REGULAR MEETING OF THE JASPER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 3, 2018

The Jasper County Commissioners met this date at 8:15 A.M. C.S.T., in the Commissioners Room, Suite 202, of the Jasper County Courthouse located at 115 West Washington Street, Rensselaer, Indiana, with the following members present: Kendell Culp, Richard E. Maxwell and James A. Walstra. Also present were Auditor Kimberly K. Grow, Deputy Auditor Tina Porter and the Attorney that represents the Commissioners, Eric J. Beaver. The meeting was called to order and those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Woodcock.

CLAIMS: Auditor Grow stated that she’d prefer the Commissioners wait on the claims until later.

PAYROLL CLAIM AND ALLOWANCE DOCKET: Mr. Walstra made a motion to approve the Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket for the check dates equal to November 15, 2018 and November 30, 2018, as presented. Mr. Maxwell seconded and the motion carried.

BURIED CABLE: Mr. Haberlin stated that there is one buried cable request for CenturyLink in Carpenter Township for Remington Seeds. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried.

WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT BIDS: Mr. Culp stated that bids were opened at an earlier meeting; however, the township has re-advertised for bids.

**Imboden Construction Corporation, Hobart**

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Alternate 3: deduct
Delete natural gas generator $43,892.00

Alternate 4:
Provide generator quick disconnect for temporary generator $8,700.00

Alternate 5:
Delete parking lot lamp post and power deduct $4,300.00

Alternate 6:
Delete sixteen foot paddle fan deduct $4,640.00

Alternate 7:
Provide metal liner pans in lieu of painted drywall deduct $5,150.00

Alternate 8:
Provide alternative footing and column connection in lieu of perma-column deduct $5,500.00

Gariup Construction, Gary

Base Bid $1,479,500.00

Alternate 1:
Provide a vehicle exhaust system $48,500.00

Alternate 2:
Infrared heat in lieu of radiant heat heated slab deduct $3,000.00

Alternate 3:
Delete natural gas generator deduct $44,500.00

Alternate 4:
Provide generator quick disconnect for temporary generator $8,500.00

Alternate 5:
Delete parking lot lamp post and power deduct $2,500.00

Alternate 6:
Delete sixteen foot paddle fan deduct $6,500.00

Alternate 7:
Provide metal liner panels in lieu of painted drywall $12,000.00
Alternative 8:
Provide alternative footing and column connection in lieu of perma-column
$7,500.00

The bids were handed over to Attorney Beaver to review. They were then given back to the Wheatfield Township Board. The Commissioners took no further action.

FRIENDS OF THE ANIMAL SHELTER: Rick Burkett, President of Friends of the Animal Shelter, was present along with Vice President Sandy Turnbaugh and Secretary Kim Mount. He stated that they are a non-profit 501(c) that was incorporated in April, 2018. He read the Friends’ mission statement aloud. Permission was granted by the Commissioners at a previous meeting to allow an addition to be built on to the shelter, but Friends of the Animal Shelter have decided that they need to be moving in the direction of building a new shelter. They’ve received several grants from the Jasper Newton Foundation, Jasper County REMC and the Giving Circle. He stated that they’ve been extremely involved in the community to raise awareness for the need of improvement to the animal shelter and were involved with Touch of Dutch, Little Cousin Jasper, Mistletoe Magic, Whiskey and Whiskers and Woofstock. Currently, Tysen’s in DeMotte is holding a drive for them. Mark Sinclair, Animal Shelter Director, wrote a letter of support to move forward with a new shelter. Mr. Burkett gave the Commissioners pet population numbers in the country and the county. He stated that Jasper County Animal Shelter used to be known as a kill shelter and dogs were considered a public nuisance. Currently, the shelter focuses on trying to adopt out each and every animal. He explained the role the shelter plays in the county. He listed the reasons why a new shelter is needed and what the current shelter lacks. The current shelter is lacking in the following areas: no reception area, no area of socialization, no meeting or education rooms, no adequate work space, no break or locker room, no storage, no proper HVAC system, no proper lighting, no isolation area, no clinical area and no safe and secure boarding or unloading area. The current facility is past it’s prime.

He stated that they have done extensive research with local contractors and consulting firms to use due diligence to look at the needs of a new shelter versus an addition to the existing building. They have Shelter Planners of America ready to begin an initial needs assessment. They will look at intake numbers as well as the number of animals adopted to come up with a plan of exactly how large of a shelter is needed. Shelter Planners have planned over seven hundred and fifty shelters across the country. They planned Porter County’s shelter and currently have five projects in Indiana they are working on. The initial cost of the needs assessment and conceptual design will cost approximately $15,000.00. With the Commissioners’ approval, the plans could be completed by April, 2019. The initial plan will include a site plan, floor plan and an estimate of the total projected cost. He stated that the Friends of the Shelter estimate the cost to be approximately $200.00 to $300.00 per square foot, depending on what upgrades they choose. They want to make sure the facility is functional and something the county would be proud of. They hope to, at some point, get some funding from the county and private donations. They would also begin capital fundraising.

He said that there are many people that don’t even know the county has a shelter as well as confusion over whether it’s ran by the county or the city. The current shelter is 1400 square feet. Mr. Culp asked if they’ve considered relocating to a vacant building. Mr. Burkett replied that they asked Shelter Planners of America that question and their response was that you have to find the right building or it ends up costing more to retrofit. Mr. Burkett stated that he understands that the old county group home is buried in front of the shelter’s current location. He wonders if it would cost more to excavate that material out of there and fill it with proper material than to find another property to build on. He asked if there’s other county property available that the shelter could build on, if needed. Mr. Culp stated that there’s county property adjacent to the fairgrounds, adjacent to the airport, adjacent to the jail and adjacent to the Fase center. Mr. Burkett asked if they could inform Shelter Planners of America that those properties are available for building a shelter on. Mr. Culp confirmed with Mr. Burkett that what they are asking for is approval to move forward with getting a conceptual plan from Shelter Planners.
Mr. Culp asked the former Rensselaer police chief, Mr. Jeff Phillips, if it’s better to have the location of the shelter in an area that’s more populated where there would more than likely be more pets and if he knows where the majority of the pets come from. He replied that he would have to look at the breakdown on where the calls come from. He stated that, any time Rensselaer City had to call the shelter, their response was fantastic and he’s assuming it’s because of their location. Mr. Sinclair stated that he agrees with Mr. Phillips and that the majority of the calls are split between Rensselaer and the western half of the county. He said they don’t get calls from DeMotte very often, but when they do, DeMotte Police usually already have the dog in one of their kennels at the police station. He thinks that staying in Rensselaer is the best option.

Mr. Maxwell stated that he’s not ready to make a determination on location. There was discussion on whether or not the county home is buried on the shelter’s property. Mr. Burkett is concerned about possible foundation issues if the home is buried there. He said that location doesn’t need to be decided on in order to proceed with getting plans and prices for a new building. Mr. Culp explained that Mr. Sinclair had asked the Commissioners several months ago for permission to raise money to add on to the existing shelter and the Commissioners had approved it. Mr. Burkett stated that, even with a new addition, the old part of the building is still going to be what it is. Based on size and functionality, he thinks the community needs a new shelter. Mr. Maxwell stated that most of the push for the shelter was from the north end. Mr. Culp asked Mr. Maxwell if he knows why the current location was chosen and he replied that it was because the property was available. Mr. Walshtra asked if they could dispose of the current building and build in the same location. Mr. Burkett replied that they could; however, the county would be without a shelter during construction time. He said that the current shelter could potentially be used for overflow or for outreach programs, such as spay and neuter clinics, in conjunction with other jurisdictions. One of the board members stated that she doesn’t think the current location should be used as the county would be left without a shelter. Mr. Walshtra asked how big of a shelter they are looking to build and they replied that they don’t know yet. Mr. Burkett stated that the firm will look at one years’ worth of data on intake, adoption rate, number of animals euthanized, size of the community and population growth rate projections to determine what size building they would need. Mr. Maxwell asked if he thinks they can raise $1,000,000.00 if it’s determined that they need a 5,000 square foot building and he replied that they can. Mr. Walshtra asked if they could self-sustain after that. Mr. Burkett stated that, whether or not the Commissioners approve this, the current building has some serious issues and is in need of repair. Mr. Turnbaugh stated that it will be a county owned shelter so there will be a public/private partnership. Even though it will be a larger building, it will be a more efficient building. There will be expenses with the current building that they will not have with a new building so it will be an offset. Mr. Culp stated that, if there’s any hesitation on his part, it’s the staffing. Mr. Turnbaugh stated that Friends of the Shelter will continue to support the shelter and the on-going operations after the capital campaign is over. Mr. Culp stated that, in his experience with architects, they usually want to build larger and fancier than it needs to be. Mr. Burkett replied that Shelter Planners are familiar with working with a non-profit organization and are aware of the funding or the lack thereof. The design will be functional and representative of the county. Mr. Maxwell told Mr. Burkett that the county is going to have trouble funding things in the next three to five years so he advised them not to rely on the county for funding. Mr. Culp stated that he has no problem with them moving to the next phase but wants them to realize that the county is facing a cliff in five years that they are starting to address now. Mr. Maxwell added that part of that will be wages and people. In response to a question from Mr. Culp, Mr. Burkett stated that the study will analyze staffing needs and maintenance costs. The firm will be giving Mr. Sinclair and his staff a questionnaire to fill out that will be used to help analyze those needs. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to allow Friends of the Shelter to move forward with the study. Mr. Walshtra seconded and the motion carried.

FRIENDS OF THE ANIMAL SHELTER CONT’D: Mr. Burkett stated that they would love to have assistance from the county to help pay for it, but understands if that is not available to them. Mr. Maxwell stated that it will be a county owned shelter so there ultimately be used for overflow or for outreach programs, such as spay and neuter clinics, in conjunction with other jurisdictions. One of the board members stated that she doesn’t think the current location should be used as the county would be left without a shelter. Mr. Walshtra asked how big of a shelter they are looking to build and they replied that they don’t know yet. Mr. Burkett stated that the firm will look at one years’ worth of data on intake, adoption rate, number of animals euthanized, size of the community and population growth rate projections to determine what size building they would need. Mr. Maxwell asked if he thinks they can raise $1,000,000.00 if it’s determined that they need a 5,000 square foot building and he replied that they can. Mr. Walshtra asked if they could self-sustain after that. Mr. Burkett stated that, whether or not the Commissioners approve this, the current building has some serious issues and is in need of repair. Mr. Turnbaugh stated that it will be a county owned shelter so there will be a public/private partnership. Even though it will be a larger building, it will be a more efficient building. There will be expenses with the current building that they will not have with a new building so it will be an offset. Mr. Culp stated that, if there’s any hesitation on his part, it’s the staffing. Mr. Turnbaugh stated that Friends of the Shelter will continue to support the shelter and the on-going operations after the capital campaign is over. Mr. Culp stated that, in his experience with architects, they usually want to build larger and fancier than it needs to be. Mr. Burkett replied that Shelter Planners are familiar with working with a non-profit organization and are aware of the funding or the lack thereof. The design will be functional and representative of the county. Mr. Maxwell told Mr. Burkett that the county is going to have trouble funding things in the next three to five years so he advised them not to rely on the county for funding. Mr. Culp stated that he has no problem with them moving to the next phase but wants them to realize that the county is facing a cliff in five years that they are starting to address now. Mr. Maxwell added that part of that will be wages and people. In response to a question from Mr. Culp, Mr. Burkett stated that the study will analyze staffing needs and maintenance costs. The firm will be giving Mr. Sinclair and his staff a questionnaire to fill out that will be used to help analyze those needs. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to allow Friends of the Shelter to move forward with the study. Mr. Walshtra seconded and the motion carried.

DAN FAGEN / FINANCIAL ARTS / HEALTH INSURANCE: Mr. Fagen stated that all the applications have been done. He said that, after going through the plan design, he has questions that need addressed. There will be documents that will need to be signed after today. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to allow Mr. Walshtra to sign documents regarding the health insurance plan with Financial Arts on behalf of the Commissioners. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.
DAN FAGEN / FINANCIAL ARTS / HEALTH INSURANCE CONT’D: Mr. Fagen stated that UMR has waived a few months’ worth of administration fees. However; if the county leaves after the first year, the waived fees will be due and payable. If the county leaves after the second year, fifty percent of the waived fees will be due and payable.

Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the runoff fee for Key Benefit Administrators in the amount of $69,000.00. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Fagen stated that, in order to be qualified to receive health insurance, all employees are required to work thirty hours per week. Because elected officials are not required to account for their time, there was clarification in the document stating that they are salaried employees.

Mr. Fagen stated that UMR does not automatically terminate children when they turn twenty six. The county will have to run a report and terminate the children.

One thing that KBA was unable to offer that UMR can is that an employee’s insurance can be extended up to six months without requiring COBRA. The County would still pay the county portion and the employee would still pay the employee portion. It would be the County’s decision and the County would need to follow what is in the handbook. He and Auditor Grow checked the handbook and it does have allowance for leave.

Mr. Walstra made a motion to approve the discussed changes. Mr. Maxwell seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Fagen stated that the only change regarding the dental insurance is that they will now cover surgically impacted teeth as medical and it will not be subject to the $1,000.00 maximum. They will also be increasing the coverage for TMJ on the medical plan to $2,500.00 from $1,000.00. Mr. Walstra made a motion to approve the dental plan. Mr. Maxwell seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Fagen stated that there will be no changes to the Care Management program, but on the Disease Management program, UMR recommends that chemotherapy and dialysis be pre-certified in order to get the employee in to Care Management. He’s unsure if KBA was requiring a pre-certification. Because there are employees that are on chemo and dialysis, it’s recommended not to change it because they may incur a penalty for not pre-certifying. The penalty for not pre-certifying is $500.00, which will remain unchanged.

Mr. Fagen stated that, currently, at age 70, the death benefit reduces down forty percent. With the new plan, it will reduce down thirty-five percent. At age 75, it will reduce down an additional twenty percent, both on the current and new plan. For the people that are already over age 70, this benefit may not exist. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve Principle life insurance. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Fagen stated that the only change to OptumRx is that the employee can now go to whatever pharmacy they choose. There should also be a larger drug list. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the OptumRx plans. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Fagen stated that he informed all employees that, if they go to the doctor and something isn’t working the way they expect it to that they please him know as it could be an administrative issue.

Mr. Walstra made a motion to grant Auditor Grow authority to sign documents related to the health insurance. Mr. Maxwell seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Culp thanked Mr. Fagen for their hard work helping the County find a new insurance provider.

ANDY STRONG / POND EXPANSION / COUNTY ROAD 1400 NORTH: Mr. Strong was present along with his father, Mr. Ron Strong and Mr. Peterson from Abonmarche Consultants. Mr. Peterson stated that Mr. Strong is in the process of building a house on his property. He would like to expand his existing pond.
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ANDY STRONG / POND EXPANSION / COUNTY ROAD 1400 NORTH CONT’D: He said that Mr. Strong already meets the new zoning requirement and standards for the pond expansion. He would also like to remove the material from the site, but that could potentially cause damage to the road. He said that Mrs. Scheurich questioned whether they would need a bond so Mr. Ron Strong went to the Highway Department and was told that they would need a bond. Mr. Culp asked how much material he’s expecting to remove and Mr. Strong replied that he doesn’t have a buyer. His goal is to have a bigger pond and selling the material would offset the cost. The current water surface area is approximately one acre and he would like to increase it to four to four and one-half acres. Mr. Culp asked if they are aware that they need a mining permit and Mr. Peterson stated that they have a pending application with Board of Zoning. He said that, initially, they were told they only needed a site improvement plan under the new ordinance; however, he wants to remove the material. He said they looked in to if they needed to go before the Drainage Board. There is no outlet on the pond. They are on the agenda for the December 17th Board of Zoning meeting. Mr. Culp explained to them that the Commissioners would tell them what routes would need to be followed; however, if they do not have a buyer, they do not know which direction the buyer will be going. He stated that they would also need to abide by the frost law and they would need to get a bond for the road. Mr. Peterson asked what the amount of the bond would need to be and Mr. Culp replied that it would depend on the route. Mr. Haberlin stated that it would cost $150,000.00 per mile to repave. After a question from Mr. Ron Strong, Mr. Culp asked Mrs. Scheurich if they stockpile the material and it doesn’t leave the site, do they still need to go before Board of Zoning to enlarge the pond and she replied that they do. Mr. Culp informed them that if the material is not leaving the site, they don’t need a bond. If and when they get to a point where the material will be leaving the site, they will need to come back and speak to the Commissioners.

SHERIFF RISNER: Sheriff Risner was present along with Captain Jack Bulington and Julie Kissee from Franciscan. Handouts on Employee Assistance for Mental Health were passed out. Sheriff Risner stated that the Sheriff’s Department has used the employee assistance program on some critical incidences where some of the employees were involved in traumatic situations. He would like employees to have access to a critical incident debrief with professional mental health providers present. The handout contains a breakdown of services with a fee of $36.60 per employee per year. He informed the Commissioners that they are welcome to include other employees, such as the Coroner’s Office and also welcomed any monetary help they would like to provide with paying the fee. He stated that, if the Commissioners do not want to go forward with this, the future Sheriff will pay for it out of the Commissary budget. He stated that they did use this service through Franciscan after one of their recent critical incidences. Mr. Culp asked how many employees there are and Sheriff Risner replied that there are sixty-two employees.

Ms. Kissee stated that, in addition to crisis debriefings, they also provide two education sessions per year and six mental health sessions per calendar year for employees and their dependents. She stated that first responders have a higher risk of experiencing mental health illnesses compared to the civilian population because of what they witness. Mr. Culp asked if this would be done at a local Franciscan facility. She replied that they have a therapist on site at the hospital. They also provide assistance to management. Captain Bulington stated that, by law, they are required to have mental illness training every year. Mr. Culp stated that he has no problem with the Sheriff offering this to his employees. He said that it can be discussed at the next department head meeting if other departments should be included. Mr. Bulington mentioned that, by offering this, it may be a matter of an employee having to take less time off work. Ms. Kissee read aloud numerous statistics. Sheriff Risner would like to implement this January 1, 2019.

Sheriff Risner stated that, if there is interest in active shooter training, his department would be more than willing to conduct the training. He stated that it’s difficult however to conduct training during business hours when there are members of the general public in the building. Mr. Culp stated that this would be a good topic to discuss at the department head meeting.

Sheriff Risner stated that the Coroner’s Office is concerned for the safety of the employee at the Sheriff’s Annex and Morgue. The Coroner has funding left in her budget that they would like to use to build a wall off the general area so there is a pass through window and a contact window, along with a locked door. Mrs. Boersma stated that it will cost $3,842.00.
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MICHAEL SPANGLER / JUVENILE DETENTION CONTRACTS: Mr. Spangler was present to request approval for the Lake County and Porter County juvenile detention center contracts. He stated that he sent them to Attorney Beaver to review. There have been no changes from last year. The cost for Porter County is $35,000.00 for two hundred and fifty beds and $15,000.00 for one hundred beds in Lake County. He stated that we are thirty to forty days over our allotment in both counties. Mr. Maxwell asked if they always have room when we request it and Mr. Spangler replied that they have. Since we have a contract, if we need an extra bed, they will send people out in order to make room. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the contracts for Lake and Porter counties. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT / REPLACE EMPLOYEE: Ms. Bailey, Dr. Nelson, Dr. Davis and Mrs. Taylor were present to discuss the Food Sanitarian position. The Board met in emergency session to discuss their options. They agreed that they would like to try a part-time employee at twenty eight hours a week. They would like the employee to report to Mrs. Taylor. The hours will need to be flexible as there will be some evening and week-ends involved because of food booths at festivals needing inspected. Ms. Bailey asked if part-time is still twenty eight hours and Mr. Culp replied that it is. Dr. Nelson stated that they would like to start advertising so they can have someone hired by the end of the year since the new employee will need to be ServSafe certified. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the hiring of a part-time food sanitarian employee. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried. Dr. Davis asked the Commissioners if they could let her know what the salary will be.

MARY SCHEURICH / UDO AMENDMENT TO CAFO STANDARDS: Mrs. Scheurich was present and stated that the Commissioners and Plan Commission have failed to come to an agreement so the Plan Commission started over. They went with the recommendation from the Commissioners and came back with no recommendation. There were four votes in favor, four votes against and one absent. Mr. Culp asked if there were any comments from the audience and there were none. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to adopt Ordinance 12-3-2018A. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried.

MARY SCHEURICH / UDO AMENDMENT TO FLOOD PLAIN: Mrs. Scheurich stated that this has to be done periodically so that we are on the right page with DNR and FEMA. The county has to at least abide by the model that FEMA sent, but the county can be stricter. The new flood maps will be adopted December 21, 2018. Mr. Walstra made a motion to approve Ordinance 12-3-2018B. Mr. Maxwell seconded. Mr. Culp asked if there were any comments from the audience and there were none. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

At this time, the meeting was moved to and reconvened in the Circuit Courtroom.

UDO AMENDMENT TO WIND FARMS: Mr. Culp thanked Judge Potter and Judge Bailey for accommodating the Commissioners’ request to hold the meeting in the courtroom. Mr. Culp explained the events that occurred leading up to the proposed ordinance they are considering today. He stated that the sub-committee that was formed will be submitting their findings to the Commissioners. He explained that anything discussed today is an amendment to the ordinance and is not to allow or disallow any specific wind company to be able to have a development in this county. He further explained that there is a permit process that a developer would have to go through with an approval process that must be followed. A minimum of five, possibly six local government entities will have to give approval before permission can be granted for a development to occur in Jasper County. There are currently no permits pending before the Plan Commission or Board of Zoning and Appeals. He told the audience that the process will be respected and followed in an orderly fashion. He explained that the Commissioners have asked the committee to present their findings to them; however, the Commissioners will not be taking a vote today. The meeting will be recessed at 11:45. He stated that the Commissioners will be asking questions to the committee. If time allows, they will open the meeting up to the public. Each person will be allowed to speak for three minutes and will be able to share their opinions without interruption. He informed the audience of the behavior that is expected during the meeting and if there is anyone that does not follow the rules, they will be asked to leave. Mrs. Scheurich stated that Vince Urbano, Lance Strange and Kent Korniak will be presenting the findings. Mr. Culp thanked them for their hard work.
UDO AMENDMENT TO WIND FARMS CONT’D: Mr. Urbano stated that the committee felt that the original ordinance was a ban on wind. He said that they put a strong ordinance together to protect the people of Jasper County with waivers to allow landowners to pick and choose what they do with their land. The Plan Commission unanimously voted it through to the Commissioners. Mr. Urbano presented the Commissioners with maps showing buffers, subdivisions and CAFO’s. Mr. Culp suggested going through the ordinance page by page to allow for the Commissioners to ask questions.

On page one under 20.30.140 D., Mr. Culp asked if the Special Exception is for each turbine. Mr. Urbano replied that it is and it’s also to look at and review each situation. Mr. Culp asked if there were forty turbines proposed in the development, would the Plan Commission act forty times. Mr. Urbano replied that they would alleviate that as they would be looking at the entire farm. This would special exception would pertain to turbines being placed in random locations.

Nothing has been changed on page two.

Mr. Culp asked Mr. Urbano to explain 4. FAA on page three. Mr. Urbano replied that they felt that it was important to put something in place that complies with FAA regulations. They were not aware that those regulations are so they wanted to make sure that the FAA has a say in the matter. Mr. Culp asked if there is a height limit and Mrs. Scheurich replied that the FAA does not have a height maximum, but rather, they have a say about location. Mr. Maxwell asked what the restriction is regarding distance from an airport. Ken Ross, a representative from NGC, who is also the Jasper County Airport engineer, stated that it varies depending on the type of approach the airport has. The FAA evaluates all of that; however, they don’t evaluate privately owned airports. Mr. Culp asked if private airports are registered with the FAA. Mr. Ross replied that they are mapped, but the FAA will not evaluate the air space. They will treat it the same as the rest of the county, which is five hundred feet above ground. Mr. Culp stated that it has been brought to his attention that there are three privately owned grass strips in Pulaski County within one mile of the Jasper County line that are east-west runways. Two of them have an FAA number and one does not. He stated that there’s a pilot that lives near Mr. Urbano that has informed Mr. Culp that the FAA does not recognize his grass runway. He then asked Attorney Beaver if Jasper County can protect the out of county runways with a Jasper County ordinance. Attorney Beaver replied that he would have to look in to it. Mr. Culp stated that Jasper County needs to be considerate and protect the airspace of those near the county. He said that his other concern is that, for years, Jasper County has talked about a possible east-west runway. He thinks it’s important that we protect that grass strip and the airspace. He would prefer that those numbers be written in the ordinance as opposed to relying on the FAA. Mr. Seif stated that there’s Indiana Code that regulates tall structures, specifically around airports. He said that NGC and the airport would love to be included in the discussion. Mr. Korniak stated that the section on 4. FAA was taken directly from the White County ordinance.

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Mr. Culp asked what a ground mounted turbine is on page three under E. Height Limitations. Mrs. Scheurich replied that it’s the original language from the very first wind ordinance. Mr. Urbano stated that the committee did not look in to that very deeply. Mr. Culp confirmed with Mr. Urbano that there is no specific maximum height stated as long as it complies with FAA requirements and Mr. Urbano that that is correct. Mr. Culp stated that there is a lot of concern among the citizens about the height of the super turbines. Mr. Culp asked Mr. Seif if he has a listing of grass runways in and around Jasper County. Mr. Seif replied that they are typically on a map for aviators and he can provide them a copy.
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UDO AMENDMENT TO WIND FARMS CONT’D: Mr. Culp stated that, on page four under 2. A. Setback from property line, it talks about rotor diameter. The committee changed it to one and one-half times the tip height from any property line. Mr. Urbano replied that they wanted to stay consistent with “one and one half times”. Mrs. Scheurich stated that it was done this way as opposed to stating a specific distance because of the varying heights of the different projects. Mr. Culp asked Mr. Urbano to explain one and one half times to a participating property line and six and one half times to a non-participating property line. Mr. Urbano stated that six and one half times comes up to roughly one half mile and would offer the protection the Plan Commission was looking for. He stated that they spent hours on this and at numerous times, did not agree on what the distance should be. Mr. Culp asked if they did any plotting to see where the turbines could be with those setbacks. Mr. Urbano replied that they did not get in to any of those details. Mr. Culp then asked how they came up with six and one half and not five and one half, for example. Mr. Korniak stated that six and one half times came from the landowner safety group that presented their concerns at the Plan Commission meetings. The set-backs are less for a participating landowner because they are taking on the risks. Mr. Walstra asked if they compared it to any other counties and Mr. Urbano replied that they compared to other counties throughout the nation. Mr. Korniak stated that the comparisons for noise and setbacks were mostly from counties in northwest and north central Indiana. In response to Mr. Culp’s question, Mr. Urbano confirmed that the set-back for a non-participating dwelling is one mile and stated that this is where the waiver comes in to play. A landowner may grant permission in writing and have it recorded in the Jasper County Recorder’s Office waiving the set-back requirement to their home. In no circumstances shall a turbine be closer than one and one half times the tip height to a property line. Mr. Culp asked Mrs. Scheurich about zoning districts VR, M1, M2 and IS. VR is Village Residential, R1 and R2 are Residential. M1 is Multi-family, M2 is also Multi-family and IS is Institutional. A platted residential subdivision could also be A2. Mr. Culp stated that he knows that roman numerals 4, 5 and 6 were initiated by the individuals wanting stricter set-backs. He asked Mr. Urbano to talk about the thoughts from the committee to include private drains, the Kankakee River and CAFO’s. Mr. Urbano stated that it was unanimous that these items be included.

There’s been little research that one and one half times the tip height is pretty accommodating so there is no obstruction to a drain in the case of an unusual storm event that way the turbine is not falling in or on the drain. It was originally proposed that the set-back from the Kankakee and Iroquois Rivers be two miles and they reduced it to one mile. He stated that if the landowner of a CAFO operation wants to file a waiver, they can do so and negotiate with the wind companies. Mr. Culp asked if there is a perceived nuisance with wind turbines being near animals. Mr. Urbano replied that they’ve found literature that says there is a nuisance and literature stating that there is not a nuisance. Mr. Culp asked what they are trying to protect with the river set-backs. Mr. Urbano replied that he doesn’t believe it’s a protection standpoint but rather a comfortable number they came up with. They have not found any concrete evidence that turbines affect wildlife. Mr. Culp asked if turbines can be placed in the river floodplain and Mrs. Scheurich replied that she’s not certain and they do not have any proposals up that way. Mr. Urbano stated that his guess is no since they are not even allowed to pile trees in a floodplain when they are cleaning ditches. Mr. Culp then asked about private tile and stated that the location of most of them are not even known. Mr. Urbano replied that it’s out of his jurisdiction as County Surveyor and, in his opinion, would fall on each independent landowner; however, every private tile in the county is connected to a regulated drain system and we can’t have anything messing up the regulated drain system.

Mr. Culp asked Mr. Urbano what their thoughts were regarding Nuisance Prevention. Mr. Urbano replied that this was a heavily debated topic. They decided on 35 as that is roughly what it would be at a one mile set-back. Mr. Strange stated that it’s consistent with information they obtained from other counties. Mr. Walstra stated that a refrigerator puts out fifty five decibels. Mr. Culp asked if there’s something that can measure the noise level and Mr. Urbano replied that he’s not sure and stated that the question came up regarding who would police it. Mr. Strange stated that, in all the research he found, it varies from one person to the next. They wanted to make sure the health and safety of non-participants was protected and that they were in line with other counties. Mr. Culp stated that a shadow flicker statement was added and asked how a shadow flicker is determined. Mr. Urbano replied that it was based off of research they conducted. Mr. Culp asked if hypothetically, the non-participating property had shadow flicker and was a cornfield versus a dwelling. Mr. Urbano replied that they were trying to be consistent with everything.
UDO AMENDMENT TO WIND FARMS CONT’D: He explained that a project should be inspected and scoped before and after construction so there is documentation on file and we know what is there. Any alterations should be brought before the Drainage Board. Mr. Culp stated that it states that expenses should be paid by the operator and asked for clarification on who the operator is. Mr. Urbano replied that the operator is the applicant. Mr. Culp suggested that the feeder lines should have to be approved by the Commissioners. Mr. Urbano stated that that would be covered under P.3 on page seven. He read that item aloud. Mr. Culp stated that P.3 covers county right of ways. He’s concerned with the depth across privately owned property. He stated that some of the property he farms has bedrock eighteen inches below the surface and the Commissioners should not allow things to be buried on property with bedrock that shallow. Mr. Maxwell suggested a minimum depth requirement like what is done for right of ways. Mr. Urbano stated that they require a five foot depth under regulated drains.

Mr. Culp asked if Road Damage would be included in the Road Use Agreement and if it’s consistent to put it in the ordinance. Mr. Urbano replied that it was put in there simply for protection but there will also be a separate agreement.

Mr. Culp asked Mr. Urbano to elaborate on Number 10, page 9 As Built. Mr. Urbano explained that they have a lot of problems where someone comes in to the county and says they’re going to do something and it’s something completely different from what they said were going to do. This clause will ensure that they abide by the plan that is approved. Surveyed plans must be documented in the Planning and Development Office. Mr. Korniak stated that the exact language came from White County.

Mr. Culp stated that Item 4 on page 10 is Responsibility for Repair after Decommissioning. It states that roads should be repaired and resurfaced to their pre-decommissioning condition; however, he feels that it should be a new road. Mr. Urbano stated that he agrees with that.

There is new language on the last page regarding surety bonds. Mr. Urbano stated that they don’t realistically know how much money it would take to decommission a turbine. He said they feel like there should be an amount they feel comfortable with in case the county would need to take a turbine down should someone back out of the contract. Mr. Walstra asked if they could have a third party determine what it might cost. Mr. Urbano replied that the committee collectively agreed that $1,000,000.00 would be enough. Mr. Walstra asked if this amount is consistent with other counties. Mr. Korniak stated that the amount was suggested by the group of landowners.

Mr. Culp asked if fees belong in the ordinance and Mrs. Scheurich replied that they do not. Attorney Beaver stated that fees are in the UDO, possibly twice. He stated that he doesn’t have any questions but would like to weigh in on some technical wording that is not substantial and could be interpreted in a way that was not intended. Mr. Urbano stated that everything went through Attorney Sammons before it was brought to the Plan Commission so it would be best for him to speak with Attorney Sammons about it. Mrs. Scheurich stated that they’ve also been working on numerous copies so talking to Attorney Sammons will ensure he has the latest copy.

Mr. Culp thanked the committee and Mr. Urbano for presenting the information. There being no further questions from the Commissioners, Mr. Culp opened the meeting up to public comment.

Mr. Garrett Dobson stated that, in regards to six and one half times the turbine height, there was a study done in the United Kingdom based on ice throw on a five megawatt turbine. The proposed megawatts were 4.1. The estimated ice throw distance was three quarters of a mile. On a 4.1 megawatt turbine, this would equal approximately six and one half times the turbine tip height, which is how they came up with that number. Regarding drains, it was to protect drains crossing over the property of multiple landowners, for example, if someone is not a participating landowner and their main tile crosses over a participating landowner’s property. Regarding the $1,000,000.00 surety, Pulaski County had a third party study done it was determined that it would cost $500,000.00 to take down one turbine and dispose of it, so $1,000,000.00 covers inflation for the life of the project. He thanked the committee for the work they’ve done.
UDO AMENDMENT TO WIND FARMS CONT’D:  Mr. Ken Ross stated that they’ve been involved with several ordinances over the past ten years; however, most ordinances were written prior to super turbines. He then stated that there are handheld devices that will measure noise levels. He said that they will help the Commissioners deal with the privately owned airports.

Mr. Steve Molenar stated that he thinks each individual turbine should go through it’s own approval process.

Mr. Scott Green stated that the setbacks in this amendment are good and protect the rights of the non-participant landowners. He thanked the Plan Commission and the technical committee for their work on this.

Mr. Joseph Conn stated that he is present representing a group he helped found called Northwest Indiana Medicare for All, which is about the health of the people. He stated that the closure of NIPSCO in Wheatfield and Michigan City is going to be significant on all northwest Indiana counties. He said that, along with Indiana Beyond Coal and the Sierra Club, they are trying to make sure there will be no jobs lost and that there will be no loss on assessed valuation. He is a proponent of solar and wind replacing coal.

Mr. George (last name inaudible) stated that he supports windmill development in the southern part of the county. He stated that it will increase revenue to the county by offsetting what will be lost due to the closure of the Schaefer generating plant. He believes that Benton County’s one-thousand foot set-back has worked well. Anytime there was a broken tile, it was fixed. He said he and his wife lived one and one half miles from a windmill for seven and one half years until they downsized. They never had any problem with noise. He also said that, after the wind farm was built, new roads were put in that were better than they were before.

Mr. Brian Warne stated that, driving through Benton and White counties, he’s not sure how anyone can do that to their county. He’s not sure the tax advantages are there. He’s also not sure if the environmentalists are using scare tactics. He stated that more money and more land should not equal more votes.

Mr. Brian Papak stated that he always hears the phrase “They say we have to be renewable.” He asked who “they” are. Mr. Culp replied that NIPSCO has said that fifty percent of their power will come from solar, which is how they plan to replace coal; however, the county does not have to conform to that. He said he asked NIPSCO where the power can be located and they informed him they can buy power from North Dakota, for example. It does not have to be from Indiana. He stated that the Commissioners can look in to whether there is federal law that requires a certain percentage of energy sources be renewable.

Mrs. Jodi Molenaar stated that, at the September 24th Plan Commission meeting, Mr. Urbano made a motion to form a committee, which has been done. She explained that he also made a motion to place a moratorium until a new wind ordinance can be drafted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Walstra and unanimously passed. She questioned why the moratorium was never brought before the Commissioners. Mr. Culp stated that he doesn’t know if he has an answer as he doesn’t know if it was technically brought to them. Mrs. Molenaar then asked if something is passed by the Plan Commission, isn’t it automatically supposed to go to the Commissioners and why was that not done after the September 24th meeting? Mr. Culp asked Mrs. Scheurich if she had an answer and then stated that he can say that, unofficially, the Commissioners did not have any desire to put a moratorium on at that time, but he does not know if there was any official action to that. He said that the wind developers were telling the Commissioners at that time that it would be at least late summer of 2019 before they would be bringing anything to the Commissioners if they got the amount of acres they needed so the Commissioners didn’t see any need to put a moratorium on to prevent something from happening if there wasn’t anything coming before them. He said he remembers asking Mrs. Scheurich if she had the ability to delay an application from being forwarded on through the process and she replied that she could delay it for three months. The Commissioners felt that there was ample time to let the Plan Commission continue to work through the ordinance. This was prior to the sub-committee being formed. He said he doesn’t know of any development that’s even close to presenting something to the county.
UDO AMENDMENT TO WIND FARMS CONT’D: He said he doesn’t want to be known as a county that stops new development. A moratorium sends a message to the state that Jasper County is not open for new business. He stated that the Commissioners want to work on the land ordinance that was presented by the group of landowners. If there was a threat of new development and the wind company had the amount of acres needed, he said he might have had a different opinion on a moratorium at the time. He said that it will not show in the minutes that they acted on a moratorium.

Mr. Marcus Davis stated that, depending on where turbines are placed, it could severely limit future development and thus, in turn, limit potential tax revenue.

Mr. Craig Standish asked who will govern the depth of buried lines. Mr. Culp replied that the Commissioners could address that and then refer it to the county Engineer, but it would be something that would be addressed at that point and time. He said that the county had an issue at Pleasant Ridge with the fiber optic line where the company ran in to a regulated drain and ruined the tile, at which time Mr. Urbano got involved. He stated that the county would almost have to hire someone to oversee the project. He’s unsure if it should be in the ordinance or if it’s something they should direct as Commissioners. He agrees that there should be oversight and he’s unsure what other counties have done. The wind company would be the ones paying for the oversight. Mr. Urbano stated that it was their understanding as to why they were putting the “As built” clause in place. Mr. Standish stated that the overseer should answer to the Commissioners and the county should not have to pay any of those fees.

Mr. Jamie Genteel, Project Director for NexTerra Energy, stated that they are committed to continuing to work with Jasper County; however, they feel that there are some things in the ordinance that would make it extremely difficult from a development standpoint to move forward with a project. He encouraged the Commissioners to continue working with Planning and Development and the community to create something that has balance between those that want the projects in the county and ones who do not. He said that he was previously a zoning administrator for sixteen years and offered to provide any information that may helpful to the Commissioners and Plan Commission. He also encouraged the hiring of engineering firms that are familiar with wind standards.

Mr. Cliff Selby stated that Gary Indiana has become an industrial wasteland. He asked “Do we want Jasper County, sixty years from now, to have towers standing all over it as an industrial wasteland because we accepted another large industry to come in and ruin the community?”

Mr. Matt Thornton from EDP Renewables explained that a developer would need to propose parcels for a wind farm district, as there are none currently on the map. The setbacks being discussed today would then apply to that wind farm. As of today, a developer could not build a wind farm because there are too many steps in the zoning ordinance. He talked briefly about the financial benefits to the county from wind farms. He said that wind in the northern part of the county is unthinkable. In southern Jasper County, the set-backs are too strict. Based off the number of A1 and A2 parcels in Carpenter Township, ten appropriately sited non-participants can essentially wipe out wind development in that township.

Mr. Steve Molenaar stated that someone that owns twenty thousand acres will reap the benefits of being paid by the wind company while a non-participant neighbor suffers. He discussed NIPSCO and the proposed rate increase and stated that the Commissioners should not make a decision on wind based on something we think could happen with NIPSCO.

There being no further public comment, Mr. Culp thanked everyone for attending and thanked those that serve on the Plan Commission and the committee. He stated that the Commissioners have ninety days to respond to the Plan Commission’s proposal to them. If the Commissioners make one change, it goes back to the Plan Commission. It ends if the Commissioners approve or deny with no changes. He stated that wind will be on the agenda on December 26th and again on January 7th.
UDO AMENDMENT TO WIND FARMS CONT’D: Mr. Molenaar asked if all three Commissioners will be voting and Mr. Culp replied that it will not be voted on without all three Commissioners present.

There being no further business, this meeting stands in recess.
The meeting resumed. Mr. Maxwell and Auditor Grow were not present.

CORONER CLAIMS: Mrs. Porter presented the Commissioners with a letter from Auditor Grow. She also provided the Commissioners with a listing that the Coroner’s office sends with their claims. Mr. Culp stated that Mrs. Boersma is claiming $2,500.00 for clerical services for Mr. Boersma, which is what they do every year. They do have a clerical line item in their budget. She is also claiming $500.00 for clerical services for Linda Gibson. Mr. Walstra asked if they recently transferred money and Mrs. Porter replied that they’ve done multiple transfers. She stated that Mrs. Boersma has stated that the transfers were done to make up for the shortfall they had due to the Council cutting their budget. Mr. Culp stated that one claim is security for a Newton County case and he questioned if this gets refunded to Jasper County from Newton. Mrs. Porter stated that Auditor Grow said that that claim should have been paid through payroll based on an hourly rate and hours worked and not paid through claims. Mrs. Boersma claimed $882.00 for herself for a three day conference she attended in June. She also claimed $882.00 each for Mr. Boersma, Mrs. Gibson, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Maze to attend the same conference and $588.00 for Ms. Hoffman-Myers to attend a two day conference. Mrs. Porter stated that, the way that Mr. and Mrs. Boersma explained it was that they take the total amount in the training budget and divide it by however many people attended. Mr. Culp asked if food, training and lodging is included. He stated that, if that’s the case, the Boersmas’ may say the county is saving money this way. Mrs. Porter replied that Auditor Grow stated that receipts are needed. She also added that the State pays the hotel costs and there is no cost for training. Mr. Walstra stated that he doesn’t think the claims should be paid until Mrs. Boersma provides receipts. Mr. Culp agreed and stated that the Boersmas’ been told before that they have to provide receipts. Mrs. Porter stated that, for the clerical claim, Auditor Grow wants timesheets that list days and hours worked. Mr. Culp stated that he’s sure she needs that for State Board of Accounts. Mr. Walstra made a motion to approve the claims except for claim numbers 10712, 101523, 101637, 101532, 101722, 101594 and 101582. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.

LITTLE COUSIN JASPER REQUEST: Mrs. Porter stated that this request is for use of the gazebo to pass out hot chocolate during the parade. Mr. Culp stated that the parade was cancelled. No action needed.

REGINA COULTER / COMPENSATION TIME EXTENSION REQUEST: Mrs. Porter presented the Commissioners with a letter from Mr. Wakeland requesting permission for Regina Coulter to carry over forty hours of vacation time due to her being on workers’ compensation since July. She has not been released yet to come back to work. Mr. Walstra made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.

COMMISSIONER MAXWELL / CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Mr. Culp stated that this is regarding the purchase of the PNC Bank Building. Since Mr. Maxwell is a realtor, he wanted to sign this document; although he won’t be signing or making a motion on the purchase of the bank building. The conflict of interest disclosure states that Commissioner Maxwell will not be receiving any part of the sales commission. Mr. Walstra made a motion to approve the signed document. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.

EMPLOYEE BONDS: Mr. Walstra made a motion to approve the bonds for Barb Robinson, Kim Grow, Pat Williamson and Cheryl Ekstrom. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT: Mr. Haberlin stated that he emailed Mrs. Porter and Auditor Grow today requesting a copy of the county’s hold harmless agreement. He would like it emailed to him and Ms. Witherington because Mr. Fishburn needs to take it to someone to sign. Mrs. Porter replied that she saw the email right before the meeting and asked Auditor Grow if she was taking care of it or where she could find it and Auditor Grow informed her that she doesn’t believe we have one. Mr. Culp told Mr. Haberlin that he could get one from the Surveyor’s Office. He stated that the issue is in Parr on County Road 900 on the corner of State Road 14. There are two abandoned houses. One faces County Road 900. The people that purchased it are going to try to rehab the house. The house needs a new septic.
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HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT CONT’D: One of the septic lines will encroach the county easement by one foot; however, it will be inside the chain link fence that is already there, which means that the fence encroaches also. Mr. Culp stated that he told the purchasers of the house it was ok, but they would have to sign a hold harmless agreement.

HIGHWAY UPDATE: There was a brief discussion regarding new grant applications.

MILEAGE: Mr. Culp stated that he has not come up with a solution regarding mileage. He plans to talk about it at the Department Head meeting next week. He asked Mrs. Porter to gather twelve months’ worth of expenses on the county cars.

WTH REQUEST: Mr. Culp stated that Benton County submitted a request to obtain Jasper County GIS layers in exchange for some of their GIS layers to use for public safety and law enforcement. This is a mutual data exchange agreement and there is no fee associated with it or any additional charge from WTH. Mr. Walstra made a motion to approve the agreement upon counsel approval. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.

EMPLOYEE AND PUBLIC ENTRANCES / INSULATION / PNC BANK BUILDING RENOVATIONS: Mr. Walstra made a motion to accept the bid from Momper for R19 insulation in the amount of $13,995.00 for the Courthouse attic. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried. Mr. Walstra will ask Mr. Andree to contact Momper to get it scheduled.

There was discussion regarding the register near the public entrance. Mr. Culp stated that they should ask Honeywell if that would be affected by what they do with the entrance. Mr. Haberlin suggested a temporary structure on the outside of the door, similar to what other businesses do during the winter.

There was a brief discussion regarding obtaining quotes for the renovations at the PNC bank building. Mr. Walstra stated that Mr. Andree has talked to Hamstra’s and Titan. Mr. Culp suggested telling the departments in the annex that they will be moving to the bank building. There was a brief discussion regarding drive-up pay for the Treasurer and Child Support; however, a decision was not made.

Mr. Walstra made a motion to approve the quote from DeMotte Glass for the employee entrance door in the amount of $3,600.00 plus a fob for $350.00. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried. Mr. Walstra will also ask Mr. Andree to contact DeMotte Glass.

KYLER LAIRD / YOUTH CENTER: Mr. Culp stated that Kyler Laird requested permission to use a room at the Youth Center. He offered to pay $200.00 per month plus his share of the utilities. There was discussion about selling the building; however, it can’t be sold until the deed restriction is lifted and Mr. Culp has not received a response from St. Joseph College. Mr. Culp stated that he will ask the Judge for approval first. He stated that the lot will also need to be plowed, although it doesn’t need to be the whole lot. Mr. Culp stated that he will present to Kyler that it will be $200.00 per month rent plus $200.00 per month for utilities.

WHEATFIELD AND DEMOTTE DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Haberlin stated that the Highway Department only sees approximately ten to twenty percent of new construction in DeMotte. He stated that both towns have the same town manager, John Dyke. Mr. Walstra stated that Mr. Dyke is no longer the town manager for either town. It was agreed that the towns need to know that they need to get Drainage Board approval.

There being no further business, this meeting now stands in recess and is continued to December 17th at 10:00, if needed.

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