

Newton County Ambulance Service
Monthly Write Off Approval
2022

Write off Month _____ FEBRUARY 2022 _____

Amount Written Off _____ \$32,705.96 _____

Approved by Board of Commissioners: Shirley A. Carr

Approved by Newton Co. Ambulance: Paula Knapp 3/16/22
Chief Deputy

April 18, 2022

Be it ever remembered on the Eighteenth day of April, 2022, the day set by the Commissioners for the holding of their regular meeting at the Newton County Government Center. Comes now Glen "Butch" Cain and Kyle D. Conrad, as the duly elected and active Board of Commissioners. Also present were Auditor Tamra M. James and the Commissioners' Assistant Ashley Large.

Glen "Butch" Cain called the meeting to order with Greg Willis reciting the pledge to the flag.

Public Hearing Lake Village Drain Project

3:00 p.m.

The Grant writers and administrators spoke on the behalf of Lake Village. Newton County will be the Grantee of the grant because Lake Village itself is not incorporated. The grant money will go through the county and will pay for the project to be implemented. The application will go through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. One flat maximum grant of \$500,000.00 and the total cost of the project is \$828,000.00 plus (\$35,000.00 to \$45,000.00 KIRPC costs), \$5000.00 charge for an environmental review and \$5,000.00 for the labor standard.

This project is specific to a residential area in Lake Village that has substantial drainage issues. This will improve drainage into the Beaver Lake Ditch.

Residential Area

As a result of the drainage issues, the plan is to drain into Beaver Lake Ditch. This project has been modified and the redesign is to get the water moving in this area. The impact is actually residential and not the railroad. 300 and 800 swail line and east to west is a 6 – 8 foot tile not a ditch for good drainage.

After discussion, the Public Hearing was closed.

Kyle D. Conrad made a motion to enter the application with the Lake Village Drainage Project, second by Butch Cain. All in favor, motion passed.

Colfax Trustee

Kathy Haas and Deputy Trustee, John Haas, discussed 3.2 acres at 300 N and State Rd 55 Lease Agreement.

Kyle D. Conrad make a motion to pay taxes, second by Butch Cain. All in favor, motion passed.

There was discussion on drainage fees and lease agreement.

Kentland Airport

Jim Butler and John Cannon approached Commissioners about repairing the Kentland Airport. They presented a letter, which outlines the plans they have for the airport and containing information about grants.

Kyle D. Conrad made a motion to approve \$100,000.00 for sealing of the runway, Butch Cain seconds. All in favor, motion passed. Pending approval of the Council.

Minutes

Kyle D. Conrad made a motion to approve minutes for 12/20/2022, 12/30/2022, 01/03/2022, 01/18/2022, 02/07/2022, and 02/22/2022, second by Butch Cain. All in favor, motion passed.

Payroll

Kyle D. Conrad made a motion to approve Payroll and Longevity for April 14, 2022, second by Butch Cain. All in favor, motion passed.

Claims

Kyle D. Conrad made a motion to approve Claims for April 18, 2022, second by Butch Cain. All in favor, motion passed.

Purdue Extension

A flyer was handed out with Quality Report. 4H memberships are up 257. Mercedes Brunton to start June 1, 2022.

Credit Cards

Kyle D. Conrad made a motion to approve Credit Cards for \$989.51, second by Butch Cain. All in favor motion passed.

Building Commission

Kaylee Zylo approached Commissioners with a request from Reynolds Solar Farm to rezone a part of land from Agriculture to Rural Development District. ***Kyle D. Conrad made a motion to take the rezone under advisement, second from Butch Cain. All in favor motion passed.***

Highway

Sharon Domonkos requested permission from Commissioners to hire a Regular Laborer.

Kyle D. Conrad made a motion to hire a Regular Laborer, second by Butch Cain. All in favor, motion passed.

Also advised a credit card is ordered.

EMA/EMS

Ambulance had a transmission go out over the weekend. We still have 4 ambulances running in the county.

Maintenance

Jacob Shufflebarger advised they got a new chiller. There is a broken track in 3 spots, it's fixed, he is looking at redoing track around pound. Walking is still good.

Health Clinic

Jacob Shufflebarger and Alma Shireman advised on the clinic status. Commissioners agree a faster internet is needed.

Recycling

Diane Gonczy advised she is holding a study.

Veteran Service Officer

Greg Willis has completed his training. He's had 62 voice mails. He thanked Ashley for all the help. Jasper County VSO has scheduled 2 people to make sure all is well. There was discussion what to do with the contribution to the American Legion. April 26, 2022 in Morocco. Gus Ellicott to be sure where the money is going. There is a policy in place going to the Sheriff. Brandy Gulley from Newton County Community Services has asked for help. There are 2 funeral homes with Veteran Home Benefits. Greg would like to begin working with all in the American Legions.

Library

Krissy Wright advised Commissioners of opening on Library Board with the resignation of Marissa Marshino. Advised of Kelly Smith for the position. ***Kyle D. Conrad made a motion to appoint Kelly Smith, second by Butch Cain. All in favor, motion passed.***

George Ade Historic Preservation Commission

Krissy Wright advised Commissioners of opening on Ade Historic Commission Board with the resignation of Marissa Marshino. Advised of Howard Marshall. ***Kyle D. Conrad made a motion to appoint Howard Marshall, second by Butch Cain. All in favor, motion passed.***

Kyle D. Conrad made a motion to approve 90-day personal leave for, second by Butch Cain. All in favor, motion passed.

Fairgrounds Project

Everything is back on track with this project.

Council Solar Area**Landfill**

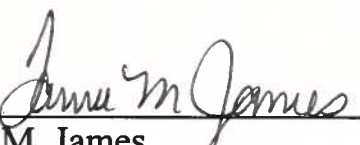
There will be either a Special or Executive Meeting May 2, 2022 at 2:00 pm for the Trash with the landfill.

Adjournment- Kyle D. Conrad moves to adjourn meeting, second by Butch Cain. All in favor.


Glen "Butch" Cain, President


Kyle D. Conrad

Tim Drenth

Attest: 
Tamra M. James
Newton County Auditor

**REPORT TO THE NEWTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON ORDINANCE FOR CHANGE OF LAND USE**

Date: 4/18/2022

To: The Honorable Commissioners of
Newton County, Indiana

Dear Members:

The Newton County Plan Commission offers you the following report on the application of:
Reynolds Solar LLC

Such applicant petitioning the Commission to rezone the following described real estate:

See Attachment "A"

The Commission's recommendation on the petition of the applicant is:

- (a) X Favorable
(b) _____ Unfavorable
(c) _____ No recommendation

NEWTON COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION
Newton County, Indiana

By *Daisy Cicero*
Secretary

NEWTON COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT

4117 S. 240 W. Suite 700
Morocco, IN 47963Phone: (219) 285-6080
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RE Lands of:

PC2-22 REYNOLDS SOLAR LLC

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE known as THE COUNTY OF NEWTON, INDIANA, ZONING ORDINANCE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Newton County, Indiana:

That the ZONE MAPS created by and which are a part of The County of Newton, Indiana, Zoning Ordinance, be and the same are hereby changed and amended as follows:

That the parcel of real estate located in the County of Newton in the State of Indiana and described as follows, to wit:

See Attachment "A"

and which said real estate is now located within a Use District designated and zoned as

<u>Agricultural</u>	USE DISTRICT, be and the same is hereby removed from
<u>Agricultural</u>	USE DISTRICT, and is hereby designated and zoned as
<u>Rural Development District</u>	USE DISTRICT.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Newton County, Indiana, on this 18 day of April 2022.

MONTH

YEAR

NEWTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

I hereby Certify that the above is a true copy of a proposed AMENDMENT OF ZONING ORDINANCE, which, after publication of

public notice and holding of public hearing on 5-Apr-22 was by majority vote of the Newton County

DATE

Plan Commission duly recommended to the Commissioners of Newton County, Indiana, for passage.


 SECRETARY OF NEWTON COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION

ATTACHMENT "A"

Reynolds Solar

Newton County Jurisdiction - Legal Descriptions

Parcel 1

A fractional part of Section 25, Township 27 North, Range 10 West, Jefferson Township, Newton County, Indiana, more fully described as follows:

Commencing at a Newton County Referenced Monument found marking the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of said Section 25 and lying in the intersection of Indiana State Road #71 and County Road 1700 South, said Monument marking the Southeast corner of Instrument #980554, as found in the Office of the Newton County Recorder and being referenced by the back and center of a concrete Right-of-Way marker S 38°01'12" W, 70.73 feet; thence S 89°38'34" W, 1626.72 feet along the South line of said Section 25, being the South line of said Instrument #980554 and along said County Road 1700 South to the PLACE OF BEGINNING; thence S 89°38'34" W, 1024.60 feet along said South line of said Section 25, being the South line of said Instrument #980554 and along said County Road to a Newton County Referenced Monument found marking the South Quarter corner of said Section 25; thence S 89°45'03" W, 2647.55 feet along said South line, being along said County Road to a Newton County Referenced Monument found marking the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of said Section 25, also being the Southwest corner of the aforesaid Instrument #980554; thence N 00°13'57" W, 4626.68 feet along the West line of said Section 25, being the West line of said Instrument #980554; to a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch black pipe set w/plastic I.D. Cap stamped "T. Newport 040123"; (hereafter called pipe set) marking the Northwest corner of said Instrument #980554, said pipe being referenced by the Top and Center of a round wood post found N89°42'58" E, 40.55 feet and by a re-rod w/"Schneider" I.D. Cap found N 07°38'28" W, 3.28 feet; thence N 89°42'58" E, 2650.81 feet along the North line of said Instrument #980554 to a pipe set marking the Northeast corner of said Instrument #980554, said pipe being referenced by the North and center of a round wood post S 89°42'58" W, 1.79 feet and by a re-rod w/"Schneider" I.D. Cap found S 24°56'26" W, 4.30 feet; thence S 00°05'39" E, 659.23 feet along the East line of said Instrument #980554 to the Northwest corner of a 40.753 acre tract as described in a short form contract as recorded in Instrument #20030302, said point being referenced by the Southwest corner of a wood head post S 24°04'18" W, 0.96 feet; thence S 00°50'39" E, 1317.41 feet along the East line of said Instrument #980554, being the West line of said Instrument #20030302, to a pipe set marking the Southwest corner of said Instrument #20030302, said pipe being referenced by a re-rod found S 46°45'20" E, 18.56 feet; thence N 89°36'28" E, 1036.84 feet along the North line of said Instrument #980554, being the South line of said Instrument #20030302; thence S 00°00'03" E, 2652.34 feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING.

Containing 344 acres, more or less.

Parcel 2

A fractional part of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 25, Township 27 North, Range 10 West, Jefferson Township, Newton County, Indiana, more fully described as follows:
BEGINNING at a Newton County Referenced Monument found marking the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of said Section 25 and lying in the intersection of Indiana State

Road #71 and County Road 1700 South, said Monument marking the Southeast corner of Instrument #980554, as found in the Office of the Newton County Recorder and being referenced by the back and center of a concrete right-of-way marker S 38°01'12" W, 70.73 feet, thence S 89°38'34" W, 1626.72 feet along the South line of said Section 25, being the South line of said Instrument #980554 and along said County Road 1700 South; thence N 00°00'03"W, 2652.34 feet to a point lying on the North line of said Instrument #980554, said point also lying on the South line of a 40.753 acre tract as described in a Short Form Contract as described in Instrument #20030302; thence N 89°36'28" E, 1626.72 feet along the North line of said Instrument #9802554, being the South line of said Instrument #20030302 to a Newton County referenced monument found marking the East Quarter corner of said Section 25, also being the Northeast corner of said Instrument #980554, also being the Southeast corner of said Instrument #20030302, said Monument lying in the aforesaid Indiana State Road #71 and being referenced by a ¾ inch Pipe w/I.D. Cap Set S 89°36'28", 46.25 feet and by the back and center of a Concrete right-of-way marker found N 84°05'28" W, 46.50 feet, thence S 00°00'03" E, 2653.33 feet along said East line of said Section 25, being the East line of said Instrument #980554 and along said State Road to the PLACE OF BEGINNING.

Containing 99 acres, more or less.

EXTENSION EXPRESS

AN UPDATE FROM PURDUE EXTENSION - NEWTON COUNTY



Extension - Newton County

APRIL 2022

Enrollment open: <https://v2.4honline.com>



Farmland for the Next Generation



Kathryn Weiss, ANR Educator, joined together with 5 other educators across the state to create and host the 5-week **Farmland for the Next Generation** virtual program. This program was geared toward helping beginning farmers grow their farm operations with lessons that included goal setting, financial assessment, and different land access options. Participants also learned how to conduct a land assessment and utilize different tools to find available land in their area. 20 families registered for this program. Newton County was represented along with families from Georgia, Alaska, and New York.

Women in Ag Enrichment Series

Women's involvement in agriculture is becoming very popular but the lack of knowledge of the field is a concerning issue. Newton County is a farming heavy community but does not have many agriculture-related education programs geared toward women. Three programs were offered in Newton County this winter. Topics included: Water Sheds, Gardening, and Nature Conservancy

STEM EXPERIMENTS

Heather Light, Extension Program Assistant, has been visiting the Community Preschool at the Christian Church in Demotte twice a month to teach science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs. The 16 students have enjoyed her visits and have conducted an apple investigation where students measured, tasted, and determined if the apples would sink or float, made a volcanic apple, and constructed a fence for candy pumpkins. They also made a snowstorm in a jar and discovered why stripes disappear from candy canes when they are placed in water. The teacher at the Preschool shared, "The kids are always so excited when Mrs. Light comes to teach them a science lesson."



FARM TO CLASSROOM

Heather also delivered a series of Farm to Classroom programs to 2nd grade students at Morocco and Lincoln Elementary Schools. A total of 55 students participated in activities and learned about: Animals on the Farm, What Hats a Farmer Wears, What is found on a Farm, and Plant Parts That We Eat. Some of the statements from the students were, "this is a lot of fun" and "now I know what parts of a plant are."

Additional Program Highlights

- 129 1st grade students learned about the food groups, proper handwashing, physical activity and food safety through the 4-week long "Yummy" program
- 66 3rd grade students learned about earning, saving, spending and borrowing in the 4-week long "Captain Cash" program.
- 43 participants from around the state joined in the 12-week long virtual Beginner Farmer Program.
- 34 farmers attended PARP training on Record Keeping Tips.



Thank you to Newton County Government for providing free enrollment for 4-Hers in 2022!

We would love to hear from you, contact us at:
219.285.8620 x 2800
or visit us at the Newton County Government Center
4117 S 240 W, Suite 600, Morocco, IN

Deb Arseneau, HHS Educator/CED
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 (Begins 6/1/22)

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CHILD CARE PROVIDERS ADD MOVEMENT TO THEIR CLASSROOM

The CDC recommends that preschool-aged children (3-5 years) have physical activity every day throughout the day and active play through a variety of enjoyable physical activities. Therefore, it is important to educate adults who care for young children to encourage and direct children in physical activity every day. By helping parents and caregivers understand that physically active youth tend to have better academic, cognitive and health outcomes, we can increase the health of Hoosier children. Most importantly, adults are the ones to provide opportunities for children to be physically active so having tools to incorporate movement into daily activities is important for those that provide care for young children. Developing healthy habits early in childhood and continuing to exercise those habits through adolescence helps youth become healthy adults.

HHS Educators, Deb Arseneau and Kelsie Muller presented 4 sessions of the *I am Moving I am Learning (IMIL)* curriculum to 11 Newton County childcare providers and early childhood educators. The goals of IMIL are: 1) increase the quantity of time spent in moderate to vigorous physical activity during daily routines to meet national guidelines; 2) improve the quality of structured movement experiences intentionally facilitated by adults; and 3) promote healthy nutrition choices every day. These 11 childcare providers attending the trainings serve more than 100 families that will benefit from the information provided and activities incorporated into their children's learning experiences.

Kentland Town Council
Board of Aviation Commissioners
Kentland Municipal Airport

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April 18, 2022

Mr. Butch Cain, President, Newton County Commissioners

Mr. Kyle Conrad, Newton County Commissioner

Mr. Tim Drenth, Newton County Commissioner

Mr. Scott Carlson, President, Newton County Council

Mr. Michael Mark, Newton County Council

Mr. Tim Lohr, Newton County Council

Ms. Abbey Rossiter, Newton County Council

Mr. Mick Vanderwall, Newton County Council

Mr. David Atkinson, Newton County Council

Mr. Matt Gibson, Newton County Council

Dear Commissioners and Council,

We are writing in support of a grant request for the Kentland Airport. The Kentland Airport is one of the front doors to Newton County and serves much more of Newton, as well as the surrounding counties, than just Kentland- Not only do we see the local pilots using the airport for business and pleasure, but we also see numerous flights each year where businesses utilize the airport to either conduct business in the area or view the area for a prospective business. Additionally, approximately 25% of the flight operations each year are for agriculture, specifically aerial application of fungicide, insecticide, fertilizer and seeding of cropland, making farming much more economical than if they had to utilize a more distant airport.

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Over the past several years we have made numerous improvements to the airport to allow it to be utilized by larger, business aircraft, as well as the larger crop dusters. These improvements include lengthening and widening the runway, enlarging the aircraft parking area, and managing the storm water runoff as well as another addition to the aircraft parking area, among others. This has been done with a combination of grants from the Federal Aviation Administration, the State of Indiana and local matching funds from the Town of Kentland. Also, in the past Newton County has been generous with their help in providing funds for building painting, asphalt and helping fund the fuel dispensing system. The last time we requested financial help with the airport was more than five years ago.

At this time, we have several projects that need to be completed to lengthen the life of the airport and maximize the previous investments. These projects are:

Runway joint sealing. The expansion joints between the concrete slabs of the runway need to be resealed to prevent water infiltration and subsequent deterioration of the runway due to freezing and thawing. The cost for the removal of the existing joint sealant and the application of new sealant is \$100,000.00.

Our tee hangar building is capable of housing 10 aircraft. The skirt boards around the bottom of the building have rotted and need to be replaced. Additionally, since this building is post/frame construction, the portion of the poles that is below ground level have rotted as well. We need to replace the skirt boards and install metal fittings/posts on the poles to provide support. This will lengthen the life of the building by at least another 25 to 30 years. The cost for this repair is approximately \$20,000.00.

Hangar #4 needs a new roof at a cost of \$22,000 and the floor needs to be raised approximately four inches by adding a layer of concrete to prevent ground water from entering the building. The cost of raising the floor is \$12,000.00.

Our tee hangar building does not have complete concrete floors in every hangar. Some of the hangars only have concrete where the aircraft wheels are located, with the rest of the hangar floor being gravel. The cost for these floors is approximately \$30,000.

We are asking for a grant from Newton County for these items in the total amount of \$184,000.00. These funds will help propel Newton County into the future as more and more citizens, farmers and business take advantage of the Kentland Airport.

In 2023, according to our Capital Improvement Plan, our intent is to proceed with the balance of phase 3 of our west ramp project and to begin the work of designing and building a parallel taxiway which will be located beside our runway. This taxiway will enhance safety as aircraft will no longer have to taxi down the runway in the opposite direction of other aircraft who may be taking off or landing. The balance of phase 3 is the completion of the paving of the west ramp. The Federal Aviation Administration

and the State of Indiana will provide 95% of the funding of the project, but the town will have to provide 5% local matching funds, which will be \$110,000.00. We are also requesting another grant in 2023 for these matching funds.

We kindly request you consider our request and we have appointed Jim Butler, the President of our Board of Aviation Commissioners, as our spokesman and point of contact. The Kentland Airport is a valuable resource and piece of infrastructure for all of Newton County and we pray you will help support our efforts.

Sincerely,

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Debby Shufflebarger
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Debby Shufflebarger, President

DocuSigned by:
James Sammons
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James Sammons, Councilman

DocuSigned by:
Mike Rowe
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Mike Rowe, Councilman

PUBLIC HEARING SIGN-IN SHEET

Newton County / Lake Village Stormwater Improvement Program

Monday, April 18, 2022; 3:00 Local Time

Newton County Government Center

NAME

ADDRESS/ORGANIZATION

Alma Shireman

Apex Benefits Group

Ray Chambers

Newton Co Home On Security

Kaylee Watts

Newton Co. Bldg. Dept.

Sharon Dammann

Newton County Highway Dept.

Jacob Shufleberg

Newton County Maintenance

Tim Myers

NCEDC —

GREG WILLIS

YSO

Kathy Haas

Colfax Township Trustee

John Haas

Colfax Township Deputy

Kate Motter

Washington Twp

Pat Carlson

Kentland

Denny Cobb

Jefferson Twp

Jamie Rowe

N.C. Drainage Board

Jeni Paswell

Planning Comm.

Mike Davis

~~NEW~~ KENTLAND TASK FORCE

PUBLIC HEARING SIGN-IN SHEET

Newton County / Lake Village Stormwater Improvement Program

Monday, April 18, 2022; 3:00 Local Time

Newton County Government Center

NAME

ADDRESS/ORGANIZATION

Diane Gentry

NC Recycling

James Large

NC 911

Kristen Cyle

James Butts

TOWN OF GOODLAND / KENILAND AIRPORT

John Cannon

Office of the Attorney General

Randy Strasser

VS Engineering

Emily Albaugh

KIRPC

Ashley Large

Commissioners Office

Phil Smith

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Kurt Conrad

Commissioner

A. B. C.

Commissioner

Jana Jones

Auditor

April 11, 2022

Newton County Commissioners
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Morocco, IN 47963

Dear Commissioners,

Please be advised that Marissa (Engle) Marshino, having been accepted to law school and moving out of our service area, has tendered her resignation from our Commission. She has been a valued team member, and we regret to see her leave.

Mr. Howard Marshall has expressed interest in filling this vacancy with your approval. He is an active community member with great interest in the Hazelden Estate. He is a dedicated historian who has served as an assistant under several Navy Admirals. He also has experience with both the state and federal grant processes. Our Commission would like to recommend Mr. Marshall for this appointment as we feel he would be an excellent advocate for George Ade's legacy and a great asset for our group.

Thank you for consideration. Should you have any questions, please contact Krissy at 219-863-9779.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristine Wright". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kristine Wright, on behalf of the George Ade Historic Preservation Commission

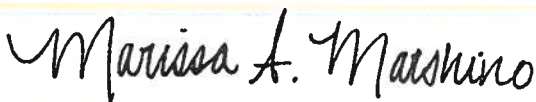
April 11, 2022

Kristine Wright, Chair
George Ade Historic Preservation Commission

Dear Krissy,

Please consider this letter as my formal resignation from the George Ade Historic Preservation Commission. My recent decision to relocate to Indianapolis for the purpose of furthering my career and education will hinder my ability to continue to serve as the Secretary/Treasurer. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve, even if it was for just a few short years. I am forever grateful for the connections that I have made and the knowledge that I have gained.

Best wishes,



Marissa A. Marshino