

REGULAR MEETING
CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 24, 2015

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on September 24, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 404, Clark County Government Building, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners – Jack Coffman and Bryan Glover, County Attorney Lisa Glickfield, Auditor R. Monty Snelling and Payroll Clerk Mischell Settles. Rick Stephenson is absent.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Coffman and prayer was led by Monty Snelling.

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Glover motioned to approve the September 10, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 2-0. Commissioner Stephenson was not present at the time.

Amendment to the Agenda:

Commissioner Glover motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 2-0.

Approval of Claims/Payroll

Commissioner Glover motioned to approve the claims and payroll for September 30, 2015. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 2-0.

Public Comments Relating to the Agenda: None

I. Administrative Agenda

A. Mike Meyer, Health Department, presented an amendment to the HIV Grant adding \$3,500.00 to the existing grant. Commissioner Glover motioned to approve the amendment to the existing grant. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 2-0.

B. County Attorney Glickfield presented the amended County Handbook, Ordinance No. 22-2015, Ordinance To Update Clark County Employee Policy Handbook. This has been approved by the Clark County Council. Commissioner Glover motioned to approve the County Handbook. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 2-0.

C. Laura Harbeson presented the Sale of Commissioner owned property. Ms. Harbeson explained the process that we follow. She stated that there are several properties that have been on the tax sale list repeatedly, and the Commissioner's have taken over the property by a tax deed. The property owners are notified and have the opportunity to bid on their property. If one of the properties in question has been bid on, the bid shall be accepted according to statute. They send out cursory letters to abutting land holders for bidding options. The bidder would be designated as eligible if they have no unpaid past due taxes. After the bidding, the property is listed in the New and Tribune for 30 days prior to opening to public hearings. The Commissioners, however, may or may not accept the bid. There needs to be a written determination for rejecting a bid. Commissioner Glover asked how the properties were chosen to be Commissioner owned property. Ms. Harbeson explained that the previous County Attorney, along with the previous Commissioners had a list of suitable properties. The Commissioners determined what would be suitable properties to be put out for bids. Suitable properties would be vacated properties, that were not a right-of-way or an easement. Commissioner Coffman asked about the 90% method-called the standard sales method. Ms. Harbeson said that by statute, these properties would have a public hearing set by an executive. Also, these properties would be appraised by either the assessors office or a professional assessor before the public hearing.

Commissioner Stephenson entered the meeting.

They proceeded to open the bids for the simplified method properties.

Memphis Bluelick Rd has 2 bids. One bid from Sprigler Development and the other from Jonathan Hoard. Sprigler Development is ineligible because they are in litigation for past due property taxes and are due for a hearing on October 27, 2015. Commissioner Glover motioned to take under advisement until the litigation is settled. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Walnut Grove, has 2 parcels with only one bid for both received on 8/31/15. The bidder was Donald Lanham and he bid \$500.00. Commissioner Glover motioned to accept the bid for the Walnut Grove property. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Commissioner Coffman stated that we need to follow what the statute says for these properties. Laura Harbeson says that the statute says that we need to get appraisals and can accept the bids even if it is well below the appraised amount. We can accept the bids, but must have a public hearing before finalizing. After the bids have been opened, the bidding period is now closed. Commissioner Coffman stated that we can either accept or reject any of these bids.

They proceeded to open the bids for the standard method properties.

4318 Utica Sellersburg Rd. had a bid of \$2,500.00 received on 9/11/15 by Jonathan Hoard. That is waiting for an appraisal from a professional appraiser. They could use the assessed value from the County Assessors office. Commissioner Glover motioned to approve the bid pending the appraisal. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

357 Paradise, Sellersburg had a bid of \$3,500.00. No appraisal has been requested. Commissioner Glover motioned to approve the bid pending the appraisal. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

302 W. Main, Henryville had a bid of \$1,500.00 received on 8/28/15. The appraisal has not been requested at this time. They need to verify exact address of the property. The property has the assessed value of \$61,700. Commissioner Glover motioned to take under advisement pending appraisal and pending clarification of property dispute. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

The Bethlehem Road property had two bids. One was received on 8/13/15 by Irene Turner for \$19,000.00 and the other was received 9/4/15 by Michael P. Foster for \$5,000.00. The appraisal has been requested. Commissioner Glover motioned to accept the bid of \$19,000.00 for the property pending appraisal. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0. Commissioner Glover motioned to reject the second \$5,000 bid for the Bethlehem Rd property. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

They proceeded to open the bids for the abutting landowners.

Catalpa Dr., Jeffersonville received one bid 8/20/15 from Samuel T. Veals for \$2,500. Commissioner Glover motioned to accept the bid. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

712 E. 7th St, Jeffersonville received one bid 8/24/15 from Margaret Hults for \$500. Commissioner Glover motioned to accept the bid. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

D. Attorney Glickfield presented the ordinance 23-2015, A Ordinance Altering The Speed Limit for A Certain Section Of County Road 403. Commissioner Stephenson motioned to approve the Ordinance 23-2015. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0. Brian Dixon stated that the Ordinance has to be published for 90 days before a sign can go up in that area.

E. Attorney Glickfield presented the Plan Commission amendment to a zoning ordinance. This would be regarding the definition of a kennel. The previous definition reads 4 or more animals and they want to amend it to read 7 and above dogs. Commissioner Glover talked about this definition and he doesn't agree with it. Commissioner Coffman says that this was originally established for a person that has a problem with their next door neighbor's uncontrolled animals. There was a discussion about what should define a kennel and what would happen if they didn't do anything at this time. Commissioner Coffman motioned to table the ordinance. There was no second. Motion died for lack of a second.

F. Matters tabled from prior meeting: None

G. Sheriff Noel presented an issue with the new phone system not compatible with the sheriff's department's recorded lines. He asks that the county update the system. He has received a quote of \$13,000.00 from Orion. Commissioner Stephenson motioned to approve and pay out of IT fund for the update of the phones contingent upon funds being available and approval of the additional appropriation by the Council. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Next, Sheriff Noel presented information regarding privately owned businesses that will offer programs for people that have been released from jail for places to work and live.

H. Auditor Snelling submitted the monthly clerk's report. Commissioner Glover motioned to enter the monthly report into the record. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

I. Attorney Glickfield requested an approval of up to \$6,000.00 to hire a temp paralegal to fill a position that has an employee on FMLA. The temp agency is the Talis Group. Commissioner Jack asked if anyone can go there and fill out an application. There was a discussion about procedure for this. Commission Glover motioned to approve up to \$6,000.00 for a 12 week time period for a paralegal while the employee is on leave. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

J. Officeholder/Department Heads Present at Meeting: None

K. Ratifications and Approvals: None

L. Appointments: None

II. Technical Agenda:

A. Matters tabled from prior meeting: None

B. Brian Dixon reported that Bean Road will be abandoned and taken over by Sellersburg. They want to put a gate at the end of the property. Brian Dixon stated that you can't put a gate on public property so they are going to take it over and as a private road, they can put a gate up.

Next, Brian Dixon suggested an executive session to discuss the sign inventory process. This would not need any action taken at that time. They set the date for Wednesday, September 30 at 9:00 am.

Next, Brian Dixon stated that Mac Construction got approval to go ahead with the project from INDOT for Star Hill Road. There are still a lot of things to be done. The CRI left additional jobs that weren't conveyed until now. The federal government stepped in and said that the original contractor should not do both. Brian stated that the Lochmueller Group has been doing the work so they will finish the additional work. Their quote to finish was a max of \$147,000.00.

Next, Brian Dixon presented the High Jackson road project and Charlestown has agreed to buy the pipe for repair project. Brian Dixon, Commissioner Coffman and Jim discussed the purchase of 4 pipes, that Charlestown wanted to buy, but the

County wants just one big culvert. They went back to Charlestown with a different proposal.

Next, Brian Dixon stated that they are working on two different projects:

1. Putting a light at the intersection of S. R. 403 and Commerce Park.

2. He is talking so someone regarding a grant for work on some of the railroad crossings throughout the county.

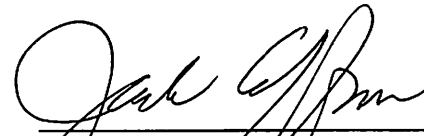
III. Public Comments:

Doug Walters, lives on High Jackson Rd., had a question about the EGIS system. He specifically wants to know about when it will be updated. Commissioner Coffman asked that he send him an email and he will take it to the next GIS meeting.

Commissioner Glover motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Stephenson 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 thereby certified that no subject matter was discussed therein, except that posted in the notice for sessions or meeting (IC-5-14-1.5-6).

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA



JACK COFFMAN, PRESIDENT

Absent

RICK STEPHENSON,
VICE-PRESIDENT



BRYAN GLOVER, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY 10-8-15

ATTEST: R. Monty Snelling

R. MONTY SNELLING, CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR