

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY INDIANA
OCTOBER 4, 2007**

The Board of Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on October 4, 2007 4:00 p.m. in Room 404, of the County Government Building, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were County Commissioners Edward Myer, Ralph Guthrie and Mike Moore, County Attorney Dan Moore, County Auditor Barbara Haas and Deputy Auditor Margie Hommel.

Walter Zak, Officer for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources presented the Commissioners with a check for eight thousand two hundred sixty seven dollars and forty four cents (\$8,267.44). This check represents fifteen percent of the net proceeds from timber sales in Clark County. This money will be distributed by the Auditor to the local volunteer fire departments and the county general fund.

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. A motion was made by Commissioner Moore to approve the payroll claims as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

Steve Wills, Sunnybrook Dr. addressed the Board in regard to the drainage problem at the Sunset Hills Subdivision. Commissioner Myer stated that the County was in litigation with the developer at this time. Mr. Brian Dixon informed the Board a request from the drainage board for any additional appropriation was on the County Council agenda for the next meeting in hopes of resolving problems in that subdivision. Commissioner Moore asked Auditor Barbara to please check the agenda for the next County Council meeting.

Cory Masters, with Bid Bridge LLC, held a reverse online bid for the county highway department's bulk salt. Mr. Masters stated their company had four companies bidding for a total number of one hundred and twenty four bids. All bids were based on the County Bid Specifications provided by Mr. Hyun Lee (see attached). Mr. Masters hopes the Commissioner will consider using his company again in the future.

Commissioner Moore asked the Board to let the residents from Sunset Hills subdivision address the Board under public comment. Mr. Wills said he would like to know if the County Council provides the Drainage Board with adequate funds to address the drainage problem will the Commissioners then act in haste making the necessary

repairs to the subdivision. Commissioner Moore would like this matter resolved as soon as possible.

John Homelton, Real Estate agent asked who will be taking care of the ice and snow removal this winter. Steve Hall, President of the Drainage Board stated he will speak to the County Council regarding funding for drainage improvements. Commissioner Moore believes the Drainage Board is paying Brian Dixon for work for the Commissioners not drainage.

Commissioner Meyer and Commissioner Moore thought the Council had funding the Drainage Board with the County EDIT fund. Auditor Barbara Haas stated that money can not be used until the County EDIT Plan is revised to include drainage problems.

Dan Moore county attorney handed out several copies of County Ordinances No. 3-2004 Establishing the Clark County Drainage Board, Ordinance 7-2002 Drainage for Residential and Commercial Developments, Ordinance 9-2002 Erosion and Sediment Control. Mr. Dan Moore said these ordinances are very detailed. Mr. Dixon stated several of those Ordinances pre date the subdivision in question. Auditor Barbara Haas stated there is a Drainage Board Department funded out of the General Fund. The amount funded for 2007 is twenty thousand dollars as passed by the County Council.

Attorney Moore presented the Board with **Resolution (and Order) NO. 8-2007 IN RE the Matter of the 2007 Amendment to the Economic Development Income Tax Capital Improvement Plan of Clark County, Indiana for Drainage purposes.** Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve Resolution 8-2007, seconded by Commissioner Guthrie. Motion passed 3-0.

Auditor Barbara Haas asked for clarification as to the claim procedure once the County EDIT plan is expanded to cover drainage. The auditor said she would like to know who will sign off on the additional appropriation to be advertised for the County Council and who will determine if there are adequate funds to cover the bond issue and drainage. Commissioner Meyer stated the drainage board would need to submit the request to the Commissioner's and upon their approval and signature a request for an additional appropriation would be submitted to the County Council.

Ryan MacGregor and Steve Mason, with Community Corrections, reported to the Board the first draw from the State Community Corrections grant had been received in the amount of two hundred and eighty two thousand dollars (\$282,000.00). Mr. MacGregor said he believes the monthly amount should be approximately eighty four thousand dollars (\$84,000.00). Mr. Mason reported the offices were being finished and some additional security doors, cameras and locks were being provided by the Jail Holding Corporation. Mr. Mason said he had hired five new employees who will start training Monday, he stated they needed one more security supervisor and nine additional security officers. Attorney Moore ask if Community Correction was aware of the County Employee Handbook, Mr. Mason stated he would like to change the way vacation and

sick time are calculated, but would present this to the Board for their approval prior to implementation.

Auditor Barbara Haas submitted the Clerks August report and the Treasurers monthly report for September and an amended report for August, also the major litigation and assignment report for 2006 with a cross over into 2007 for the record.

Dan Moore, Attorney reported he had submitted the annual letter to the State Board of Accounts regarding litigation. Mr. Moore also presented the board with Ordinance No. 8-2001 Regulation of Unsafe Buildings for their information. This Ordinance was passed but not implemented by prior Commissioners. Commissioner Moore said he was interested in some type of mechanism to deal with unsafe property in the unincorporated areas. Todd Webb with the Clark County Health Department stated for the record complaints dealing with old tires could be considered as a code violation. He did not provide any other written documentation.

Commissioner Meyer made a motion to ratify a letter authorizing Mr. Brian Dixon to begin development of a drainage plan for Sunset Hills Subdivision, seconded by Commissioner Guthrie (see attached). Motion passed 2-0 with Commissioner Moore voting against.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve the 2008 holiday calendar, seconded by Commissioner Guthrie. Motion passed 3-0.

Barbara Haas, Auditor stated for the record that the appropriation for Robert Isgrigg's salary in the general fund and the highway budget is the same for 2008 as it is in 2007.

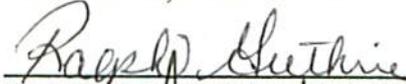
Commissioner Meyer stated the board had received a copy of the 2008 Council approved budget. Commissioner Meyer believes it is not realistic to fund the highway department with a 25% cut in all categories other than personnel services. Council Member Jack Coffinan was in attendance and stated the Council's first priority was tax relief for the citizens of the county. Mr. Coffinan said he believes the Council will look at additional appropriations individually as they are presented to them in 2008. Commissioner Meyer stated most of the County's bills have not been reduced by 25%. Commissioner Guthrie will meet with Hyman Lee the County Engineer to work on a list of bridges that will need repair in 2008.

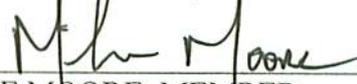
Commissioner Moore asks the Board if they had decided on an attorney for the Clark Regional Airport Board.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA


ED MEYER, PRESIDENT


RALPH GUTHRIE, MEMBER


MIKE MOORE, MEMBER

ATTEST:


BARBARA BRATCHER HAAS
CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR