

April 4, 2022

Be it ever remembered on the Fourth 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, Kyle D. Conrad, and Tim Drenth as the duly elected and active Board of Commissioners. Also present were Auditor Tamra M. James, Commissioners' Assistant Ashley Large and Attorney Pat Ryan.

Kyle D Conrad called the meeting to order with Tim Drenth reciting the pledge to the flag.

Minutes

Motion to approve minutes for 12/20/2022, 12/30/2022, 01/03/2022, 01/18/2022, 02/07/2022 was tabled to further review them.

Payroll

Tim Drenth made a motion, second by Kyle D. Conrad to approve the Payroll and Longevity for April 1, 2022. Motion was passed.

Claims

Tim Drenth made a motion, second by Kyle D. Conrad to approve the claims for April 4, 2022. Motion was passed.

Credit Cards

Tim Drenth made a motion to approve departmental credit cards as presented for a total of \$674.02 second by Kyle D. Conrad. Motion passed unanimously.

Kentland Airport

There is a grant request for funds for the Kentland Airport in the amount of \$304,000.00. \$100,000.00 will be used towards a Helipad and an attached road for the local fire departments and emergency services for Medivac flights. Funds will also go towards the runway joints to be resealed. There is also an ongoing project for the West ramp. The local matched dollars are 5% and the FAA and State of Indiana provide the other 95% of the funding. The Town of Kentland has given funds for Phase 1, 2, and 3. *Kyle D. Conrad motions to table this request until the next meeting. Tim Drenth seconds the motion. Motion passed.*

Planning Commission

Waddle requested a vacation of alley in the Plan Commission meeting. It was also discussed to vacate the lower portion of the alley but it was not in the petition (it is located in Ade). *Kyle motions to approve the vacation of alley in Ade as presented by Daisy Cicero. Tim Drenth seconds the motion. The motion is approved. Tim Drenth motions to direct the Planning Commission to proceed with the application to vacate the other alleyway in Ade. Kyle D. Conrad seconds the motion. The motion is approved.* The PUD for the go-cart track needs to be amended.

Jim Large and Ray Chambers

They are both losing an employee in each department. Ray requests a write-off for the month of February 2022 in the amount of \$32705.96. *Tim Drenth motions to approve. Kyle D. Conrad seconds the motion. Motion passes.* Special events update and title changes update. The Fire Association has not filled the position on the 911 board. The ordinance needs to be changed because it specifies that the EMA and EMS director be on the board but Ray assumes both roles. It needs to be classified as one role and the Fire Association will have 2 positions as a result.

Highway Dept.

Tim Drenth motions to approve boring on 1299 W 985 N. for coaxial cable, as discussed by Sharon Domonkos. Kyle D. Conrad seconds the motion. Motion is approved. Sharon requests a name change on the department credit card and Kyle will take care of that. There will be road construction at the intersection of Route 10 and US 41 from May 2-30. US41 from Route 10 to 14 will be under road construction from May 30-August.

Maintenance

The Building Department was moved. A chiller is being installed at the Government Center. The clinic cleaning standards were sent. They will clean when the clinic is not open on Wednesday's and Friday's. Valley Oaks inquired if the 32 external globes be changed to green for mental health awareness. Jacob also requested that from the week of Memorial Day to 4th of July the globes be changed to red, white, and blue. The Commissioners gave Jacob the ok.

Diane Gonczy

She will send an all staff email about the Ag pesticide.

Veteran Service Officer

Greg Willis started as a part-time employee

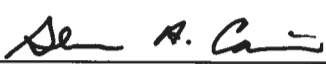

Valley Oaks

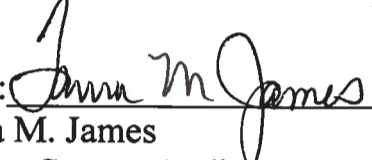
Board appointment recommendation-Vince Lowe. Vince Lowe accepts the position. *Kyle D. Conrad makes a motion to appoint Vince Lowe to the Valley Oaks Board of Directors. Tim Drenth seconds the motion. Motion is approved.*

Pat Ryan

There was a complaint from a resident about the amount of trash is that in her yard in regards to Republic Waste. Republic Waste has been very responsive to handling this. On April 5, the tolling agreement expires. There is an agreement for HR but there are concerns that it may not be for this type of municipality. Other groups will be looked into.

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

 _____ Glen "Butch" Cain, President	 _____ Kyle D. Conrad	_____ Tim Drenth
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Attest: 

 Tamra M. James
 Newton County Auditor

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: Steve A. Case

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.***