

**August 2, 2022**

The Newton County Commissioners met in Executive Session at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday August 2, 2022, at the Newton County Government Center, Morocco Indiana.

Commissioner members present were Butch Cain, Tim Drenth, and Kyle D. Conrad.

Also present was Auditor Tamra James.


**IC Code 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5)**

To receive information about and interview prospective employees for the Building Commissioner Position.

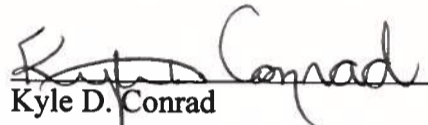
No subject matter was discussed in the executive session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice and no decisions were made.

The approval of these minutes shall serve as a certification that no subject matter was discussed other than the subject matter specified above.

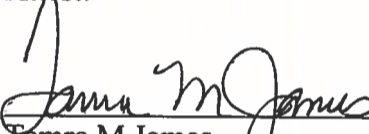
***Tim Drenth made a motion to adjourn, second by Butch Cain. Motion was passed.***

  
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Butch Cain, President

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Tim Drenth

  
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Kyle D. Conrad

Attest:

  
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Tamra M James  
Newton County Auditor

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**NEWTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Minutes Overview**

**August 2, 2022**

Comes now the Newton County Board of Commissioners with members President Glen "Butch" Cain, Tim Drenth, Kyle D. Conrad and Newton County Auditor Tamra M. James all for the purpose of discussion of the Health Clinic.

Butch Cain call the meeting to order.

Discussion included:

Capabilities:

- Blood Work
- Medication
  - Asked them to keep track of which medications are needed most to be able to stock some that aren't available now
- Savings

Concerns:

- Deductibles being met
- Some more expensive medications being available
- Asking Alma at the next meeting how she feels things are going
- Contract not signed
- BAA not signed
- New employees are not understanding the savings
- Not seeing they can utilize the clinic during work hours


Positives:

- Clinic has found at least 2 previously undiagnosed issues with employees
- Close
- Services offered

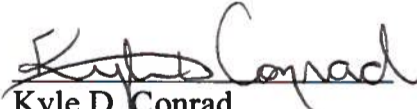
Employee Reactions:

- Have been positive but they're not talking/spreading the good news about it
- People are using it more and more
- There are some things that need to be tweaked

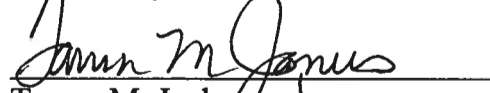
Commissioners asked Ashley to put out reminders and fliers in her monthly emails.

  
 Glen Cain  
 President

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 Tim Drenth

  
 Kyle D. Conrad

Attested by:

  
 Tamra M. Jackson  
 Newton County Auditor

**August 2, 2022**

Be it ever remembered on the 2nd day of August, 2022 the day set by the Commissioners for the holding of their scheduled budget workshop special meeting at Newton County Government Facility. Comes now Butch Cain, Tim Drenth, and Kyle D. Conrad, as the duly elected and active Board of Commissioners. Also present were Newton County Auditor, Tami James and Commissioners' Assistant Ashley Large.

Butch Cain called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by Butch Cain.

**Budget Workshop/Department Budget Estimates for 2023****Maintenance**

Jacob Shufflebarger came before Commissioners with 2022 estimated budget for Maintenance. Jacob informed that he has an increase of \$500.00 in case for holiday callouts. Jacob is also requesting an increase for fuel, as fuel prices have gone up. Jacob is also requesting \$160,000.00 for general maintenance for 12 sites and 16 buildings at \$10,000.00 per building. Projects are \$19,000.00 for jail garage motor and cooler, \$5,000 for Court House Paint for the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, \$68,000.00 N&S Amb 7 door motors and 3 overheads, \$82,000 Generation Center HVAC and generator, \$200,000.00 Enos exterior remodel, \$50,000.00 Highway boiler and breakroom floor. At George Ade a whole building water heater is needed, Booster Kitchen water heater, 2 kitchen a/c units with Air Handlers and \$15,000.00 for building maintenance.

**E911**

Jim Large came before Commissioners that his budget remains same and he did leave the CAD system in there.

**Highway**

Sharon Domonkos informed Commissioners that she's looking to increase the Cumulative Bridge budget by \$210,000.00. She is also looking to increase the Local Road and Street budget by \$70,000.00. The Highway Restricted difference would be \$105,000.00, Highway Administration increase is \$14,935.00, Maintenance and Repair increase is \$132,700.00. There is a need for a new loader, gas and oil prices have gone up, new boom mower, and trucks need replaced.

**VSO**

Greg Willis informed Commissioners that he's increasing his budget for supplies by \$100.00. He is requesting an increase in other services and charges by \$6,300.00, which will mostly go towards Care of Veterans. Commissioners also discussed his need for a county credit card. Tami James is also going to see if veteran burial budget could be moved to the VSO budge.

**EMA**

Ray Chambers is keeping the budget mostly the same except for small increases where service prices have risen.

**Ambulance**

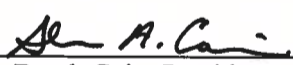
Ray Chambers is budgeting for next year for a new ambulance. There was also discussion of pay matrix and raises to retain employees.

**Commissioners**


Ashley Large informed the commissioners on estimate budget for County General with regards to the Clinic and Insurance, mileage, dues. Gas, water, electric, and pest control have gone up in all. Landfill- might have to encumber it from Roselawn Sewer Project. Building repair and maintenance take out and put it into Landfill. Landfill IT software and programs, telephone, and internet have all gone up.

**Adjournment**

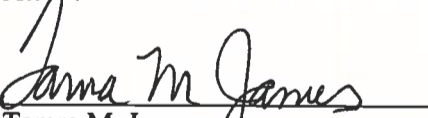
*Kyle D. Conrad moves that the meeting be adjourned, second by Tim Drenth. All in favor, meeting adjourned.*

  
Butch Cain, President

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Tim Drenth

  
Kyle D. Conrad

Attest:

  
Tamra M. James,  
Newton County Auditor

**August 15, 2022**

Be it ever remembered on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022, the day set by the Commissioners for the holding of their regular meeting at the Newton County Government Center. Comes now Butch Cain, Tim Drenth and Kyle D. Conrad, as the duly elected and active Board of Commissioners. Also present were Commissioners' Assistant Ashley Large, Newton County Auditor Tamra James and office help Stacey McQueen, and Attorney Rebecca Goddard.

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

**Meeting Minutes**

The meeting minutes could not be approved because of a software glitch that wouldn't allow them to be opened.

**Payroll/Longevity**

*Tim Drenth made a motion to approve payroll/longevity for August 5, 2022, second by Butch Cain. All in favor, motion passed.*

**Claims**

*Tim Drenth made a motion to approve all claims for August 15, 2022, second by Butch Cain. All in favor, motion passed.*

**Ambulance**

Ray Chambers presented to Commissioners Austin Dewes request for extended vacation days. *Tim Drenth made a motion to approve, second by Butch Cain. All in favor, motion passed.*

**Fairground Bids**

KDM Services was the only bid to come in. There was discussion on how to proceed with only 1 bid. Butch Cain suggested to work with what we have from KDM Services. The bid is for \$475,000 to be all dug. There was discussion on how Phase 1 had multiple issues. The map does not have things located. It was agreed that if they hit anything, they will fix it. There was also discussion that there is a need to fix acreage before the farm bids go out by the end of September. *Kyle D. Conrad made a motion to accept the bid from KDM Services, second by Tim Drenth. All in favor, motion passed.*

**Apex and Proactive**

Cassie and Alma advised the BAA Contract is still outstanding. Once that is signed, they'll be able to start monthly reporting to Commissioners on how the clinic is operating, how many are utilizing it, etc. They did remind Commissioners they are operating without a signed contract. There was confusion on who needed to sign BAA. Kyle D. Conrad made a motion to authorize President Butch Cain once there is Attorney approval, second by Tim Drenth. All in favor, motion passed.

There was a discussion on miscommunication with labs and the care team has been reeducated.

Employees are looking to get vaccines at the clinic since the Health Dept only vaccinates individuals with no insurance.

**Highway**

Sharon Domonkos presented two road cut permits. *Tim Drenth made a motion to approve the permits, second by Kyle D. Conrad. All in favor, motion passed.*

Sharon has received 2 proposals to fix the drains in the Government Center parking lot. They will be lifted and leveled and reinforced. She is still waiting to get the 3<sup>rd</sup> proposal. *Kyle D. Conrad made a motion to move forward with the 2 proposals, second by Tim Drenth. All in favor, motion passed.*

Next week they will begin chip seal on 65 miles of road.

There was then discussion that Meridian needs to be graded down. If that happens, it needs to sit for 1 year before repaving. Kyle suggested Sharon look into filing down a few inches and then using chip seal.

**Recycling**

Diane Gonzcy advised they know who dumped cardboard and Styrofoam next to the bins instead of in them. Butch says to send them a letter.

Saturday at the Highway Garage is Household Hazardous Waste Day.

Bri Styck from Soil and Water is looking for partners for a general letter of support. Diane asked Commissioners for their permission to write the letter. Commissioners grant approval.

The local libraries reached out to Diane to bring in computers for the Household Hazardous Waste Day. This is usually only for residential residents. Commissioners give approval for libraries to bring in their computers.

**Clerk**

Jessica Firkins brought in undated maps from Larry Holderby for redistricting. The maps show current and proposed