

**REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY INDIANA
December 15, 2005**

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on December 15, 2005, 2005 in Room 308, City-County Building, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were County Commissioners Edward Meyer and Vicky Kent Haire. County Attorney Daniel Moore, Secretary Angela Coleman, and Deputy Auditor Theresa James.

Commissioner Guthrie was absent due to the funeral of a nephew and County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas was absent due to an illness.

Commissioner President, Meyer announced that no action will be taken at this meeting on Planning and Zoning Resolution 19-2005. This matter is tabled until Wednesday December 28, 2005 at 4:00 pm. It was noted that the date is changed due to the Christmas Holiday.

No minutes were approved at this meeting.

County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas stated that she had audited the payroll claims and found that they comply with the local salary ordinance established by the Clark County Council and the signature of proper officials is affixed stating that the hours have been worked and the amounts are due with the same exception as the previous meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve the payroll claims with this exception. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Meyer and passed 3-0.

Hyun Lee, County Engineer recommended a letter be sent to Indiana Department of Transportation and copied to State Representative Terry Goodin and State Senator Jim Lewis regarding installing a **caution light in Otisco**. Commissioner Haire moved to send the letter. Motion seconded by Commissioner Meyer and passed 2-0.

Mr. Lee introduced Jerry Larrison, a long time acquaintance of this Board in his professional positions with various vendors. The Board congratulated Mr. Larrison on his retirement and wished him well.

Laura Dixon, River Hills Regional Planning, recommended approval of the board president's signature to close out the grant for **Lifespring Planning Grant** on Sharon Drive. Commissioner Haire moved to approve which was seconded by Commissioner Meyer and passed 2-0.

Ms. Dixon advised the Board that another round is coming up and the time is close to expiring for applying for Block Grants. She encouraged the Board to contact her if they wish to participate in the upcoming round.

Walt Zack, Clark State Forest, presented the Board with a check in the amount of \$3,697.88 for timber sales. This will be deposited into the general fund.

Community Corrections Board President Vicky Carmichael and Community Corrections Director Ryan McGregor requested the Board consider implementing the integration of the computer systems linking the city and town courts, the county courts and the jail. Ms. Carmichael encouraged giving public access to the court system on line. Commissioner Haire requested Mr. Moore to contact this company and request a proposed contract for consideration. Ms. Carmichael will contact Alan Olman and bring him up to date.

Ms. Vicky Carmichael, as Jeffersonville City Court Judge, reported she had reached a tentative agreement with Sheriff Michael Becher regarding the use of space at the completion of the jail expansion. The Sheriff's Offices will relocate to the new facility and part of the space now occupied by the County Sheriff's Office could be used for the Jeffersonville City Court. Motion by Commissioner Haire, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, approved unanimously, to authorize **ONLY** the negotiations between the Mayor of Jeffersonville and the Clark County Sheriff for (a) distribution of the (old) Jeffersonville City Police space and (b) current Sheriff's **space after the city moves from the building**. This space is reserved for the Sheriff and likely Jeffersonville City Court locations. The Commissioners do not authorize any other space allocations until the City actually moves out.

Ryan McGregor updated the Board regarding the state of the Regional Workforce Program, a work release for inmates.

The monthly report of the County Treasurer for the month November, 2005 was submitted for the record.

Mr. Moore advised that before the meeting of December 28, 2005, he would try to mail a draft of the animal control issue to the board. Mr. Moore will schedule appearances with the Clarksville Town Board and the Sellersburg Town Board regarding the computer issue.

Hyun Lee, County Engineer, brought the Board's attention to a dispute regarding **Bridge #97**. The Board decided to follow up with litigation.

Commissioner Haire expressed concern over the problem related to Boulder Creek Subdivision. Mr. Lee will schedule a meeting with Alan Conner and Gilmore Construction regarding this matter.

Commissioner Haire expressed concern regarding the bill for liability insurance and wants an explanation of how the breakdown is made. Before payment is made a request for the insurance agent and a representative from the Health Department appear at a Commissioner's Meeting to explain this matter.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Haire and seconded by Commissioner Meyer the Board declared an emergency situation to exist that demands immediate action. Pursuant to IC.36-9-15.5-8 (C) the Board found it necessary, to protect the public health, welfare or safety, to expend money from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund in the amount of **(163,098.52)** one hundred sixty three thousand ninety eight dollars and fifty-two cents to pay outstanding Commissioners debts. The motion passed 2-0 and the Board instructed Secretary Angela Coleman to file the proper paperwork in the Auditor's Office.

Steve Hall, FMSM Engineering Consultants, appeared in regard to the post construction ordinance which is the third of the three ordinances required for the storm water program. Brian Dixon has reviewed the ordinance already and need to get this moving through the process. Mr. Moore recommended the Board table this until December 28, 2005 to allow time for his review. The Board agreed unanimously to table until December 28, 2005.

Steve Hall reported that several of the local communities have received a letter from **IDEM** (Indiana Department of Environmental Development) requesting the status of the three storm water ordinances. Mr. Hall has checked with the County Surveyor, Mr. Dixon from the Drainage Board and cannot locate a letter from IDEM to Clark County. The Board requested Mr. Hall to follow up and contact IDEM in an effort to locate any letter which might have been sent to Clark County Government regarding this matter.

Mr. Moore advised the Board that a deductible expense of \$250.00 is due for a claim from Midwest Claims Service for Juraline Mabel Carnell and suggested it be added to the Cumulative Capital Emergency payments. Commissioner Haire moved to add this to the earlier declaration, Commissioner Meyer seconded and the motion carried 2-0.

Mr. Moore requested that the letter from Mike Maschmeyer, Attorney at Law, regarding Planning and Zoning Resolution 19-2005 and the letter from the Office of Attorney General regarding lawsuits against county judges be entered for the record. (See copies of the letters attached.)

Mr. Moore recommended the approval of a contact between **Dixon Engineering** and Clark County Drainage Board excluding paragraph number five (5). (See Attached) Commissioner Haire moved to approve as amended, seconded by Commissioner Meyer and passed 2-0.

To the extent the Board held an executive session of any type under (I C 5-14-1.5-6) or otherwise, the Board hereby certifies that no subject matter was discussed therein except that posted in the notice for session or meeting (I C 5-14-1.5-6.1).

There being no further business to come before the Board and on a motion made by Commissioner Haire, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA

EDWARD MEYER, PRESIDENT

VICKY KENT HAIRE, MEMBER

RALPH GUTHRIE, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY

ATTEST:

BARBARA BRATCHER HAAS
CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR

