

June 20, 2022

Be it ever remembered on the 20th day of June, 2022, the day set by the Commissioners for the holding of their regular meeting at the Newton County Courthouse. Comes now Butch Cain, Kyle D. Conrad and Tim Drenth as the duly elected and active Board of Commissioners. Also present were Attorney Pat Ryan, Auditor Tami James and Commissioners Assistant Ashley Large.

Butch Cain called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag recited by Tami James.

Payroll/Longevity

Tim Drenth made a motion, second by Kyle D. Conrad to approve payroll and longevity for June 10, 2022. *Motion passed.*

Claims

Kyle D. Conrad moves to approve claims for June 20, 2022, second by Tim Drenth. *Motion passed.*

NextEra

Butch said at 2:00 pm we have a meeting with NextEra Energy - Reynolds Solar LLC. Mary Solada, an attorney for based from Indianapolis, approached the Commissioners to explain the solar project. On April 6, 2022, at the Kentland Community Center, there was a Public Hearing, which was a joint meeting County Plan Commission and the town of Kentland. The project they are looking for there is under 2 mile town jurisdiction and the rest in county jurisdiction. They are seeking a Rural Development District under the zoning ordinance, which requires first a re-zone, second developer plan approval, then file an application with the plan commission where they would provide all the details. It's a \$165,000,000.00 35 year investment for the county. It would be a 4 way agreement between Reynold Solar LLC, County Commissioners, County Council, and Town of Kentland. A concern addressed is drainage. 3 years from today to file or will revert back to original zoning. *Tim Drenth made a motion to approve to Rezone contingent upon the development plan and the Economic Development agreement, second by Butch Cain. All in favor, motion passed. 3-0*

Lake Village Drainage Project

Emily Albaugh, with the Kankakee/Iroquois Planning Commission, came to the commissioners to see if they have any questions regarding the grant. They are working with the county to help them with the application for Storm Water Improvement Project and are applying for \$500,000.00 grant. The county will be putting in a match of \$365,047.00. Project will be submitted on July 1 for state review. This project is to make drainage improvements in residential areas. *Kyle D. Conrad made a motion to pass the Resolution #06.20.2022, second by Tim Drenth. All in favor, motion passed.*

Open Assessment Bids

Kyle D. Conrad made a motion to close the bids as of 4:00 pm Friday June 24, 2022, second by Tim Drenth. All in favor, motion passed.

\$235,760.00 to be paid for out of the Reassessment fund. *Kyle D. Conrad made a motion to accept the bid of Advalum Solutions, second by Tim Drenth. All in favor, motion passed.*

George Ade Healthcare

Scott James addressed Commissioners and explained their search for a bus and every avenue they've explored to look for one that is reliable and affordable. They would like to use the IGT fund to purchase a bus for \$110,000.00. *Kyle D. Conrad made a motion appropriate IGT money, up to \$110,000.00 less the trade, to purchase a new bus for George Ade, second made by Tim Drenth. All in favor, motion passed.*

Kentland Airport

Jim Butler approached Commissioners about Runway Project.

Kyle D. Conrad made a motion not to exceed \$100,000.00 only for the Runway Project, second by Tim Drenth. All in favor, motion passed.

EMS

Still looking for new hires. We are very short-handed and it is effecting the entire county.

Highway Department

Sharon Domonkos reported that fuel pumps are still working and she is still working on getting quotes for above ground tanks.

Sharon then reported she had an issue the week prior with someone dumping roofing material and other garbage on a county road, 200 E just north of 600N. A loader had to be brought in for cleanup because there was so much garbage. A garbage bag with their address on it was found so the responsible party was found. The company claims it was not

Rest Area Water Project

Sharon asked if a new permit was needed for work on the other side of 10. There was Nitco wire cut by a different company. They would like to know if that company was permitted and discussion was held if a permit was needed. Right-of-Way Permissions vs Easement Permissions was explained by Pat Ryan. It was decided that the 2 contractors would have to figure out responsibility on their own.

Brook

The town of Brook reached out to Sharon about getting some cold mix for a road cut they had done.

Goodland

They have an empty lot that has a lot of stone. They don't have the means to level the stone and it's flooding out neighbors. They have requested the county to help by grading it. Commissioners agreed that if they are in the area working, go ahead and help them out.

Veterans Service Officer/VSO

Greg Willis is fully accredited now. He went to conference in June and is getting additional training. He's also trying to put together some outreach programs. He's working with Tim Myers to have something at the fair. Things seem to be working smoother.

Soil and Water

Bri Styck is still working on the Kankakee River Watershed Program. Last week they worked at the libraries all work educating families about conservation and water quality. On June 18, 2022 they had a kayak paddling event where they had about 15 people join on Beaver Lake Ditch, from 200 W to 700 N.

Maintenance

Jacob Shufflebarger has gotten quotes for Panic Buttons. Council has approved and it is ready to go.

Building Commissioner

Daisy Cicero reminded Commissioners that her last day is July 15. Commissioners agreed to post Job opening.

Ashley Large

Employee Health and Wellness Center currently has Nitco for Internet and would like the county to help with that bill. Commissioners have agreed to pay that bill.

Auditor

Tom Wheelock will be the appointment on the ATC Board.


Pat Ryan

The displaced families from the Lincoln Apartments during the prisoner escape, 7 individuals, are all back home. There is a hotel bill from the Days Inn \$411.88 and Murphy's Food Bill \$205.93. The decision was that we would pay these 2 bills.


Pat Ryan also advised the Commissioners they only have 48 hours to work an agreement with the Town of Kentland in the NextEra/Reynolds Solar Plan.

Adjournment

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



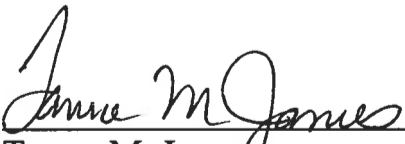
Glenn "Butch" Cain, President



Kyle D. Conrad

Tim Drenth

Attest:



Tamra M. James
Newton County Auditor

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND LOCAL MATCH COMMITMENT
RESOLUTION #06.20.2022**

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF NEWTON, INDIANA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE CDBG SIP PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION TO THE INDIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND RURAL AFFAIRS AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of the Newton County, Indiana recognizes the need to stimulate growth and to maintain a sound economy within its corporate limits: and

WHEREAS, THE Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, authorizes the Indiana office of Community and Rural Affairs to provide grants to local units of government to meet the housing and community development needs of low-and moderate-income persons and/or the elimination of blight; and


WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of the Newton County, Indiana has conducted or will conduct public hearings prior to the submission of an application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, said public hearings to assess the housing, public facilities and economic needs of its low-and moderate-income residents:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commissioners of Newton County that:


1. The Commissioner President is authorized to prepare and submit an application for grant funding to address existing and future needs of Newton County with implementation of stormwater system improvements and to execute and administer a resultant grant including requisite general administration and project management, contracts and agreements pursuant to regulations of the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.
2. The County Commissioners of Newton County, Indiana hereby commits the requisite local funds in the amount of three hundred sixty-five forty-seven dollars (\$365,047.00) in the form of: Newton County Landfill Fee Fund as matching funds for said program, such commitment to contingent upon receipt of CDBG funding from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

Adopted by the County Commissioners of Newton County, Indiana this 20th day of June, 2022 at 3:00 pm local time.


Glen A. Cain, Commissioner President


Tim Drenth, Commissioner


Kyle Conrad, Commissioner


ATTEST:
Tamra James, Auditor

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 ½ inch black pipe set w/ plastic I.D. Cap stamped "I, 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 N 89°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

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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 3/4 inch Pipe w I.D. Cap Set S 89°36'28" E, 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.



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Affairs, said public hearings to assess the housing, public facilities and economic needs of its low-and
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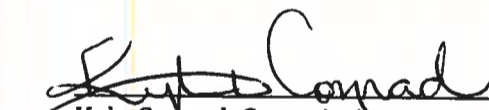
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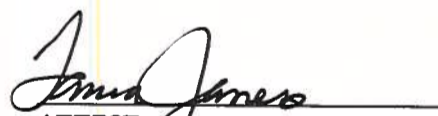
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2. The Town of West Lebanon, Indiana hereby commits the requisite local funds in the amount of three hundred sixty-five forty-seven dollars (\$365,047.00) in the form of: Newton County Landfill Fee Fund as matching funds for said program, such commitment to contingent upon receipt of CDBG funding from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

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