TOWN OF FERDINAND REGULAR MEETING

June 21, 2022

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, in the Ferdinand Town Hall. Present were Council President, Ken Sicard; Vice-President, Debbie Johnson; Council Member, Ron Weyer; Town Attorney, Sharon Bohnenkemper and Clerk-Treasurer, Tamara Miller.

Ron moved to approve the Minutes of the May 17, 2022 Council Meeting and the June 9, 2022 Special Meeting. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard stated the written department head reports (attached) were distributed to the Council prior to the meeting.

James reported that Officer Josh Clouse was in an on-duty accident on June 18, 2022. He is waiting on the official report from the Sheriff's department. Josh was checked out at the scene by EMT personnel, suffering a couple of small scratches on the bridge of his nose and general body soreness. The Durango was transported to Sternberg Automotive and we are waiting on a damage estimate. James has contacted our insurance agent, Mike Becher, to report the accident.

Ron moved to approve the request to send Steve Becher, Kyle Lechner and Clint Meyer to attend the Alliance Indiana Rural Water Operator Conference in Huntingburg on June 30, 2022 at a cost of \$85 each. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

James stated he has received a quote from John Wetzel with Midwest Engineering for an amount not to exceed \$2,500 to assist in the engineering portion of the Non-Potable Water Permit renewal process. The current permit will expire on July 1, 2023 and the renewal is for 10 years. Steve Lechner said he is gathering the water department information needed for the permit renewal. Ron moved to approve Sicard to sign off on the Midwestern Engineers contract. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

James reported the park summer recreation program is underway. Attendance is down, but he expects attendance to increase as awareness of the program grows using Facebook and newspaper notices. James stated Benjamin Brinkman has passed the drug test required for employment and Kerri Blessinger has taken the drug test and results are not yet available. On June 16, 2022, the electric department responded to a power outage caused by a utility pole damaged by a semi-truck near the high school. Power was restored in about 20 minutes and the electric department remained on site for

six hours making necessary repairs. Steve Lechner and Clint Meyer from the water/wastewater department assisted for several hours and the police department provided traffic control. The Council thanked all of the employees for responding so quickly to the outage and commended the teamwork effort. On June 15,2022, Ben Brinkman received a provisional sewer operator certification from IDEM. An Alliance of Indiana Rural Water representative will be on site to assist with the required reports. Brinkman will have 180 days to take the sewer operator exam at which point he will be a certified sewer operator. The Council expressed its gratitude to the Alliance and IDEM for their guidance and assistance during this transitional period.

Sicard stated the Town of Ferdinand Guidelines for Business Operations and the Meeting Procedures updated on March 2, 2022 are on hold for now. He stated that sign-in sheets for Town meetings should still be used in the event contact tracing is needed. Sicard will document updated procedures.

Debbie moved to approve Ordinance 2022-16, An Ordinance Renumbering a Previously Adopted Ordinance to Correct a Mistake Made in Numbering Two Ordinances, at the meeting it was introduced. The ARPA Plan was adopted on March 15, 2022 and given Ordinance No. 2022-11 and the ordinance reestablishing the cumulative capital fund was introduced at the April meeting and issued Ordinance No. 2022-11, in error, a number that had already been used in March. Because the cumulative capital fund ordinance was published twice in the Ferdinand News as was the Notice of its adoption, it makes the most sense to renumber the ARPA Plan Ordinance adopted on March 15, 2022 from 2022-11 to 2022-17, the next available number in sequence after this ordinance. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-18, An Ordinance Amending chapter 9.06 of the Ferdinand Municipal Code Regarding Traffic Regulations in 9.06 on No Parking Streets, at the meeting it was introduced. The amendment states there is no parking on the South side of Nineth Street from Main Street to Virginia Street from 9:00 AM to 6 PM Monday through Friday effective June 21, 2022. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-19, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.08 of the Ferdinand Municipal Code Regarding Designated 4-Way Stop Streets, at the meeting it was introduced. The following are designated 4-way Stop Streets: Virginia at Ninth – both directions and Ninth at Virginia – both directions. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 7:00 PM Sicard asked if there were any additional bids for 2022- 01 Community Crossing Road Projects. No additional bids were submitted. Debbie moved to close the acceptance of bids. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The following bids were reviewed and read aloud:

		<u>Unit Price</u>
Contractors:	Base Bid #1	per Cubic Yard
Calcar Paving - Jasper, IN	\$134,285.88	\$150
E&B Paving - Clarksville, IN	\$192,539.75	\$400
C&R Construction – Corydon, IN	\$199,519.50	\$150

To expedite the award process, Brett Schipp with Universal Design and Eric Rahman with TOF Street Department departed to a separate room to review the bids to determine a recommendation for the Council.

Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-20. An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2021-22 Regarding Salaries, Compensation and Wages for Elected Officials, Appointees and Employees of the Town of Ferdinand, at the meeting it was introduced. The ordinance establishes the Water/Wastewater Superintendent – Benjamin Brinkman - \$29.00 per hour; increase to \$32.50 upon obtaining the Class II sewer operator license plus 2-hour minimum at time and a half for emergency calls, plus 2-hour minimum at straight time for weekend lab testing effective July 5, 2022. The ordinance also establishes the Chief of Police – Kerri Blessinger - \$1,153.85 per week / annual \$60,000.20 based on 168 hours per work period effective August 1, 2022 and increases the mileage rate is increased from \$0.44 per mile to \$0.55 per mile effective July 1, 2022. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-21. An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2021-22 Regarding Salaries, Compensation and Wages for Elected Officials, Appointees and Employees of the Town of Ferdinand, at the meeting it was introduced. The ordinance increases the wage of the Sewer/Water Lab Technician/Meter Reader/Safety Clerk to \$26.00 per hour, 40 hours per week, plus 2 hours minimum at time and a half for emergency calls, plus 2 hour minimum at straight time for weekend lab testing, effective June 17, 2022. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-22. An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2021-22 Regarding Salaries, Compensation and Wages for Elected Officials, Appointees and Employees of the Town of Ferdinand, at the meeting it was introduced. The ordinance states Ben Brinkman will serve as the Interim Water/Wastewater Superintendent – temporary/part-time at \$40.00 per hour; as-needed basis to stay current on required reports. Brinkman will not be in the regular rotation for weekend lab testing or on-call for emergency call-outs. The amendment is effective with the pay period which begins June 17, 2022 and ceases on July 5, 2022. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Brett Schipp and Eric Rahman returned after reviewing the CCMG 2022-01 bids. The low bid was from Calcar Paving for \$134,285.88 with a unit price of \$150 per cubic yard to remove any unsuitable soils found while proof-rolling and haul to 904 W. 23rd Street and also place #53 stone in any over excavated areas and compact. Brett Schipp stated the bid was complete, signed, fully

indorsed and within budget. He recommended accepting the low bid from Calcar Paving. Ron moved to accept the bid. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Universal will contact Calcar Paving and prepare the award letter and necessary documents. The roadwork will take place between September 1, 2022 and October 1, 2022.

Debbie moved to approve the Universal Design Fee letter for \$8,800 for the Grant Planning and Application Phase; \$13,000 for the Final Design and Bidding Phase consisting of a Universal Fee of \$9,600 and a Brosmer Land Surveying Fee of \$3,400 related to the street evaluation of the 2022 second round Community Crossing Matching Grant application. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard will contact a potential new member of the Economic Development Commission and report at a future meeting.

The Disaster Plan Ordinance agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

Miller gave an update on the outstanding utility accounts receivables stating the balance is showing improvement. Bohnenkemper sent letters to people who are no longer customers and have not paid the balance remaining after their security deposit was applied. Many of these customers have moved again and are difficult to locate making collections a challenge.

Sicard is working on the Historic Preservation which would designate part of the Town of Ferdinand as a historic district. This would enable those renovating old buildings/homes to be eligible for grants through the State of Indiana. There will be additional costs incurred to complete the application estimated to be \$1,200. Bohnenkemper will draft an Ordinance for the July Town Council meeting designating the members of the Economic Development Commission as the members of this commission, but nothing more.

At 7:30 PM the Text Amendment Hearing was held. The amendment to the text of the Zoning Ordinance includes additions to the existing land use chart and additions relative to tall building new construction-air space evaluation reminders. The Plan Commission of the Town of Ferdinand did, on 25th day of May, 2022, hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of the herein amendments to the text of the Zoning Ordinance and were considered and certified with a favorable recommendation by the Plan Commission 7 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining and 2 absent. Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-23, An Ordinance Adopting Amendments to the Text of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Ferdinand, at the meeting it was introduced. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Community Crossing Matching Grant projects and application update:

CCMG 2021-02 Update - Calcar Paving is on schedule to complete the project by the contract deadline.

CCMG 2022-01 Update - Bids were opened at 7:00 PM, and Calcar Paving was awarded the contract.

CCMG 2022-02 Update - Universal Design is working with Lueken to prepare the cost estimates for the CCMG Application which includes three projects that require more than the standard resurfacing:

22nd Street and Vienna Drive require culvert replacement work and East 13th Street, which is currently a concrete surface. The application process opens July 1, 2022 and closes July 29, 2022.

James reported the demolition of the 330 Maryland Street house and garage is complete. The electric department cleared the large trees. For now, a portion of the property will be used for parking for the fire department. James will check with Lueken to confirm the plan to rock or use millings to create a parking area on the east side of the lot.

Miller stated the only project currently underway with ARPA funds is the Old Town Lake Restroom building. There is one report due annually on April 30.

Country Ridge Estates – Acceptance of Ridgeway Court into the Town's Street Inventory was tabled until Tom Lueken can attend the next meeting.

Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-24, An Ordinance Amending the Schedule of Rates and Charges for Use of and Services Rendered by the Municipal Water Utility of the Town of Ferdinand, at the meeting it was introduced. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The ordinance reflects the repeal of the Utility Receipts Tax of 1.4% per House Enrolled Act No. 1002-2022 effective for the billing cycle beginning July 10, 2022.

At 7:45 PM Tax Abatement Hearing Universal Package/Ranger Realty was held. Ken moved to allow the previously submitted abatement request to be rescinded and to allow the applicant to reapply in 2026 due to extenuating circumstances. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The applicant will pay the standard fee when reapplying.

Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-25, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10.33 of the Ferdinand Municipal Code Regarding Electric Rates and Charges, at the meeting it was introduced. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The ordinance reflects the repeal of the Utility Receipts Tax of 1.4% per House Enrolled Act No. 1002-2022 effective for the billing cycle beginning July 10, 2022.

Sicard moved to increase the Fence Permit fee from \$10 to \$25 effective July 1, 2022. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to approve Sicard and Miller to sign the Contract with Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission to Update the Zoning Map, consisting of several years' changes, for an amount not to exceed \$2,500. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Dog Issues agenda item was tabled. The attorney was instructed to gather information, including definitions for vicious dogs and aggressive dogs and regulations for each.

Debbie reported there will be a committee formed to make decisions for purchasing decorative banners and/or lighted decorations for the holidays. The committee will fundraise to pay for the decorations and will

be made up of representatives from Ferdinand including Debbie Johnson, Chris James, street and electric department representatives and Kathy Tretter.

Ron moved to pay regular claims. Debbie seconded. Motioned carried 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	July 19, 2022 at 6:30 PM
Town Council Budget Meeting	Monday	August 1, 2022 at 6:00 AM
Town Council Budget Hearing	Tuesday	August 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM
Town Council Budget Adoption	Tuesday	September 20, 2022 at 7:00 PM
BZA	Wednesday	June 22, 2022 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	June 22, 2022 at 7:00 PM-Canceled
Park Board	Wednesday	July 13, 2022 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Comm.	Monday	July 25, 2022 at 6:00 PM

As there was no further business to discuss, Debbie moved to adjourn. Ron seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL

CERTIFICATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TEXT OF ZONING ORDINANCE

I, Don Foerster, Executive Secretary of the Pl	an Commission of the Town of Ferdinand,
Indiana do hereby certify to the Town Council of the	Town of Ferdinand, that the Amendments
to the Text of the Zoning Ordinance, true copies of w	hich are attached, were considered and
certified with a favorable recommendation by the Pla	n Commission of the Town of Ferdinand a
their meeting held on May 25, 2022, by a vote of	1 in favor, O against, O
abstaining, and absent and do herewith t	forward the same to you for your due
consideration and approval.	
Don Foerster, Executive Secretary Town of Ferdinand Plan Commission	Date: May 25, 2022

Ferdinand Police Department

243 W 10th Street, Ferdinand Indiana 47532

Phone: 812-367-1806 / Fax: 812-998-2094

Chief of Police: Lloyd Froman Assistant Chief: Brian Seffernick

Total Calls For Service	212			
Miles Driven	4174	Calls For Service Report	HEDINANO -	
Total Gallons	376.8	June 2022	O S	
Average MPG	11.07749		IN .	
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total	
Alarm	11	Missing Person Adult/Child	2	
Animal Complaint	6	Parking Violation	0	
Assist Other Agency	22	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	1	
Battery/ Assault	0	Protective/Restraining Order	0	
Burglary (attempted)	0	Prowler (report of)	0	
Burning Complaint	0	Report to Station	3	
Child Abuse/Neglect	0	Return Messages	24	
Civil Matter /Dispute	3	State Dispatch	15	
Citizen Assist	5	Scam	0	
Debris in Roadway	0	Security Check	0	
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	7	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	0	
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	1	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	1	
Drug Complaint	0	Theft	3	
Domestic Problem	4	Traffic Control	6	
Escort	2	Traffic Warnings	28	
Eviction	0	Traffic Citations	6	
Extra Patrol	0	Trespassing	0	
Fight	0	Threats/ Intimidation	0	
Finger Printing	0	Vandalism	0	
Fire	0	Vehicle Accident	5	
General Information	38	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	2	
Gun Permit	0	Vehicle Check	2	
Harassment	0	Vehicle Lock Out	6	
Hazardous/ Not Chemical	0	Warrant	0	
Investigation	1	Weather Related Problems	0	
Identity Theft	0	Welfare Check		
Illegal Dumping	0	911 false calls		
Intoxicated Person	0		0	
Juvenile Incorrigible/Runaway	0			
Lines/ Poles Down	3			
Lost/ Stolen License Plate	1			
Mental Subject	0			

FERDINAND POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

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Complaint Type	Lloyd	Brian	Rob	Tom	Christian	Joshua	Rayce	Kyle	Jay					Total
Alarm		2	1	2	2	3	1							11
Animal Complaint		1	2			2	1							6
Assist Other Agency		2	5	3	6	4	2							22
Battery/ Assault														0
Burglary (Attempted)														0
Burning Complaint														0
Child Abuse/Neglect											0			0
Civil Matter / Dispute	1	1					1							3
Citizen Assist				1	1	1	2							5
Debris In Roadway														0
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle			2	1	1	1	2							7
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	1	1												1
Drug Complaint														0
Domestic problem			1	1	1		1							4
Escort				1		1								2
Evicition														0
Extra Patrol														0
Fight														0
Finger Printing														0
Fire														0
General Information	4	8	5	8	2	7	4							38
Gun Permit														0
Harrassment	2015													0
Hazardous/ Not Chemical														0
Investigation							1							1
Indentity Theft						5								0
Illegal Dumping														0
Intoxicated Person														0
Juvenile Incorrigible/Runaway														0
Lines/ Poles Down		1	1				1							3
Lost/ Stolen License Plate					1									1
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Mental Subject														0
Missing Person Adult/Child							2							2
Parking Violation														0
Property Lost/Found/Recovered						1								1
Protective/Restraining Order														0
Prowler														0
Report To Station		1					2							3
Return Messages	4	7		11			2							24
State Dispatch	Allia de la companya	4	2	2	1	2	4							15
Scam														0
School Check														0
Suicide/or a Suicidal person														0
Suspicious Person/Vehicle				1										1
Theft			1		2									3
Traffic Control		3	1	1			1							6
Traffic Warnings	1	1	3	7	1	9	6							28
Traffic Citations			3			3								6
Trespassing														0
Threats/ Intimidation														0
Vandalism														0
Vehicle Accident				1	1	2	1							5
Vehicle Accident Leaving The Scene			2											2
Vehicle Check		1	1											2
Vehicle Lock Out		1	1	2		1	1							6
Warrant														0
Weather Related Problems														0
Welfare Check			1		1	1								3
911 False Calls							1							1
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Total Calls	10	34	32	42	20	38	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	212
Miles Driven	115	365	625	913	639	925	592							4174
Total Gallons	0	28	95.9	75.7	58.5	64	54.7							376.8
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FERDINAND FIRE DEPT.

221 E. Fourth St. P.O. Box 31 Ferdinand, IN 47532

2022 Summary of Incidents

	EIDE	EMD	TOTAL
	FIRE	EMR	TOTAL
JANUARY	2	12	14
FEBRUARY	4	7	11
MARCH	5	8	13
APRIL	2	11	13
MAY	5	6	11
JUNE	4	12	16
JULY			
AUGUST			
SEPTEMBER			
OCTOBER			
NOVEMBER			
DECEMBER			

We will be hosting our annual Firemen's Ball on July 23rd at the Ferdinand Community Center. We start serving meals at 5 pm and the Hagedorn Family band will start playing at 7.

Electric Department Report

July 19, 2022

- one unplanned outage
 - o trailer park 30 min caused by animal
- Pole changeouts
- Continuing tree pruning and removal of danger trees



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Water;

MRO's Filled with IDEM

CCR's publications are also filled and registered with IDEM

Shifting Operator of Responsible Charge from Steve Becher to Ben Brinkman

Going over DNR reports and water tank inspections

Wrapping up finals on Hidden Meadows subdivision
Remove fire Hydrants
Cap and plug mains
Turn fire hydrants the correct direction
Repaint bonnets and caps

Install water tap for new apartments on 6th St

Wastewater;

Highway update

Man hole lids replaced and risers set for Sanitary Sewer for INDOT

Meeting with Midwest Engineers

They came and looked at the headworks issue of the plant and suggest to have a engineer survey done.

John and I are currently looking into grant funding with Region 15 and IFA

Making head way on Non- potable water using HDP powder hope to be usable in 2 weeks after tests and tank preparation

Install sewer tap for new home on E 6th St Needing to contract out because of depth of 13ft

Monthly reports for May and June are sent in to IDEM and EPA

In a separate note,

Education:

Clint and Kyle will be starting their new semester with the Alliance this July $20^{\rm th}$ and $27^{\rm th}$ running through into November.

It has been recommended to me by Kelly to sign up for the Alliance exam prep course in which starts July 27th through November.

I will be needing to attend a conference in Fort Wayne on August 17-19 for an exam prep course for my wastewater license

Myself and Debbie Johnson will be going to an Indiana Alliance Leadership Summit in Bloomington July 27th and 28th

Ben Brinkman Water/Wastewater Superintendent



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Town Council Meeting-Street Department

July 19th, 2022

We continued working on right-of- way mowing and weed control.

Did the Town's annual storm water inspections.

Repairing a wet soggy drainage ditch in the road right of way near the Comfort Inn this is being done so we can mow it without rutting the area up and to avoid the hatching of mosquitoes.

Repaired the eroding of a ditch right off of 21st and Northview Dr.

Placed the needed signage and warning on the south side of 9th and the intersection of 9th and Virginia s was stated in the new ordinance.

Filled in an old well at the intersection of 9th and Main. This was located when the crews were installing new traffic signal upgrade. (Not sure why this was ours to do, it was within the State right of way. INDOT people had us take care of it.)

Also, during the milling process on the East side of State Rd.162, crews were uncovering storm drain covers. Most had been paved over before. I had no idea they even existed. Why they were ours to raise, even if we could find riser rings to fit, I'm not sure. Had a discussion with an INDOT inspector. If most weren't even visible and obviously never needed to be accessed, we decided to pave over them again thinking this would make the best pavement job. I did have Colin Leinenbach help me GPS the locations and will have them placed on our mapping system just in case we do ever have to access them.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Visit us for a day. Join us for a lifetime.

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PARKS DEPARTMENT TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

July 2022

General Park Report

The park board met on July 13, 2022.

5th Street Park

 We will need to work out a schedule on the testing of the water sprinkler with Water and Wastewater Department to work on a better plan for the sprinklers at the sports fields.

18th Street Park

- We are experiencing vandalism on the recently refinished pickleball/basketball court at the park. The surface has been damaged. The pickleball net was recently intentionally damaged. Bikes, skateboards, rollerblades are not permitted on the court. Several deterrence measures are being done moving forward.
- Toward the south end of the park, both Tom Lueken and a concerned resident have noticed that ten trees adjacent to one another have failed to bud out this spring. They are three different species and do not appear to be dead but dormant. We are keeping an eye on the situation

Old Town Lake

o The restroom/storage building construction continues. The concrete block and roof trusses should be built by the end of the summer. The park and trails will remain open during the summer. Completion of the project is scheduled for the end of September but is contingent on availability of all materials. The area is fenced off, and the public is requested to remain out of the construction area.

Matthew Weyer July 17, 2022



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TOWN MANAGER TALKING POINTS FOR JULY 19, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING

- 1 − I sat in on a Dubois Strong sponsored Childcare Roundtable on Wednesday July 13, as did Debbie. The Roundtable focused on a presentation by Erin Emerson from Perry County and how they have been dealing with the lack of available/affordable childcare options and the direct impact it has on workforce opportunities. This was the second meeting of the group which included representatives from businesses, childcare providers and other concerned individuals. Another session will be scheduled for August, with another presentation further highlighting the issue.
- 2 The Dubois County Chamber held a lunch on July 14 at Venue 1408 in Huntingburg. Interim Director and Chamber Board President Amy Gehlhausen spoke about the need of making these gatherings happen more frequently and allow members to network, while also receiving a timely presentation. Roughly two dozen people attended, including Debbie and myself. The topic for this session was Cyber Security, offered by Juan Mack of Matrix Integration, something that has really come in to the spotlight the past couple of years.
- 3 I am very pleased to announce we had our big Folk Festival line-up announcement on July 6, on the front page of the Ferdinand News! The selection process was timely and tedious, with more than one option for the headline artist looking promising before not happening. Our group of volunteers are very happy with this year's artist schedule and we are

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now moving forward with poster and t-shirt design work, along with the scheduling of children's performers and finalizing vendor booth applications. The initial application deadline is Friday July 29th, with a final date of August 31st. Many vendors have already submitted paperwork with others still pending.

4 – Capstone Projects for the three Dubois County Leadership Academy teams are making great progress as graduation is in about one month. One project is focused on equipping the newly constructed Dove House with patio and playground equipment. We have another team working on the installation of "inclusive" playground equipment at Jaycee Park in Jasper while our third team in working on revitalizing the existing dog park at Huntingburg City Park. Fundraising efforts are going well which will allow them to purchase the necessary items for their Capstone. They have also done an excellent job in publicizing their work which will hopefully spur additional donations.