

REGULAR MEETING
CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 13th 2022

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on October 13th, 2022, at 5 p.m. in Meeting Chambers, Room 103, Clark County Government Center, in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners – Bryan Glover, Connie Sellers and Jack Coffman, County Attorney Scott Lewis, Commissioners Assistant Sabrina Corbin, Clark County Engineer Brian Dixon, and Auditor Danny Yost.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gavan Hebner and the prayer was led by Jack Coffman.

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Glover said first on the agenda was approval of the minutes for September 29th, 2022. Commissioner Coffman made a motion to approve the September 29th, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Auditor Danny Yost presented the claims and payroll. Commissioner Sellers motioned to approve the claims and payroll, as presented by the Auditor. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Commissioner Glover asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. There were none. Commissioner Coffman made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

I. Public Comment:

Commissioner Glover said as always, each person is limited to three minutes, and asked to provide their name and address. Also, to be mindful of those speaking before and after you. Commissioner Glover said Ms. Khuri was first on the list. He requested she state her name and address, and the three minutes will start thereafter.

Kelly Khuri, 4819 Salem Noble Road, Jeffersonville. Ms. Khuri said she was speaking on behalf of James Olin, 5206 Snow Road, Henryville. No written comment was submitted. Ms. Khuri read Mr. Olin's statement aloud. It states, in part: Kelly Khuri is my proxy and she may quote me. Mr. Olin is for 100% accuracy in vote recording, tabulations, reporting, and paper ballots. Mr. Olin supports all our first emergency responders. Mr. Olin is sending this email to request a change of meeting times, so all constituents have more of an opportunity to attend, and mirror other local board meetings, Jeffersonville 7:00 PM, Clarksville 7:00 PM. Ms. Khuri said Mr. Olin provided his email address, which is Olinfamily2@gmail.com. The email was signed off: Thank you, James Lewis Olin, Registered Voter. Ms. Khuri said this concluded Mr. Olin's comments.

Kelly Khuri, 4819 Salem Noble Road, Jeffersonville. No written comment was submitted. Ms. Khuri said she is here tonight to say she appreciates the clarification of the 2017 ordinance, that does help her to understand, and others, because she will share. It helps to understand what your (Board) actual requirements are for the meeting, and what you do not want. She does not suppose she will ever get a unanimous decision to continue beyond the three minutes. In relationship to her comment from last time (September 29th Commissioner meeting) she will always be loud. She is a singer and singers are loud. She never means disrespect, and when she goes to clarify something, it is for education, ours and yours (Board). Ms. Khuri there has been an issue lately with Konnech (election software provider). Konnech's Chinese-American, President was arrested under suspicion of theft of personal information. Ms. Khuri's research shows that Allen, Lake, and Marion counties, in Indiana use this system, as well as election voting system. The City of Detroit has canceled their contract with Konnech. Ms. Khuri's research said she does not believe the County uses this software. The Commissioners of Allen, Lake, and Marion have all agreed to continue with the Konnech software. Ms. Khuri knows that when something is presented to the Commissioners, they only know so much. Ms. Khuri offered to do research on behalf of the Commissioners. She understands their Attorney or Assistant may have time to conduct research. However, Ms. Khuri said she is available to help. She reiterated they still want "paper" ballots, etc. Ms. Khuri's time was up. She thanked the Board.

Bobbie Bridgewater, Charlestown, Indiana. No written comment was submitted. Ms. Bridgewater said she appreciates the Board for taking the time for public comments, and what she says comes from the heart. She said she has spoken many times before, is from generations of Clark County residents, and prays for them (Board), each and every one. She is concerned about our elections; wants to use the tried, true, and more feasible method. That being “paper” ballots, poll books, and hand counting. Electronic methods are “hackable”. She asks that we be gracious and humble. She thanked the Board for its time.

Commissioner Glover thanked Ms. Bridgewater for her kind words and prayer. The Public Comment period concluded. Commissioner Glover said they would move on with the agenda.

II. New Business

A. Ordinance Establishing Health Department Grant Funds was first. Attorney Lewis said there would actually be three ordinances for the Health Department.

1) Ordinance No. 20-2022, An Ordinance Establishing the Crisis COAG Covid-19 Supplement Workforce Sustainment Grant Fund, (Fund 8233). Doug Bentfield with the Health Department, said Fund 8233 is a Covid testing grant, very similar to previous testing grants. This will allow testing through the end of the year, and he does not anticipate future grants for testing. The grant amount is \$50,000. Commissioner Coffman made a motion to approve “The Crisis CoAg COVID-19 Supplemental Workforce Sustainment Grant Fund” Fund Number 8233 (Ordinance No. 20-2022), as presented. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

2) Ordinance No. 21-2022, An Ordinance Establishing the Ryan White Services Grant Fund, (Fund 8234). Mr. Bentfield said this is a grant that the Health Department has had for fifteen or better years. At one point this was a state funded grant (Fund 9200). However, this is federally funded (2022-2024) and now assigned Fund 8234, in numeric compliance with other federal dollars. Fund number 9200 will remain open until all funds have been reimbursed and the grant is closed out. The mission of the new grant is to support those who are living with HIV, and to ensure medical care, access to shelter, and their lives are stable, while they try to get the virus suppressed (no longer can transmit the virus as we know it). Commissioner Sellers made a motion to

approve “The Ryan White Services Grant Fund” Fund Number 8234 (Ordinance No. 21-2022), as presented. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Commissioner Coffman said that fund 9200 (state funds) will be cleared out, once all reimbursements have been received. Any balances will be transferred to the new federal grant. Mr. Bentfield said that was correct. Motion approved 3-0.

3) Ordinance No. 22-2022, An Ordinance Establishing the HIV Special Populations Support Program Grant Fund, (Fund 9151). Mr. Bentfield said this was originally a federal grant (Fund 8210). However, this new grant (Fund 9151) is being funded by the state. The purpose of this grant is to also support persons with HIV, and to address drug abuse among this population. Commissioner Sellers made a motion to approve “The HIV Special Populations Support Grant Fund” Fund Number 9151 (Ordinance No. 22-2022), as presented. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

- B.** Ordinance Amending Traffic Control Ordinance – Installation of Stop Signs was next on the agenda. Commissioner Glover said it basically covers the installation of stop signs. Ordinance No. 23-2022, An Ordinance Amending Article 6, Section 6-2 of Ordinance No. 7-1983 (The Clark County Traffic Control Ordinance) in Order to Establish Authority for the Installation and Enforcement of Stop Signs at Certain Intersections. Brian Dixon, County Engineer noted the map was not attached to the Ordinance. Attorney Lewis said the map is not required to be attached to the Ordinance. Attorney Lewis said, as per the County Engineer’s recommendation, Two-Way stop signs will be installed at the intersection of Silver Plains Trace and Silver Springs Court; and the intersection of Silver Plains Trace and Silver Maple Court. Commissioner Coffman made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 23-2022, as presented and identified above. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.
- C.** Quotes for Elevator Repair at Judicial Center was next. Commissioner Glover said three quotes were received, those being: 1) DC Elevator, Lexington, Kentucky, in the amount of \$87,500; 2) Oracle Elevator, Louisville, Kentucky, \$94,157; and 3) KONE, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee, \$96,500. Commissioner Glover said as the quotes were under \$150,000, no public bidding was required. Attorney Lewis said that was correct. We (Board) are required to obtain a minimum of three quotes. Attorney Lewis said that Marion Shepherd, Building Operations Supervisor, has reviewed the quotes, and he recommended

DC Elevator. Not only were they the lowest quote, but they come highly recommended. He noted the quote is for the Judicial Center on the Court side. Commissioner Sellers made a motion to accept the quote of DC Elevators in the amount of \$87,500. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

- D. Landfill Earthwork Excavation Contract was up next. Attorney Lewis said a Request for Bids was issued a little while ago. Bids were received (April 21st), one bid was received from ECOTECH Waste Logistics and the contract was awarded to ECHOTECH (May 26th with a provision that no work will begin in areas that are awaiting approval/permitted by the Army Corps). The project had to be reduced down to an actual contract. We are now ready to award the Contract for the work to proceed. To remind everyone, the bid was for \$977,041.80. He noted the cost would be paid from the existing Landfill Bond Fund. Commissioner Glover said that was correct. Attorney Lewis said landfill money, not general fund. Commissioner Coffman made a motion to approve the contract (Agreement) between the Clark County Board of Commissioners and ECOTECH Waste Logistics for the Landfill Earthwork Excavation in the amount of \$977,041.80. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.
- E. Halloween Trick-or-Treating Date and Time was the last item under New Business. Commissioner Glover said county wide, system wide, city wide everything has been October 31st 6pm to 8pm. Commissioner Sellers said that was correct. Commissioner Sellers motioned to designate Trick-or-Treating for the County to be October 31st, 6pm to 8pm. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

III. Old Business: None

IV. Reports - Officeholder/Department Heads Present at Meeting

A. Auditor: None

B. Attorney: None

C. Highway Department:

Brian Dixon, County Engineer, presented the following:

Mr. Dixon said he received requests from New Washington for the following Main Street closures: Fall on Main, October 14th 6pm through October 17th 6am; Trick-or-Treat, October 31st 4pm to 10pm; November 26th and 27th for Light Up New Washington. Mr. Dixon said if approved, the County will drop off and pick up barricades (saw-horse type). He said they are easy to move, should the need arise. Commissioner Coffman made a motion to approve the street closures for New Washington on the dates stated by the County Engineer. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

D. Sheriff: The current jail population is 584.

E. Elected Officials: None

- V. Other Business:** A. Appointment – Borden Tri-County Regional Water District. Commissioner Glover said a written request had been placed by the District to reappoint Mr. Leslie Wright, whose current term expires December 31, 2022, to their Board of Trustees. The new term would expire December 31, 2026. Commissioner Sellers made a motion to approve the reappointment of Leslie Wright to the Borden Tri-County Regional Water District Board of Trustees. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

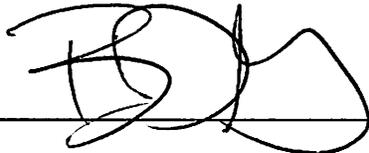
Commissioner Glover asked if there was any other business. Commissioner Coffman said we have a guest this evening. He said this is Karen, with RQAW Engineering, who has worked with the County in the past. Karen is our new rep.

VI. Adjournment

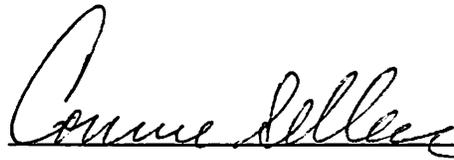
Commissioner Sellers motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

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

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BRYAN GLOVER, PRESIDENT

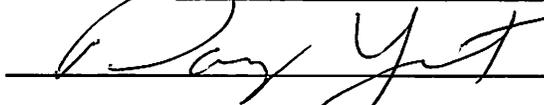


CONNIE SELLERS, VICE PRESIDENT



JACK COFFMAN, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY October 27, 2022

ATTEST: 

DANNY YOST, CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR