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 Attest: Emily Franks  
 Jay County Auditor

#### April 5, 2023

The Jay County Commissioners, Jay County Council and Jay County Redevelopment Commission met in a joint session on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the auditorium in the courthouse. Attending was Brian McGalliard, Chad Aker, President of the Jay County Commissioners; Jeanne Houchins, president, Cindy Bracy, Harold Towell, Faron Parr, Dave Haines, Matt Minnich and Randy May of the Jay County Council. auditor Emily Franks and attorney, Wes Schemenaur was also in attendance. Absent was commissioner Rex Journey. The purpose of the special meeting was to hear from Jason Semler, financial consultant from Baker Tilly Financial LLP.

Jason Semler, partner with Baker Tilly Financial LLP, came to give a presentation on financial information related to EDIT and Redevelopment Commission Funds. Mr. Semler first started speaking in regards to local income taxes. It is one of the few revenue streams the county has outside of property taxes. Property taxes are more regulated and consistent throughout the state. The maximum levy for property tax increased by 5% in 2023 over the prior year. He wanted to clear up a big misconception that a county can arbitrarily increase their property tax revenue. As an example, if a Honda plant came in to town and paid a million more in property tax, they would pay one million more, but the taxpayers would pay one million less due to the max levy.

However, income taxes can increase as the amount of people increase. This would mean more income taxes to help fund your budgets. LIT (Local Income Tax) the money goes to the principal county of the resident and not the company the county is in. This is why it becomes important for taxpayers to both live and work in the county to receive benefit. Cindy Bracy questioned how the windfarm economic development fund worked in relation to EDIT funds. Jason Semler explained it came from an Economic Development Agreements with the windfarm companies. This allows the county to receive money up front while the full abatement is in effect. The use of monies is very broad to allow the county the most flexibility.

Mr. Semler discussed the three buckets of LIT income tax. The expenditure bucket can go up to total of 2.5%. Currently Jay County is at 2.45% with PTRC (Property Tax Replacement Credit) at .6%. This portion goes to helping lower the property tax bill for each taxpayer. The county currently has a rate of 1.4% for Certified Shares/Levy Freeze formerly known as CAGIT (County Adjusted Gross Income Tax) that goes into County General to help fund operations. This portion is distributed to all taxing units including cities, towns, townships, libraries, school corporation and the county. LIT-Economic Development formerly known as EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) is currently at .25%. Before 1995 the money could only be used for economic development, but the definition has changed to allow for any legal use. This is only distributed to the cities, towns, and county. LIT-Public Safety formerly known as LOIT has a rate of .2% and is applied to all cities, towns, and county. This money is used towards PSAP (Public Safety Answering Points).

There are certain income taxes that would only go towards the county. This could be looked at more if the county chooses. The EDIT tax is based on the adjusted gross income, the citizens living in Jay County, and the taxing levy. All income taxes for the county are distributed monthly to the auditor who then distributes based on the allocation from the state. There have been huge swings in some of the bigger counties on how it is distributed based on levy. As a CAGIT county, the council has the discretion to increase or decrease a rate. If the council would like to lower the amount, they would need to check with other entities. As an example, if it is pledged towards a bond, it would not be able to be decreased. In 2023, the total EDIT monies received will be \$1,053,278 with \$636,967 to the county, \$297,038 to Portland, \$89,028 to Dunkirk, \$2,026 to Bryant, \$6,514 to Pennville, \$21,197 to Redkey, and \$508 to Salamonina. Jeff Bailey, Vice President of FCC asked if they could determine how much LIT EDIT monies came from each manufacturing facility. Jason Semler indicated there was no like report from the Department of Revenue (DOR).

The next topic Mr. Semler discussed was new housing developments and TIFs. Creating new housing developments is a very popular thing right now throughout the state and country. TIF - Tax Increment Financing can be used as a revenue tool to pay for that area or certain projects. The county would identify a certain area in the county and any new development would go towards a certain project. TIF can now be used for residential now called HO-TIFS and is no longer limited to commercial areas. As an example, New Castle created a residential TIF area and issued new bonds to pay for the roads, sidewalks, and lighting for the developer to make that investment.

Mr. Semler added the last thing the county would want is to bring in a large manufacturer and have all the employees live in Randolph County instead of Jay. The income tax revenue could only be collected from those who are residents of the county. Typically, school corporations are anti-TIF for manufacturing but would be in favor of housing TIFs as they can increase student population numbers. Currently, there is proposed legislation that would remove the requirement for Schools to approve or disapprove a TIF district. Jeanne Houchins added she hoped to see the bill pass legislation. Mr. Semler indicated it had become an issue in tying hands for creating TIFs which was the source of the proposed legislation.

The Redevelopment commissions is a separate elected body that oversees the TIF areas. It is a five-member board with 3 selected by the commissioners and 2 by the council with a non-voting school member with one-year terms. The only county redevelopment commission is the Premier Ethanol TIF started in 2007. There were two bonds issued in 2007 with both bonds now paid in full by the TIF monies. The Redevelopment Commission could elect annually to continue to capture the TIF revenue or disburse it. The redevelopment commission can buy land for more or less than the assessed value where as the county cannot. This would be the main reason to do this for the increased flexibility to sell to potential buyers.

Jeanne Houchins asked if there were any other areas the commission would be more flexible than the county. Wes Schemenaur, county attorney, added they can enter into lease agreements, and invest. As an example, they could take over an abandoned building and invest in it. If we would then try to market it, he would recommend the commission do those things instead of the county. Jeanne Houchins asked if the county could just hand over the land to the Redevelopment commission. Mr. Schemenaur indicated they could develop a spec building and then have the redevelopment commission sell it. He added he believed any type of investment would be better suited for the Commission than the county Commissioners.

Mr. Semler added in his work with redevelopment commissions he always recommends they purchase land if available to entice developers. He referenced Honda and Boars Head in New Castle. Mr. Schemenaur stressed the redevelopment commission would have to come back to the county council for approval. It is not an unfettered ability to be able to do whatever they want. They are allowed to do it if approved by the county council. Mr. Semler added while they also have bonding abilities, they would have to get that approved by county council first too. He also pointed out the board members can be removed and a new members appointed if they are not following the board's wishes.

An example of what can be done primarily for cities and towns is a façade program for downtown areas. They will have matching grants up to \$50,000 for a capital investment. Currently, Portland's TIF is utilizing the program. After 2008, it became more important to retain the investment, than have new businesses. Mr. Schemenaur added they could do loan to grant investment agreements. The redevelopment commission could loan money that would turn into a grant over time. This could encourage redevelopment for a business. An example on Mt. Comfort Road in Hancock County, Walmart put in a distribution center. They were willing to build the road and then get reimbursed over time. There was money in their TIF and were able to reimburse Walmart as certain benchmarks were met. These ideas are all possible if the project would benefit that TIF area even if the project is not in the TIF area.

Cindy Bracy asked the process for the TIF since the bonds are paid off. Mr. Semler answered when the TIF area was first developed a plan was created for the project, area. The redevelopment commission can decide if they want to spend it on that parcel or benefit that area as a capital project. The plan can always be amended to add different projects. If you have a road listed on a project, it must be torn down and rebuilt to count as a capital project. If it is just resurfacing or

paving, it is considered maintenance not a capital project by state board of accounts. Courthouse repairs such as a new roof could be described as benefiting the TIF area.

Cindy Bracy questioned who decides how a plan gets amended. Mr. Semler stated the redevelopment commission would need to amend the original plan in a declaratory resolution. It would then go to the plan commission to make sure the amendment fits the overall plan of the county. After their approval it would then need to go to the council or commissioners and then back to the redevelopment commission for a public hearing. TIF areas can be expanded to include a larger area and it would go through a similar process. Currently the property is in the City of Portland and would require their approval. Mrs. Bracy was referring to the property that was recently purchased by the county, on West Votaw St.

The discussion turned back to EDIT funds with Cindy Bracy inquiring about the process and who controls how it is spent. Jason Semler stated every county looks a little different but usually part of the commissioners' budget is the EDIT fund. The commissioners usually determine the projects they would like to work on and the council would have to approve the additional. Mrs. Bracy asked if the EDIT fund is required to be a part of the commissioners' budget. Jeanne Houchins explained how the budget process has worked in the past for EDIT funds. The commissioners turn in the budget forms as to where they want monies to go. The council approved, moved expenditures into other funds, and had the ultimate decision on budgeting.

Jeanne Houchins gave the example of the council allocating \$200,000 to an entity. The commissioners have since implemented a funding application in order to receive the funds in this year's budget the council had already approved. Some of those funds were moved into contractual services line item. Her question was if they could do that. Jason Semler said they could transfer to contractual services if it is in the same account series. Mrs. Bracy asked if the fund was required to be under the commissioners' budget. Mr. Semler believed it was but would double check on it for sure.

Jason Semler stated the commissioners are required every few years to come up with a capital plan but it is not something that they are held to, it can be amended. It should have 75-80% Of the county's EDIT funds earmarked on the capital plan. A lot of plans are very vague to check the box off. It is not a specific plan, but is very generic to allow for needs that might come up. Faron Parr stated he believed there was a lot of trying to understand where the different duties lie between the commissioners and the council. As an example the council approves tax rates where as a jail or courthouse falling apart is the commissioners role to indicate a need for funds. The commissioners are currently working on the capital improvement plan. Mr. Semler concurred the commissioners should determine capital needs and bring it to the council. Both bodies need to agree before appropriating the funds.

Matt Minnich had heard the fund was used as a slush fund and questioned if that was true. He asked if it was worth the bother of budgeting the money if it would just be transferred. Mr. Semler stated he would need to know specifics to make sure he is answering the question correctly. Jeanne Houchins stated she did not like the word slush fund being used because the council is required to appropriate the money.

Harold Towell disagreed as he was told the commissioners could do whatever they wanted with the money once appropriated. Emily Franks, auditor, showed the example in the budget to Mr. Semler. The money was transferred from 1112-001-30-0136 JCDC Services which does have a contract into 1112-001-30-0027 Contractual Services. Mr. Semler asked if the commissioners were spending above the appropriated amount. Ms. Franks stated that they had not spent over the appropriated amount.

Brian McGalliard questioned if money could be transferred at the commissioners' discretion if it was in the same series. Mr. Semler believes so but would double check. Money should be able to be transferred if the accounts are within the same series. As an example, a 300 series account to a 300 series account or 400 series account to 400 series account without council approval. This is indicated by the third set of numbers of an account, 1000-001-30-0027 to 1000-001-30-xxxx.

However, money cannot be transferred between different series without council approval. Mrs. Bracy asked what happened to any monies not spent in a budget year. Ms. Franks responded the money stays in the fund if unspent. Jeff Bailey, resident, asked if more money was spent from the fund than was brought in. Mr. Semler indicated it fluctuated from year to year based on the needs of the county.

The last topic turned back to housing and the new land purchased by the county. County attorney, Wes Schemenaur stated the land would have to be part of a new residential TIF. Jack Houck, realtor, asked if the money from the current Premier Ethanol TIF could be used towards a new housing addition. Mr. Schemenaur stated the current plan states it can be used to any purpose that might benefit the TIF district. The question would be does a new housing development benefit the TIF district. Gary Clark, resident asked where Jay County fell on the rate of income taxes and whether we were on the hire end. Mr. Semler stated he would have to double check but believed Jay County fell somewhere in the middle of 92 counties.

With no further business, Cindy Bracy made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.; Dave Haines seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

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**APRIL 10, 2023**

The Jay County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 10, 2023, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse. Attending was Brian McGalliard, Rex Journey, attorney Wes Schemenaur, auditor Emily Franks, and Chad Aker, president, presiding. Rex Journey made a motion to approve the minutes from March 27, 2023. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**COURTHOUSE**

Bruce Sutton, superintendent, and Phil Laux, owner of Laux Plumbing came to the commissioners to present a quote for installing a Nu-Flow system in the North end of the courthouse. The drain line is deteriorating and Laux Plumbing recommends the system at a cost of \$18,400. Phil Laux estimated the timeline would be within in the month once approved. He also reported the system has been working at the jail. Brian McGalliard made a motion to approve the quote from Nu-Flow for \$18,400. Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**ORDINANCE 2023-06 VETERAN BURIAL ALLOWANCE**

Ordinance 2023-06 was presented for commissioners' approval to increase the veteran burial allowance from \$100 up to \$300 as requested by Cliff Moser, Veteran Service Officer with the \$100 allowance for the headstone remaining the same. Rex Journey made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-06. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**LIFESTREAM**

Kevin DeCamp, Project Manager, came to the commissioners to approve a deobligation agreement of federal grant funds. The grant money from last year was supplemented by CARES money and the original federal monies were never used per the original contract. The agreement needs to be signed by the commissioners to deobligate the federal monies. Rex Journey made a motion to approve and sign the deobligation agreement. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**JAY COUNTY SCOUT FACILITIES**

Gary Maitlen, treasurer, came to the commissioners to request funding in the amount of \$13,429 as 62% of their total project. The money would go towards expanding the parking lot by roughly 20 spots and handicap accessible restroom upgrades including a shower. These upgrades would help the facility with rentals and voting. However, the biggest push would be receiving state emergency shelter status. Chad Aker noted they were not working with a large budget but would like to see the Portland foundation pay for half of the project.

Mr. Maitlen expressed he would like to have help with the purchase of the backup generator which was not included in the original request. This would be an additional request of \$11,589. Brian McGalliard asked what the priority was between the three projects. Mr. Maitlen responded he believed the paving project would be their most immediate need. Brian McGalliard suggested the county pay for the parking lot only and address the other projects at a later time. Brian McGalliard made a motion to make a recommendation to the council to fund for just the parking lot at \$10,974. Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **HIGHWAY**

Eric Butcher, superintendent, came to the commissioners to give his monthly update. They are working on getting the last of the gravel roads stoned and it should be completed by the end of this week. He will be at conference in Purdue May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. They are waiting to hear back from Bill Walters ECI Regional Planning regarding help towards a new heated building. The low estimate from Structurepoint came in at 1.7 million with the high estimate coming in at 2.1 million.

Mr. Butcher and Bob Howell, Road Foreman met with Lora Slusser regarding the intersection of 200 S & Blaine Pike as requested by the sheriff. Her recommendation was that the intersection did not meet their criteria to become an all way stop. There were small improvements suggested by her they will work on for the intersection. The unofficial detour for Indiana 67 and US Hwy 27 slated for Spring 2024 was presented for commissioner approval. The detour is a result of the addition of a small structure. Rex Journey made a motion to approve the unofficial detour. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote. The final annual operational report was also presented to the commissioners for approval. Rex Journey made a motion to approve the annual operational report to the state. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The bids for asphalt emulsions were opened at 10 a.m. with bids for KTech, Asphalt Materials and Marathon. KTech came in at 2.247 for 8090S, Asphalt Materials came in at \$2.458 and Marathon at \$2/\$2.15 depending on where it comes from or for RS2 and HFRS2P-8090 S at \$2.40. Rex Journey asked if all the companies have been used by the department in the past. Highway road foreman, Bob Howell responded they had used from all types of emulsions and companies in the past. A representative from KTECH spoke to the issues the county had with the company last year. He believed all the prior issues had been cleared up including the demurrage fees and debris in what was delivered. Finally, he recommended the county list the county will pay no demurrage fees in their bid specifications. Brian McGalliard made a motion to take all bids under advisement and come back to the next meeting. Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The bids for a new dump truck were opened to replace a 2008 International dump truck. The first bid was from Stoops for a Western Star Dump Truck for \$129,000. The second bid was from Selking International with three options but a base of \$133,378.32. Chad Aker asked if the department's goal was to have all Western Star dump trucks and if there were other local dealers. Mr. Howell confirmed the goal was to have all Western Star dump trucks and was unaware of other local dealers. Rex Journey made a motion to take the truck bids under advisement for a decision at the next commissioners' meetings. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

### **ROAW CONTRACT**

A contract with RQAW for the Beacon Heights water feasibility study was presented for commissioner approval. This is a joint contract with the City of Portland for a total cost of \$4,550 with the cost being split between both entities. This would be for the new housing addition by the Jay County High School. Rex Journey made a motion to approve the contract out of EDTT funds. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **SHERIFF**

Larry R. Newton, sheriff, came to the commissioners to provide and discuss his 2022 annual Jail Report. Rex Journey questioned the level of transports in the last year. Mr. Newton informed the board they work for the courts and are required to transport whenever necessary. He also included a list of items that were unfunded for the department. Their priorities include a new water softener, paving and extending the parking lot. The re-keying of the building is in the process of being handled. Chad Aker asked how high a priority was the stripping and repaving in the pods. He expressed his desire to see some of these items come out of the ARP monies. Mr. Newton would like to see his DOC reimbursement go into a separate fund for jail repairs.

Next, he provided the figures on inmate meals from the first 3 months of 2023. The amount fixed by the state is now at \$2 per inmate. They are under \$6,000 of what the state allows and has really been shopping around for the best price. He also gave a report of daily inmate populations by their charges. Spillman is coming in at April 19<sup>th</sup> at 2p.m. and he would like all the commissioners to be

present. The meeting would be in regards to the mutual agreement with the City of Portland and include representatives from them as well.

The water softeners are now both down and were shut off after running 3,000 gallons of water an hour. Patriot Solutions was the highest quote but was the only detailed quote which sized the water softener for their needs. Rex Journey asked if he could obtain more bids by the next meeting. Chad Aker suggested the softeners should be paid from ARP monies. Mr. Newton also expressed his wish to go with Watch Communications for their internet and phone provider. They are hoping to go with mostly zoom court meetings in the future and will require broadband internet.

Lastly, the sheriff would like to revisit the deputy contract again before they hire another deputy. He asked county attorney, Wes Schemenaur to change the contract effective upon their start date for the commissioner's approval at their next meeting. The current contract stipulates repayment after the completion of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. Brian McGalliard questioned what would happen if they were not able to complete the academy. Mr. Newton felt confident those hired would be able to pass the academy.

#### **HELP! STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PLAN**

Travis Richards, JCDC director, came to the commissioners for final approval of the HELP! strategic investment plan. The edits to the plan have been returned to include the adjustments to the housing project, daycare, and addition of the JEMS/Health building. He will go before the council on Wednesday April 12<sup>th</sup>, for their final approval too. Brian McGalliard asked what the next step would be once the plan is approved. The next step would be for the council and commissioners to decide what project(s) they will move forward on. Brian McGalliard made a motion to approve the final HELP! strategic investment plan. Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Richards also reported the EDIT Advisory Board voted to approve the funding claim to the Jay County Historical Society. Brian McGalliard made a motion to approve Jay County Historical Society Claim for \$2,000 out of EDIT. Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote. The discussion turned towards budgeting for these funding requests in the future. Mr. McGalliard suggested they set application submission deadlines for 2024 budget forward. The commissioner would review the applications for the budget. Mr. Aker pointed out the funding allocation would ultimately be a council decision. He has discussed the possibility of not budgeting the full amount leaving some room for other projects. The commissioners will work on a Capital Improvement Plan with the council for a solution.

Chad Aker asked if there was any more information available on Read1 2.0. Mr. Richards said nothing had been decided at the state yet. Mr. Aker has spoken with Bill Walters regarding splitting the region from 8 down to 4 to receive more monies. Mr. Richards cautioned that a smaller region might be funded for a lessor amount. Mr. McGalliard asked if the money from READ1 1.0 has been disbursed yet. Mr. Richards said the money has been approved at the state but the money has not been released yet. Mr. Aker asked where they were on Childcare at Judge Haynes. Mr. Richards indicated the foundation had released an RFP for providers but was unsure if they had interviewed or decided.

#### **PATRIOT VENDING LLC**

A contract with Patriot Vending LLC was presented for commissioner's approval for the vending machine located in the courthouse. The contract was reviewed by county attorney, Wes Schemenaur with one change. The original contract included a beverage machine too which has been stricken from the contract. The contract term is for 5 years but includes a 30-day advanced termination clause. Rex Journey made a motion to approve the contract with Patriot Vending LLC. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### **ARTS PLACE**

Carolyn Carducci, director, came to the commissioners regarding a request for funding. They have requested \$15,000 towards Arts in the Parks to serve Pennville, Dunkirk, and Portland. Their organization is supported about 55% by grants and private donation. Arts in the Parks will serve around 2,000 students and would have to be greatly reduced without the money from the county. The county portion makes up around 30% of the total Arts in the Parks budget. Brian McGalliard made a motion to approve the funding request and claim to Arts Place. Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

A claim and funding request for the Chamber of Commerce was presented for commissioner approval. They are requesting \$5,000 budgeted out of Economic Development WindFarm for 2023. Their organization relies 96% on memberships and donations. Rex Journey made a motion to



approve the funding request and claim for \$5,000. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Samantha Rhodelamel, director, came to the commissioners to report on the severe storms that came through the county last week including the two confirmed EF-0 tornados. The damage was mostly related to farms and outbuildings but most home damage was minimal. There were a few other locations where they were unable to determine if it was tornados or straight-line winds. EMA was having issues with the tornado sirens on the courthouse and the control panel, it was discovered that the equipment was still under warranty and a new one will be sent.

**CITIZEN COMPLAINT**

Two local residents came to the commissioners to see what could be done about traffic at SR 26 and 800 E. They felt traffic has been racing up and down all day with no patrolling of the area. Chad Aker informed them they will speak to the Jay County Sheriff regarding the issue.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

The payroll docket was presented for commissioner approval. Rex Journey made a motion to approve the payroll docket. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The March County Home Report was presented for commissioner approval. Brian McGalliard made a motion to approve the March County Home Report. Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

A quote for annual Matrix support for \$17,625.60 was presented for commissioner approval. Rex Journey made a motion to approve the quote from Matrix. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

A quarterly claim of \$13,750 to the Jay County Humane Society related to animal control contract was presented for commissioners' approval. Rex Journey made a motion to approve the claim to Jay County Humane Society. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Two claims for Baker Tilly one for \$18,457.50 for services rendered to the Treasurer's office through January 19, 2023 was presented. The second claim for \$21,634.31 for services rendered through March 31, 2023. Brian McGalliard made a motion to approve the two claims to Baker Tilly. Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

A claim to the Jay County Tourism Bureau for \$120,346.67 out of the Imnkeepers Tax fund was presented for approval. Brian McGalliard made a motion to approve the claim to the Jay County Tourism Bureau. Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

A claim to the Indiana Bond Bank c/o The Bank of New York Mellon for \$1,123.05 was presented for commissioner approval. Brian McGalliard made a motion to approve the claim. Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

A claim to Five Star Commercial Roofing for \$17,858 was presented for commissioner approval. Dunkirk will be reimbursing the county their half of the invoice. Rex Journey made a motion to approve the claim. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

With no further business, Brian McGalliard made a motion to adjourn at 11:25 a.m; Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

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APRIL 12, 2023

The Jay County Commissioners met in executive session on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 10 a.m., in the commissioners' room in the courthouse. Attending was Brian McGalliard, Rex Journey, attorney Wes Schemenaur, auditor Emily Franks, and Chad Aker, president, presiding.

The Jay County Commissioners met in executive session for Interviews and negotiations with industrial or commercial prospects or agents of industrial or commercial prospects by. IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(4).

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APRIL 18, 2023

The Jay County Commissioners met in executive session on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 9 a.m., in the commissioners' room in the courthouse. Attending was Brian McGalliard, Rex Journey, Sheriff Larry R. Newton, Chief Deputy Ben Schwartz, attorney Wes Schemenaur, auditor Emily Franks, and Chad Aker, president, presiding.

The Jay County Commissioners met in executive session with respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction per IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6).

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APRIL 18, 2023





The Jay County Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 9:15 a.m., in the commissioners' room in the courthouse. Attending was Brian McGalliard, Rex Journey, attorney Wes Schemenaur, auditor Emily Franks, and Chad Aker, president, presiding. Also present was sheriff Larry R. Newton and Chief Deputy Ben Schwartz. The special meeting was held regarding an employee disciplinary action.

**EMPLOYEE TERMINATION**

Chad Aker informed those present the commissioners had been made aware Darin Sanderson, Jail Commander was in violation of the county personnel policy. The matter is currently under investigation by the Indiana State Police and the commissioners will make no further comment until the conclusion of their investigation. Rex Journey made a motion to terminate Darin Sanderson effective immediately for violation of the county personnel policy. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

With no further business, Brian McGalliard made a motion to adjourn at 9:34 a.m.; Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

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