

BE IT REMEMBERED THE HENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA, met at the Henry County Courthouse Circuit Courtroom, in the City of New Castle, Indiana on April 28, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. with the following members present: Betsy Mills, Chad Malicoat, Kenon Gray, Harold Griffin, Peggy Stefandel, Susan Huhn, Kyle Allen and Joel Harvey, County Attorney.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge and a Prayer.

A motion was made by Susan Huhn and seconded by Chad Malicoat to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2022 minutes. 5/2, Betsy Mills and Harold Griffin were not present in the room.

A motion was made by Chad Malicoat and seconded by Peggy Stefandel to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2022 minutes. Motion carried 5/2, Betsy Mills and Harold Griffin were not present in the room.

A motion was made by Susan Huhn and seconded by Betsy Mills to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2022 minutes. Motion carried 6/1, Harold Griffin was not present in the room.

Corey Murphy gave an update from the EDC. He talked of all the good grants that have been awarded and are available for Henry County. The EDC Annual Meeting will be held May 11, 2022. The meetings have been set up with those who were awarded Food & Beverage money, Monday May 2, 2022 at Noon or Thursday May 5, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. They will only need to be present at one meeting and these will explain the process they need to go through for public bidding and how to get the invoices paid.

Shonda Kane gave an update on the Chamber. She is working to get State Road 38 through town closed for the Memorial Day Parade, Food Truck will be in the Justice Center parking lot and will be serving breakfast. May 19, 2022 will be the next Chamber lunch.

A motion was made by Chad Malicoat and seconded by Betsy Mills to approve the Written Plan of Funds Received Through the Coronavirus Local Recovery Fund Amendment: \$9,000 for Henry County Health Department, \$11,000 for Emergency Management Agency. Motion carried unanimously.

Kenon Gray gave an update on the ARP committee. He made a motion during the ARP Committee meeting to take the balance of the Legal Fees and keep half for legal fees and give 2/3 of the other half of it to the Highway and 1/3 split evenly between Memorial Park and Volunteer Fire Departments.

A motion was made by Chad Malicoat and seconded by Susan Huhn to approve the job description and salary ordinance for a Grant Writer. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Harold Griffin and seconded by Chad Malicoat to approve the AIREs Additional Appropriation for \$19,000 for Education/Prevention; \$21,170 Treatment/Intervention; \$22,188 Justice/Law Enforcement; \$9,390 Administration/Fiscal Agent. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Chad Malicoat and seconded by Susan Huhn to approve the Compliance with State of Benefits, Real Estate Improvements filed by TS Tech. Motion carried 6/1, Betsy Mills was not present in the room.

A motion was made by Chad Malicoat and seconded by Susan Huhn to approve to advertise for the County Council appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals Board and for the two Citizens Appointees on the Job Classification Committee. Motion carried 6/1, Betsy Mills was not present in the room.

Cathy Eke requested to replace the opening in the Public Defender Office with the retirement of Jeff Galyen. Auditor Walker sent an email to the Council that several years ago these positions were to be contractual positions. There was no action taken at this time until further research is done.

Kenon Gray gave an update on the Highway Department.

Betsy Mills gave an update on the Broadband Speed test through Farm Bureau.

Susan Huhn gave an update on Memorial Park. Rita Fisher and Casey Richards discussed the financial needs of Memorial Park. They presented information on repairs that need to be done on the ponds and the large shelter house. The shelter house is in need of an HVAC system, and an ADA restrooms. The roads around the parks are in need of repairs, it will cost to have the park have the Highway Dept. to repair these roads. Kenon stated that ARPA funds could be used for these repairs.

Casey Richards gave an update on all the events that are coming up at the Park.

Kenon Gray received information from Lisa Lee, Bond Council that they need to make a decision on getting the Food & Beverage Bond going.

Kenon asked for discussion on how to allocate the remaining monies of the Food & Beverage Bond. He would like to get final information to Lisa Lee this next week. Chad Malicoat asked if Kenon Gray has received the information that was requested

regarding the Sports Park and Expo Center, Kenon has not yet received that information. Betsy Mills stated that she has not received any additional data on these two projects and she cannot vote in favor of giving them any money. Susan Huhn stated she would like to give the money to a project that is ready to start using the monies right away, she would like to give the remaining money to Memorial Park as they are ready to start using it now. Kenon Gray stated that ARPA money can be used for this and the county will receive the second installment at any time. Kenon Gray stated that he received information regarding putting water and sewer to the Expo Center. Mr. Gray read a letter from Mayor York stating that he committed putting water and sewer to the Expo dated January 1, 2021. He has heard that this will go to litigation. Chad Malicoat feels that putting the money into the Park is the best use of the money, the park only has enough money to buy super glue and duct tape to make repairs.

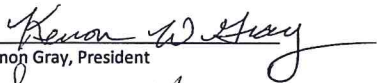
Chris Williams asked about the YMCA receiving additional monies from Food & Beverage to help with their project. Kenon Gray stated that they have been awarded \$300,000.


A motion was made by Susan Huhn and seconded by Chad Malicoat to award the remaining Food & Beverage funds to Memorial Park specifically for ponds, shelter house and roads. Motion carried 4/3, Kenon Gray and Kyle Allen voting no and Harold Griffin abstained.

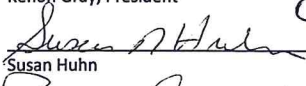
Betsy Mills stated that she like Chad Malicoat's idea of finding a Corporate Sponsored to help with the big shelter house.

Kyle Allen asked what kind of revenue the park received from the renting of shelters in a year. Casey Richards stated that with COVID it is hard to say, just this year they have received about \$15,000 and the majority of that is from the big shelter and Smith Building. Last year they collected between \$20,000 and \$25,000. Kyle Allen asked if there was any Food & Beverage money generated from the park. He agrees the park needs an updated, but feels the true nature of Food & Beverage funds that park does not fall under this, and there are other funds that can be used for the park such as the ARPA funds. Kenon Gray stated he was going to make a motion to give \$400,000 for the park, \$300,000 to the Expo to finish it and \$300,000 to the YMCA. Peggy Stefandel supports the Park along with supporting the YMCA. She feels giving to the YMCA is going to help save jobs since it provides child care for families.

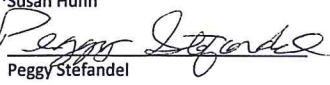
A motion was made by Chad Malicoat and seconded by Betsy Mills to Adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

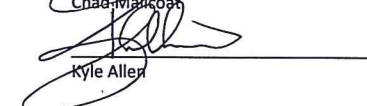

Kenon Gray, President

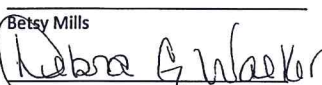

Harold Griffin


Susan Huhn


Chad Malicoat


Peggy Stefandel


Kyle Allen

Betsy Mills

Attested by: Debra G. Walker, Auditor