



For the council, Cindy Bracy made a motion to move forward with the Owner-Occupied Rehab project. Randy May seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.


For the commissioners, Brian McGalliard made a motion approve the Owner-Occupied Rehab project. Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.


Mr. Kleinpeter will reach out to OCRA and put together a timeline to pass out to the council and commissioners. He will also get with OCRA to hammer out details.

With no further business, Brian McGalliard made a motion to adjourn at 6:41 PM; Matt Minnich seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.



Rex Journey


Chad Aker


Brian McGalliard
Attest: 

Jay County Auditor

SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

The Jay County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, September 11, 2023, in the auditorium 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 August 28th , 2023 and joint special session August 29th , 2023. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

JCDC UPDATE

Travis Richards, director, came to the commissioners to give an update on the READI 2.0 program. Indiana Economic Development Corp (IEDC) will be hosting webinars the county members can register and attend, so far 950 people have participated in the region. Mr. Aker questioned how many in the region were from Jay County. Mr. Richards had not been given the data to show the breakdown by county. When questioned about the process, Mr. Richards stated READI 1.0 was a call for projects. However, he believed READI 2.0 would most likely not offer an open call and be more selective in its process. The programs will be more strategic, thought out, and vetted for what would qualify for match monies.

There are two people from each county on the steering committee. The two members from Jay County are Travis Richards and Tabby Sprunger, Jay County Chamber of Commerce. Mr. McGalliard questioned what projects they were currently looking at to present. Mr. Richards advised they were looking at the HELPI SIP to see if any proposed projects might be a good fit for READI 2.0. READI 1.0 required funds to include a portion of private, public and state funds. The ratio was 3 private dollars to 1 public and 1 READI dollar. Mr. Journey questioned what all private funds could entail. Mr. Richards believed anything could qualify as long as it was not public funds.

The discussion turned to the project timeline and information required. Mr. Richards believed IEDC might not be as project heavy as the first READI 1.0 but would be looking for strategy over projects. The focus areas include Quality of Life, Quality of Place and Quality of Opportunity. Mr. McGalliard questioned how funding could be matched without first determining a project. Mr. Richards understood the issue but had not received further information from IEDC. Mr. Journey inquired if that would require the whole region to follow one strategy. Mr. Richards did not believe that to be the case.

Mr. Aker queried if projects are required to have a cost, timeline and match determined before presenting. Mr. Richards confirmed all the information would need to be ready to go. The Regional application has to be turned in by February 2024 until then, stakeholder meetings and workshops will be held. One of the workshops had recently been attended by Brian McGalliard and Harold Towell and Cindy Bracy from the county council. Lastly, Mr. McGalliard asked who determines what projects are presented on Jay County's behalf. Mr. Richards provided he would be the one to present but the county would be involved in the process. However, he was not sure of what all the steps will look like at this time.

FIREFLY CHILDREN & FAMILY ALLIANCE

Tashia Weaver, Director of Joli Heavin and Justin Littman, Local Office Director for DCS, came to the commissioners to request ARP funding to create a Family Resource Center in Jay County as part of the Firefly Children & Family Alliance network. A family resource center is a one stop shop for families with no stigma to ask for assistance. Statute has it described as “*a unified single point of entry where vulnerable families, individuals, children and youth in communities...can obtain information, assessment of needs, and referral to delivery of family services*”. There are currently four centers in the state of Indiana located in Madison, Tipton, Delaware and Grant Counties. Indiana Department of Child Services is funding five new sites through additional prevention funding in Wayne, Tippecanoe, LaPorte, Elkhart, and Clark counties. Jay County was not chosen through that process, which is why the group is asking for funding now.

The family resource center is a primary prevention approach that reduces stigma, allows families to normalize asking for help, and provides services to the community that prevent families from entering into the child welfare system. The services are not provided by the resource center but pulls in benefits from the communities. The family resource coordinator would manage the offering of services. A family resource center would be based on the needs of the county, as an example Jay County could offer more food services due to the lack of a food pantry in the area.

Their core services would be offered by the center including: early childhood education, food pantries/hygiene pantries/safety store, workforce development, computer labs, co-located services, kids corner, addiction and recovery programming and support, peer recovery coaches, child creative activities and story times, parent cafes and support, whole person health workshops, The staff of a center includes a family resource center coordinator to lead, organize, schedule services and is responsible for operation. A family resource center liaison/ social worker would assess and serve families, assists families in crisis, and overall client care. A community navigator/health worker would greet guests and give tours, assists with services, connect families to resources and build relationships.

Mr. Littman discussed various numbers for the community including 17.4% of children in Jay County experience food insecurities. However, the state qualifies this number as moderate with one grocery store, church assistance and food giveaways available. They report 25% of children under the age of five live in poverty. In August 2023, Jay County had a total of 56 CHINS (child in need of services) cases with only 37 cases in August 2022. Lastly, Mr. Littman discussed the mental health provider ratio for 2022 was 1134:1. Their center could offer teletherapy or web-based therapy options at the center. They also provided various numbers of other counties and how the number of children in foster care and CHINS went down after providing a family resource center.

Mr. Journey clarified the organizations request for funds. Mr. Littman stated out of the \$50,000 requested, \$45,000 would go towards the salary. The benefits would come from Firefly and the remaining \$5,000 would be for supplies. Hopefully, they could find more money from other sources in the future. Mr. Journey asked how the first counties are continuing to be funded. Ms. Weaver stated through both federal dollars and the Firefly Alliance. The new facilities chosen by the state were funded using their prevention dollars. Their goal would be for them to be funded by local grants and state prevention dollars. Firefly primarily receives prevention dollars from the states to operate.

Mr. Journey inquired if other services would be brought into the center instead of families seeking out individual services and organizations. Ms. Weaver believed families were more comfortable entering the stigma free environment instead of each organization. As the director for Delaware County, she sees families come in for months before they might be willing to accept services. Mr. Journey then questioned how it was different to what services were already being provided. Mr. Littman stated the center would be all preventative services and not forced open cases. Mr. Aker queried if any services would be duplicated at the center. Ms. Weaver did not see the center as duplicating services due to the constraints of most organizations. Their organization can go wherever the needs are to offer services or can drive those in need to services adding the center is built on collaboration and communication. Whereas most services are currently disconnected from each other, this would build relationships.

Mr. Aker believed the center could provide services formerly provided by Community and Family Services and fill a gap in the community. Mr. Littman concurred adding it would be easier for emergency services to direct those in need to one place. Ms. Weaver added they usually see a lot of families come from the religious sector and can work with pastors to help offer services. The commissioners agreed the program would be a benefit to the community. There were several questions posed regarding the proposed budget provided in the funding application.

The budget submitted included rent even though they are looking at a mobile model to best serve Jay County. Most of the services are located in Portland and other residents must travel with a transportation barrier. They hope to have a floating model to offer services in Portland, Dunkirk,

Redkey, or Pennville. The organization is unsure of what rent might consist of and can include storage space, or rent for an office space or location. In Delaware and Grant counties the space is donated, but the family center is required to pay utilities, maintenance and custodial work. In Grant County, they pay for scholarships for childcare in the building. As an example, if they meet at Dunkirk every Monday, they might need to rent out a space in the community center.

Mr. McGalliard questioned out of the roughly \$103,000 annual budget where the money was being provided for the estimated \$47,000 in grant funding. Ms. Weaver stated the grant funding was provided by state prevention dollars awarded to the Firefly Children's Alliance. The funding is only guaranteed for the upcoming year but should hopefully continue annually with a proven model. The commissioners questioned if the funding would be one time request or an annual request. Mr. Litman hoped the center could be fully funded with grants and Department of Child Services prevention dollars alone once the model was proven effective.

Lastly, Mr. Journey questioned if the other four models were located in a set building. Ms. Weaver confirmed they were in a set in the highest risk area in each county. However, due to Jay County's rural make up they believe a mobile center would be the best option. Mr. McGalliard added he thought it was a good concept but worried about the center being able to support themselves in the future. He would like to see the project added to the READI 2.0 county presentation. Brian McGalliard made a motion to present their presentation to the county council for their recommendation. Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE 2023-11 TRUCK RESTRICTIONS

Seth Huelskamp, local truckdriver, came to the commissioners in regards to the recently signed Ordinance 2023-11 amending the truck restrictions during when state highways are closed due to official detours. The new roads included.

ROAD	RESTRICTED SECTION
State Line Road	Between County Road 300 N and County Road 400 S
County Road 700 E	Between County Road 300 N and County Road 400 S
County Road 600 E	Between County Road 300 N and County Road 400 S
County Road 300 E	Between County Road 300 N and County Road 400 S
County Road 100 E	Between State Highway 26 and County Road 200 S
Division Road	Between the Portland City Limits to County Road 600 E
County Road 100 N	Between U.S. Highway 27 to County Road 600 E
County Road 200 N	Between U.S. Highway 27 to County Road 700 E
County Road 300 N	Between U.S. Highway 27 to State Line Road
County Road 100 S	Between the Portland City Limits to State Highway 26
County Road 200 S	Between U.S. Highway 27 to State Line Road
County Road 400 S	Between U.S. Highway 27 to State Line Road

Chad Aker indicated road preservation and safety was a top reason for the updated ordinance adding long-haul trucks using their GPS had resulted in stuck and jackknifed trucks. Mr. Huelskamp lives on Division Road in a restricted area and is required to go out to the highway for work. It was then discussed if he would be allowed to drive on the road as a resident. Wes Schemenaur, county attorney, clarified the ordinance stating only if a truck was delivering on the restricted road or returning home on those roads could they be used. Otherwise, it would probably be a violation to be used as thru traffic. He also stated the commissioners had received several complaints by local residents. They referred all complaints received about local truck traffic to the sheriff's department to identify where there were issues. The sheriff then provided a list of roads with the most issues to the commissioners for the ordinance. He added the safety and road preservation are the commissioners' top priority and the extra restrictions are only temporary.

Mr. Huelskamp understood the reasoning behind the restrictions, but questioned other practices that might be damaging to the roads including possibly overloaded highway trucks and large farm equipment. His concern was the harm to local drivers and businesses, citing a driver who goes 400 miles out of his way weekly following the detour to haul to Cooper Farms. The increased mileage results in more fuel and 10-12 more hours in wages for the business owner. The increased cost can be passed along to the local business but might incite them to go with another company for cheaper rates. Lastly, he asked if the county required the farmers to find the nearest highway to travel instead of county roads.

Mr. Aker understood the concerns but added they were sitting in a no-win situation. He stated they must look at what is going to preserve our roads and the best safety measures. The commissioners are all for the local truckers but cannot distinguish in the ordinance. Mr. Huelskamp questioned if there could be more signs put up by the state roads indicating truck routes. Mr. McGalliard understood but cited the county having no jurisdiction over the state highways. Mr. Huelskamp also questioned why Division Road was on the list of restricted roads Between the Portland City Limits to County Road

600 E. Mr. Aker believed it was added as a deterrent because Portland City did not want trucks traveling on Votaw St. Mr. McGalliard added the timing of the projects has not been great and is impossible to make everyone happy.

Mr. Huelkamp again questioned the exemption of local farmers from the road restrictions. At this time of year farmers are not in harvest season and should not be in a hurry. He believed fair should be fair on the road restrictions. Mr. Aker stated the county could put up as many restrictions but it would still require additional police manpower to enforce it. Lastly, Mr. Huelkamp asked the county to look at why county trucks are exempt from being overloaded as he witnessed a truck leaving with up to 74,000 lbs. The way he sees it, truckdrivers are doing less damage to the roadways at 4,440 lbs. per tire, whereas large farm equipment can be 10,100 lbs. per tire and county equipment 7,200-7,400 lbs. per tire. Mr. Aker asked Mr. Huelkamp to bear with the county for the next month or two until the detours are finished.

Richard Price, local resident, came to the commissioner to request trucks be restricted on 200 W between 200 S and Mt. Pleasant Rd citing narrow road conditions. He asked truck restrictions be addressed west of HWY 27 and not just east of HWY 27. Mr. McGalliard suggested the concern be forward to Sheriff Newton for his opinion. Mr. Price stated he believed no trucks hauling fuel or ethanol should be on a county road, adding he would like to see a permanent ban on 200 W for fuel trucks. Mr. Aker questioned if it were even possible to ban only certain types of loads from being on county roads. Mr. Schemenaur stated the matter would need to be looked into further and include the sheriff. He added the state has a motor carrier division for handling those types of violations. It would need to be determined if it could be taken on by local deputies. Mr. Aker added the county had provided a designated # truck route. Mr. Price responded that the county dumped the trucks on his road. Mr. Aker replied they will have to travel on someone's road.

HIGHWAY

Eric Butcher, superintendent, came to the commissioners to give his monthly update and operational report. They have concluded chip and seal for the season with 104 miles and 8 miles of road conversions. They are currently grading and berming as weather allows. He has reached out to Pavement Solutions regarding some crack sealing on some of the newly paved roads. They have picked up the two new dump trucks from LINDCO last week. After a quick inspection they found a few minor details that need fixed including minor coolant leaks repaired by Stoops. He hopes the trucks will be back to the department in the next few weeks after getting the finishing touches added. Truck 115 has been delivered to W.A. Jones to have the salt bed installed.

The discussion turned to various equipment matters including their 2000 International dump truck currently being used as a distributor. They would like to sell the distributor while it is still in working condition to get the most money out of it. They would like to take a 2011 Kenworth truck and stretch the frame to become the new distributor. A quote from Southeastern Equipment to transfer the distributor tank, and all necessary components for around \$80,000-\$120,000. Monroeville Truck Equipment can stretch the frame for an estimated \$8,000-\$10,000. The overall cost would be around \$130,000 but the lifespan would be an estimated ten years. The estimated cost of a new distributor would be between \$375,000-\$400,000. Mr. Journey questioned if the department would be out of a dump trucks during the process. The truck in question, 111, is a spare truck with two other spare trucks available. Rex Journey made a motion to stretch the distributor truck. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Butcher provided information regarding a new mower from MowerMax Boom and a 2024 John Deere Case loader. The equipment account still has a balance of \$191,993.24 with a remainder in the vehicle account of \$47,000 for the 2023 budget. After payment to W.A. Jones, he believes there should be around \$141,000 left in equipment. The case loader offered a three- or five-year lease option with the three year a better deal at around \$93,600 a year. Mr. Aker questioned if he could foresee any other monies needed in either the equipment or vehicle line item for the rest of the year. Mr. Butcher did not foresee any other expenses for the year.

The discussion then turned to the MowerMax quote presented to the commissioners for three options including a 4.5- or 6-year lease. The equipment will come with both a mulcher and mower head making it a multi-use tool. Mr. Butcher believes there will be enough money in his budget for both the case loader lease of around \$93,600 and the Mower Max Lease of around \$66,000 leaving \$40,000 in the account for any unforeseen needs. The commissioners questioned if there were other items in need of replacement including dump trucks. Mr. Butcher did not see a need for other pieces of equipment besides the dump trucks that will be paid out of the vehicle account. Mr. McGalliard asked for time to speak with Mr. Butcher and research the matter before taking a vote. Mr. Butcher would like the matter addressed in the next couple of weeks due to the deadline for the quote.

Mr. Butcher gave an update regarding the new above ground fuel tanks and various other operations. Matt Peterson from Gasoline Equipment has been recently let go from his position. Another individual is now assigned to the project and is coming September 12 to see about getting the concrete poured. The tanks themselves are still another few months from being delivered. Milestone has completed the work on Blaine Pike between 150 South and 200 South and on 200 South between Boundary and HWY 27 for the 2023 community crossings grant. The department will start their winter hours 7:00 am to 5 p.m. on October 2nd. An update on the 2024 community crossings grant for the seventh street bridge project was given with the City of Portland now requesting a sidewalk be added. The request came in with enough time for engineering to make the change for an additional project cost of \$200,000. Mr. Aker has approached the city in regards to financial support for the added request.

Mr. McGalliard asked Mr. Butcher if county trucks were running loads over the legal limits. Mr. Butcher did not believe they were running overloaded as their average load is 18 tons of gravel. He was not clear on the overall truck load or the legalities behind it. Mr. Aker asked if he could research the matter and make any necessary adjustments. Mr. Butcher added the county trucks had heavier suspension to carry the additional weight.

JAY COUNTY COUNTRY LIVING COMMITTEE

Jeanne Houchins, council president, came with the list of committee members including: Brian McGalliard, Harold Towell, Cindy Bracy, Jeanne Houchins, Jon Eads, Paul VanCise, Virginia Burkey, Nancy Cline and Camille Shawver. They would like to see Wes Schemenaur attend some meetings to offer legal advice. Brian McGalliard made a motion to approve the committee as presented. Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Samantha Rhodelanel, director, came to the commissioners to give an update on operations and provided a IDHS County Readiness Assessment. A report was also provided to the commissioners including meetings and trainings attended and upcoming. She first presented a contract with CFS Community Fiber Solutions. The sheriff's department has just completed their transition last week from Comcast. It will be \$29.95 a month per line which is cheaper than the current rate. Brian McGalliard made a motion to approve the contract with CFS for a three-year term. Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Rhodelanel presented a grant funding application for FY24 HMEP (Hazard Materials Emergency Preparedness) regarding propane training and possibly flairs for \$13,600 for approval. Rex Journey made a motion to approve the grant application for the HMEP grant. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote. The FY22 EMPG has been paid out by the state for \$24,073.42 with 50% of the director's salary and 50% of the administrative assistant salary. The FY22 EMPG- Computer Grant fiscal report has been submitted for approval. The total expended for the grant is \$6,048.05 and should be deposited to the county soon.

The department has been working on a Jay County Election and Polling place security plan, the Jay County Courthouse Security and Safety Plan, and a Solar Eclipse plan. Ms. Rhodelanel completed a tabletop exercise for LEPC with a great turnout of over thirty individuals from various organizations. Mr. Aker asked for an updated status of Rescue19. Ms. Rhodelanel has put together a few trainings but participation is not there in the organization. She believes the last run taken was in the beginning of August. Mr. Aker also questioned if the department still had weather radios available. They do not, but are waiting to see if radios will qualify for an upcoming grant.

Lastly, the recent weather event on July 29, 2023 was discussed. The official determination from the National Weather Service was a wind event not a tornado. The 211 reporting was opened and closed with 26 responses. Mr. Journey questioned the impact of the determination. Ms. Rhodelanel stated the biggest impact could be in regards to landowners' insurance policies, but she cannot overrule the National Weather Service determination.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-12

A new rule effective August 1, 2023, required the commissioners to create a county school safety commission by the end of 2023. The county is not involved past establishing the commission. Rex Journey made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-12. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ordinance Establishing the County School Safety Commission

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code § 10-21-1-12, the County hereby desires to establish the “Jay County School Safety Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Jay County, Indiana as follows:

1. CREATION:

Pursuant to Indiana Code § 10-21-1-12, the County hereby establishes the “Jay County School Safety Commission”.

2. DEFINITIONS.

- a. “Accredited nonpublic school” means a nonpublic school that:
 - i. has voluntarily become accredited under IC 20-31-4.1; or
 - ii. is accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency that is recognized by the state board of education.
- b. “County school safety commission” has the meaning set forth in IC 10-21-1-12.
- c. “Law enforcement agency” refers to a state, local, or federal agency or department that would respond to an emergency event at a school, including both on duty and off duty officers within the agency or department.
- d. “Safe school committee” means a safe school committee established under IC 10-21-1-14.
- e. “School corporation or charter school” refers to an individual school corporation, a school corporation career and technical education school described in IC 20-37-1-1, or a charter school but also includes:
 - i. a coalition of school corporations;
 - ii. a coalition of charter schools; or
 - iii. a coalition of both school corporations and charter schools;
- f. “School official” refers to an employee of a school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school who has access to an active event warning system.
- g. “School resource officer” has the meaning set forth in IC 20-26-18-2-1.
- h. “School safety plan” means the school safety plan described in IC 10-21-1-10.
- i. “School safety specialist” means a school safety specialist designated under IC 10-21-1-9.
- j. “Site vulnerability assessment” means an examination of the physical safety, security, accessibility, and emergency preparedness of buildings and grounds.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- a. The Members of the Commission are as follows:
 - i. A school safety specialist for each school corporation located in whole or in part in the county.
 - ii. The judge of the court having juvenile jurisdiction in the county or the judge’s designee.
 - iii. The sheriff of the county or the sheriff’s designee.
 - iv. The chief officer of every other law enforcement agency in the county, or the chief officer’s designee.
 - v. A representative of the juvenile probation system, appointed by the judge described in subdivision (2).
 - vi. Representatives of community agencies that work with children within the county.
 - vii. A representative of the Indiana state police district that serves the county, appointed by the Indiana state police.
 - viii. A representative of the prosecuting attorneys council of Indiana who specializes in the prosecution of juveniles.
 - ix. A school safety specialist of a charter school representing the interests and viewpoints of charter schools within the commission’s jurisdiction if at least one (1) charter school within the commission’s jurisdiction requests to participate.
 - x. A school safety specialist of an accredited nonpublic school representing the interests and viewpoints of accredited nonpublic schools within the commission’s jurisdiction if at least one (1) accredited nonpublic school requests to participate.
 - xi. Other appropriate individuals selected by the commission.
- b. These Members shall be appointed by the Jay School Corporation.

4. MEETINGS

- a. Once the Commission is established, the School Safety Specialist for the Jay School Corporation shall convene the initial meeting of the Commission.
- b. The members shall annually elect a chairperson.
- c. The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members of the Commission are required for the Commission to take action of a measure.

5. DUTIES

- a. The Commission shall perform the following duties:
 - i. Periodically perform a cumulative analysis of school safety needs within the county.
 - ii. Coordinate and make recommendations for the following:
 - 1. Prevention of juvenile offenses and improving the reporting of juvenile offenses within the schools.
 - 2. Proposals for identifying and assessing children who are at high risk of experiencing a mental health or behavioral health crisis or becoming juvenile offenders.
 - 3. Methods to meet the educational needs of children who have been detained as juvenile offenders.
 - 4. Methods to improve communications among agencies that work with children.
 - 5. Methods to improve school security and emergency preparedness.
 - 6. Additional equipment or personnel that are necessary to carry out school safety plans.
 - 7. Pooling resources, combining purchases, using shared administrative services, or collaborating among participating school corporations, school corporation career and technical education schools described in IC 20-37-1-1, and charter schools to improve the maintenance of safe schools.
 - 8. Implementing best practices and procedures to use critical incidence digital mapping in the event of an emergency within the county.
 - 9. Any other topic the commission considers necessary to improve school safety within the commission's jurisdiction.
 - iii. Provide assistance to school safety specialists and school resource officers within the commission's jurisdiction in developing and:
 - 1. implementing school safety plans; and
 - 2. requesting grants from the fund.
 - iv. Assist accredited nonpublic schools within the commission's jurisdiction that voluntarily submit a school safety plan or a local school safety and emergency plan (described in IC 20-34-3-23) to the commission seeking assistance in carrying out the school safety plan.

6. SAFETY PLANS

- a. The Commission shall receive the school safety plans for the school corporations and charter schools in the County.
- b. The Commission may receive from an accredited nonpublic school within the Commission's jurisdiction a school safety plan or a local school safety and emergency plan described in IC 20-34-3-23.
- c. The Commission shall keep the school safety plans compiled and retained under this section confidential and shall withhold the information from public disclosure.
- d. The commission may share the school safety plans under these subsections with law enforcement and first responder agencies that have jurisdiction over the school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school. For the purposes of IC 5-14-3, the entities receiving a school safety plan under this subsection shall keep information compiled and retained under these subsections confidential and shall withhold the information from public disclosure.

7. ANNUAL REPORT

- a. The Commission shall annually submit to the secured school safety board established by IC 10-21-1-3 (on a date established by the Board):
 - i. Meeting minutes;
 - ii. Any meeting agenda materials directly related to taking action on a measure; and

- iii. A brief annual summary of its activities and accomplishments.

Reference: I.C. § 10-21-1-12.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT

Mr. Schemenaur provided a supplemental amendment to the original agreement for professional services related to Opioid settlements with AmerisourceBergen Corporation, McKesson Corp, Cardinal Health Inc. and Johnson & Johnson. The judge in the case ordered the attorneys change their fee percentage which for Jay County, is Cohen & Malad LLP. The original percentage of 33% is the standard in injury law. It will go down to 8.7% and will mirror the language from the original agreement but is required to move forward. Brian McGalliard made a motion to approve and sign the supplemental agreement for the Opioid settlement with Cohen & Malad LLP. Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

READI 2.0

Mr. McGalliard asked to revisit the topic of READI 2.0. He would like the council and commissioners to stay on top of the program to make sure quality programs are included. He asked that Mr. Richards attend the first meeting of every month to give an update on READI 2.0. The commissioners agreed to ask Mr. Richards for an update monthly.

JAY COUNTY BASEBALL CLUB

Mr. McGalliard also requested the Jay County Baseball Club funding request be tabled until at least half a million dollars has been raised for the project. Mr. Aker concurred the standard should be for organizations to start a campaign and raise money first before coming to the county. They cited the 4-H barn project and Jay County Humane Society's new building as examples. However, Mr. Aker believed it best not to set an amount, as he did not want organizations to stop fundraising once they hit a specific threshold. He added the commissioners are just trying to be good stewards of the county's money. He asked for all organizations to raise all the money they can, look for grants, and when they have exhausted all options, then come back to the county. Mr. McGalliard withdrew his motion but asked the commissioners to keep an eye on the progress.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Mr. McGalliard asked the Capital Improvement Plan adopted at the August 14, 2023 commissioners meeting be revisited. He wanted to clarify they approved the projects part of the plan, but not the plan itself. The full plan would look similar to the former JCDC capital improvement plan in format. Brian McGalliard made a motion to rescind the capital improvement plan and to approve it as a list of capital projects. Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Brian McGalliard made a second motion to send the plan through the county attorney for review to ensure it follows state statute. The commissioners will not be changing any of the plan for the other towns and communities. He believes they should decide the best plan for themselves. Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote. Mr. McGalliard added his entire goal has been to follow the state statute and would like the county attorney to go through it with the council at their next meeting. Mr. Schemenaur agreed to address the matter with the council.

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 Jay County Country Living Monthly Report for August 2023 was presented for commissioner's approval. Brian McGalliard made a motion to approve the report. Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Claims from the Jay County Clerk were submitted for approval due to their circumstances. The claims were result of a check issue requiring the county to cover bank fees on behalf of vendors. The clerk will seek reimbursement from the check vendor once a total amount is paid. The claims to four vendors totaled \$93. Brian McGalliard made a motion to approve the claims from the Clerk. Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

A claim for 4-U office for a new conference table in the prosecutor's office was presented for approval. The new table seats 8 people and is over the \$1,000 threshold but will be paid out of fund 8897 IV_D. Rex Journey made a motion to approve the claim for 4-U including other items for a total of \$1,883.20. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion to approve the claim for 4-U.

A new microphone quote from Strohs TV & Appliance for headset/clip on microphones for \$59.49 was presented for commissioners' approval. The commissioners would like to continue to use the

microphones currently available. Brian McGalliard declined the purchase of the headset/clip on microphones and will leave it up to the council to decide for their meetings. Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

With no further business, Rex Journey made a motion to adjourn at 11:27 a.m; Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

JAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chad Meyer

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Attest: Emily Frank
Jay County Auditor