Bicentennial purposes. The Fund will conclude with the Bicentennial.

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

1.h Consideration of appointment to the Three Rivers Ambulance Authority.

Brett Steffen of Parkview was approved as an appointment to the TRAA Board of Directors. He has served in that capacity since 2020.

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

2. Other Business: Chief of Staff Chris Cloud noted that the commissioners own a very small parcel on South Coliseum. There is a billboard on the property, which is currently rented by Pontiac Tires LLC and the annual payment of \$1,000 has been received.

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

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 The legislative session was adjourned at 10:18 AM by Commissioner Brown.

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

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_____, Therese M. Brown, President

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_____, F. Nelson Peters, Secretary

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