

Floyd County Council
Minutes
June 13, 2023
6:00 P.M.
Pineview Government Center
Commissioners Meeting Room #104

Denise Konkle called the meeting to order and led the *Pledge of Allegiance*

Roll Call – Full Quorum

Also Present- Attorney, Steve Langdon; Sheriff, Steve Bush; Judge, Maria Granger; Treasurer, Steve Burks and Clerk, Danita Burks

Tony Toran led the invocation

Acceptance of the Agenda

Motion to add Public Comment to the end of the agenda and remove New Business number

1. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Tony Toran. Motion failed 3-4. Connie Moon, Danny Short, Dale Bagshaw and Jim Freiberger opposed.

Motion to amend the agenda with the public comment at the end as well as the beginning.

Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Tony Toran. Motion passed 5-2. Connie Moon and Danny Short opposed.

Approval of the Minutes 5-16-2023

Motion to approve. Moved by Dale Bagshaw. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.

Public

Chris Redden thanked the Council for their support of the 4-H Fair.

Leslea Townsend Cronin, Executive Director of the Homeless Coalition of Southern Indiana, spoke on programs they bring to the community. The White Flag Program served 250 guests for Floyd, Clark and surrounding counties. The Eviction Prevention Program prevented 230 evictions in Floyd County. They received over 1100 Housing stability requests for people that could not pay their utilities. They are also doing advocacy at State Level.

Old Business

1. Floyd County Sheriff – Steve Bush (OB#1)

a. Additional Pension Payment 2023

Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: Employee Benefit Fund

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
9002	005	1000	11	Merit Pension Payment	\$ 1,361,945.00	\$ 85,430.00

Motion to approve Old Business 1 as advertised. Moved by Connie Moon. Motion failed for lack of second.

Stan Heil stated the \$361,945.00 represented the advanced level of funding, with a one-time \$1 million payment to shore up the loss. Brad Striegel stated there is a liability from an injured officer that is retired that is the additional liability beyond the budgeted amount.

Denise Konkle suggested to the Sheriff's Department to build the additional amount needed into their budget next year.

Motion to pay the recommended amount of \$85,430.00. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed 4-3. Connie Moon, Danny Short and Jim Freiburger opposed.

Sheriff Bush stated there are rumors that they are doing away with the housing of federal inmates. The Sheriff Department advised the US Marshals that they can house 40-50 more inmates.

Sheriff Bush stated they had REC, Residents Encounter Christ, 39 of the inmates stated they wanted to be baptized.

New Business

1. County Council – Connie Moon (NB#1)

Connie Moon stated the request comes from the recommendation of the Election Board. She believes transparency is important and should be proactive instead of reactive. She feels this should be brought to the Council in one central location.

a. County Council Leadership Change

Motion that the Council requests Ms. Konkle to resign her position as chair, which would entail them electing a new president. Moved by Connie Moon. Seconded by Danny Short. Motion failed 3-4. Opposed by Denise Konkle, Brad Striegel, Jim Freiburger and Tony Toran.

b. Discussion on change of Council Attorney

Motion to retain current Council. Moved by Dale Bagshaw. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion

Connie Moon stated she has had concerned citizens ask how someone that was not living in the County represent them. They felt misled.

Connie Moon stated that the full Council does not get information in a timely matter and is given information the day of the meeting.

Connie Moon stated it was asked to bring up the current Council Attorney by the recommendation of the Election Board. There are legal issues that pertain to the current chair of the Council. She would prefer to take a vote to resign her President position of the Council,

elect a new Vice President since Brad would become the President and strictly work for transparency for all seven members of the Council.

Tony Toran asked about the recommendation of the election board. Connie Moon stated the Election Board stated that this is not their issue but a Council issue and recommended to take up with the Council.

Mr. Toran asked County Clerk and Election Board member, Danita Burks, if this was the request of the Election Board. Ms. Burks stated it was their recommendation because they have no authority over these particular topics and need to be handled within the groups that can handle them.

Attorney Steve Langdon stated it sounds like the Election Board is saying that it is not an Election Board issue that it would have to be taken up with the County Council. Mr. Langdon stated a member of the County Council asked about the foundational requirements to serve on the County Council. He believed this to follow his contract with the Council, did it in less than two and one half hours and did not charge extra for the research. He feels he is blessed to serve as County Council Attorney and would like to continue to serve in years to come. It doesn't sit well with him when his good name is brought up in the paper in a negative connotation. Transparency could have prevented this. He looks at all of the Council members as his friends as well as his boss and would happy to give advice to any of them when asked.

Connie Moon stated she was instructed that the only Council members that could contact the attorney was the President or Vice President. Mr. Langdon stated he requested that if it pertains to Ordinances or research that would take longer than two and one half hours that the request come from the President or Vice President.

Connie Moon stated that the current President ran a campaign not living in her district or county. Ms. Moon stated Ms. Konkle admitted it under oath in the Election Board hearing. According to Ms. Moon, Ms. Konkle admitted to living in Harrison County in October, prior to the election in November.

Denise Konkle stated Connie Moon's husband has filed a civil suit against her, she has open records requests against her. She stated she has been bullied and manipulated. She would like to wait until it is all settled and they will find out that she has done nothing wrong.

Connie Moon stated she has done nothing but bring it to a public meeting because the community is discussing it.

Denise Konkle said it is petty politics and they need to get back to work to address everything on the agenda.

Brad Striegel asked Mr. Langdon if it is legal to discuss leadership change in the middle of the year. Mr. Langdon stated the Indiana statute that provides when leadership is elected, which is the first meeting of the year. He found nothing that support elections mid-year unless the President or Vice President was removed or died in office during the term. He

didn't see anything in Roberts Rules other than a vote of no confidence but it doesn't have any bearings if the person can serve.

Dale Bagshaw stated he does concur with Ms. Moon on the lack of transparency. He stated the day before was the first meeting he had with Ms. Konkle. Ms. Konkle stated she is available for conversation anytime with any of them with the exception of Ms. Moon. She is sorry she feels that way but there has been too much damage to their relationship to work together.

Danny Short stated Ms. Konkle stated that she could not work with any of the Council except Brad Striegel. Ms. Konkle denied saying that and that she feels Brad Striegel was the best person for Vice President regardless of party.

Jim Freiburger stated Council members should have the right to bring up an issue with the Council. He may not agree but they deserve to be heard. He personally doesn't think Ms. Konkle has done anything wrong, legally or morally. He said there are communication issues. He stated there has been meetings with the Reedy Group that the whole council has not been involved in.

Brad Striegel stated there is room for improvement on communication. Transparency can be better on both sides and they should ask questions instead of waiting for information to come to them.

Denise Konkle stated she will work on communication and will work with anyone that needs more information.

2. Superior Court 3 and Veterans Court– Judge Maria Granger (NB#2)

a. Request for New Line Items

9148-000-3000-01 Chemical Testing

9149-000-2000-01 Incentives

9149-000-3000-01 Chemical Testing

Motion to approve 2 a&b as advertised. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: Superior Crt 3 Veteran Crt Problem Solving

Fund bal: \$10,000.00

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
9148	000	3000	01	Chemical Testing	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00

Motion to approve 2 a&b as advertised. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: Superior Crt 3 Family Recovery Problem Solving

Fund bal: \$10,000.00

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
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9149	000	2000	01	Incentives	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
9149	000	3000	01	Chemical Testing	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
				Total	\$ 10,000.00	\$10,000.00

Motion to approve 2c. Moved by Tony Toran. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Request for New Line Items

9117-000-1000-09 Commercial Court Clerk

Motion to approve 2d&e. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: Commercial Crt Grant Superior 3

Fund bal: \$ 22,658.00

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
9117	000	1000	03	Worker Comp	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
9117	000	1000	04	Unemployment	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
9117	000	1000	05	FICA	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 5,700.00
9117	000	1000	06	Insurance	\$ 13,000.00	\$13,000.00
9117	000	1000	07	PERF	\$ 10,500.00	\$10,500.00
9117	000	1000	09	Commercial Court Clerk	\$ 73,275.97	\$73,275.97
				Total	\$102,625.97	\$102,625.97

Motion to approve 2 d&e. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Floyd County Sheriff – Steve Bush (NB#3)

a. Request for New Line Item

1233-005-3000-10 Educational Materials /Educators

Motion to approve 3a&b. Moved by Connie Moon. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: Jail-LIT Tax

Fund bal: \$1,320,225.14

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
1233	005	3000	10	Educational Materials/Educator	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00

Motion to approve 3a&b. Moved by Connie Moon. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Coordinator Position

Sheriff Bush stated the position is for a Transitional Coordinator for the Opioid Grant.

Motion to approve 3c. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.

4. County Extension Director – Janet Steffens (NB#4)

a. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: County General-County Extension

Fund bal: \$ 2,097,726.22

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
1000	808	1000	06	Program Assistant	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00

Motion to approve 4a. Moved by Dale Bagshaw. Seconded by Brad Striegel. Motion passed unanimously.

5. ATOD Task Force – Casey Nesmith (NB#5)

a. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: County Drug Free Community

Fund bal: \$76,140.30

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
1148	000	3000	01	ATOD Grant	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00

Motion to approve 5a. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Public Defender – Matthew Lorch (NB#6)

a. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: County General – Public Defender

Fund bal: \$2,097,726.22

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
1000	271	1000	01	Chief Public Defender	\$ 6,446.00	\$ 6,446.00
1000	271	1000	02	Office Administrator	\$ 5,543.75	\$ 5,543.75
1000	271	1000	03	Administrative Coordinator	\$ 1,692.50	\$ 1,692.50
				Total	\$ 13,682.25	\$ 13,682.25

Public Defender, Matt Lorch, stated the increases are to go into effect July 1. The increase would be a net \$8,209.35 once they get reimbursement from the state.

Motion to approve 6a. Moved by Dale Bagshaw. Seconded by Jim Freiburger. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: Foster Care Title IV-E

Fund bal: \$ 11,298.58

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
8000	000	3000	01	Contractual Services	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,200.00

Motion to approve 6b. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Parks and Recreation – Matt Denison (NB#7)

a. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: Parks Non-Rev Capital

Fund bal: \$140,167.78

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
1178	000	4000	03	Letty Walter Park	\$ 520.00	\$ 520.00

Motion to approve 7a. Moved by Danny Short. Seconded by Brad Striegel. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Parks Maintenance Director Job Classification and Compensation

Dept.	Current Title / Classification	Current Rate	Approved Classification	Approved Increase	Difference
Parks	Maintenance Director - LTC D	\$48,230.00	Maintenance Director - LTC E	\$56,650.00	\$8,420.00

Motion to approve 7b and have the pay come out of Fund 1219. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Tony Toran. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Floyd County Health Dept – Charlotte Bass (NB#8)

a. Request for New Line Item

1159-000-1000-28 Assistant Administrator

Motion to approve 8a&b. Moved by Dale Bagshaw. Seconded by Brad Striegel. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: Floyd County Health Dept

Fund bal: \$692,993.45

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
1159	000	1000	28	Assistant Administrator	\$ 50,678.00	\$ 50,678.00

Motion to approve 8a&b. Moved by Dale Bagshaw. Seconded by Brad Striegel. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Request for Transfer

Fund: Health Dept School Liaison

Line bal: \$10,000.00

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	Inc/Dec	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
9150	000	3000-02	D	Travel	\$ 10,000.00

9150	000	2000-01	I	Supplies	\$ 10,000.00
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Motion to approve 8c. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Director of Operations – Don Lopp (NB#9)

a. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: EDIT

Fund bal: -\$83,542.05

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
1112	000	3000	48	Contractual Services	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
1112	000	4000	68	Economic Development	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
				Total	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00

Motion to approve 9a. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: Statewide 9-1-1

Fund bal: -\$177,898.36

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
1222	000	4000	10	Davis Towers	\$ 31,654.00	\$ 31,654.00

Motion to approve 9b. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: County General-Commissioners

Fund bal: \$2,097,726.22

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
1000	068	3000	34	County Attorney Contract	\$ 3,950.00	\$ 3,950.00

Motion to approve 9c. Moved by Tony Toran. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: County General Capital Improvement Fund

Fund bal: \$999,784.41

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
9152	000	4000	02	Commissioners Capital	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00

Motion to approve 9d. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Request for New Line Item

4938-000-4000-05 Edwardsville Water-Grove Project

Motion to approve 9e. Moved by Tony Toran. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

f. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: Non-Rev Revolving Loan Fund

Fund bal: \$412,637.42

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
4938	000	4000	05	Edwardsville Water-Grove Project	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,00.00

Motion to approve 9f. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

g. Request for Transfer

Fund: Tourism Proceeds

Line bal: \$85,866.68

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	Inc/Dec	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
9139	000	3000-03	D	Whistlestop	\$ 81,827.00
9139	000	3000-02	I	Bond Payment	\$ 81,827.00

Motion to approve 9g&h. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Tony Toran. Motion passed unanimously.

h. Request for Transfer

Fund: County Highway

Line bal: \$400,000.00

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	Inc/Dec	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1176	533	3000-02	D	Paving	\$ 100,000.00
1176	533	2000-23	I	Gasoline	\$ 100,000.00

Motion to approve 9g&h. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Tony Toran. Motion passed unanimously.

10. HR Director-Michelle Portwood (NB#10)

a. 2023 Salary Ordinance Revision

Motion to approve 10a. Moved by Tony Toran. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Floyd County Treasurer – Steve Burks (NB#11)

a. Mailing of corrected Tax Bill

L&D Mail Masters Estimate \$30,721.22

b. Request for Additional Appropriation

1000	003	3000	03	Tax Statement & Printing	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
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Motion to table. Moved by Dale Bagshaw. Motion failed for lack of second.
Motion to approve 11a&b to pay out of general fund. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Tony Toran. Motion passed unanimously.

Public


Greg Knable asked what they are getting back for spending \$32,000.00 on mailing the amended tax returns. He stated this meeting was a disgrace. The Council is not communicating and should resign if they are not doing it.


Bruce Weddle stated it is shameful how this meeting was pointing fingers and maybe some others should resign. Everyone make mistakes and doesn't understand why they can't forgive and forget. He thinks Denise Konkle is good as gold.

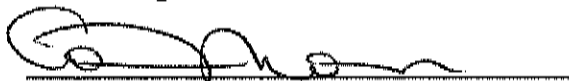
Donna Resch, Denise Konkle's sister, stated her family has been involved in local politics for years. She is amazed how Denise puts so much time and effort in all things. To question Denise and Steve Langdon's integrity floors her. The foolishness and the waste of time that has gone on is embarrassing and amazes her that anyone wants to run for any political office.


Motion to adjourn. Moved by Dale Bagshaw. Seconded by Tony Toran. Motion passed unanimously.


FLOYD COUNTY COUNCIL

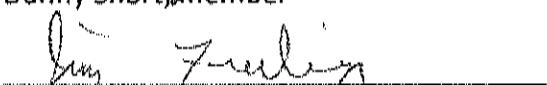

 Denise Konkle, President



 Brad Striegel, Vice President

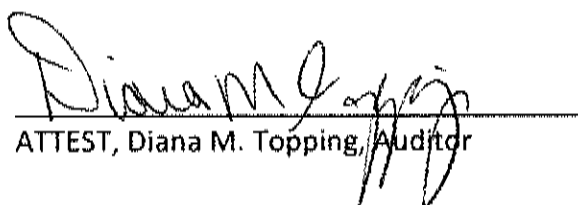

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 ATTEST, Diana M. Topping, Auditor