

**REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY INDIANA
DECEMBER 16, 2004**

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on December 16, 2004 in Room 308, City-County Building, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were County Commissioners Vicky Kent Haire, David Lewis, Raymond Parker, County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas, County Attorney Scott Lewis, County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas, Secretary/Administrative Assistant Pam Smith, and Deputy Auditor Theresa James. All references to "Commissioner Lewis" refer to David Lewis. All references to "Mr. Lewis" refer to Scott Lewis. Commissioner Lewis and Mr. Lewis are not related.

The minutes for the meetings of October 21, 2004, November 5, 2004, November 18, 2004 and December 6, 2004 were sent to County Attorney Scott Lewis and each of the Commissioners for their review prior to the meeting. In the first order of business a motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve and sign the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0.

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 Lewis to approve the payroll claims as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas presented a letter for the record informing the Commissioners that the final payment for the **Jeffersonville Clark County Building Authority** for 2004 is due on December 20, 2004. County Auditor Haas stated for the record that, had the tax billing and distribution been completed on time, she believed the fund would have the necessary balance to write the check. With approval from County Attorney Scott Lewis, Commissioner Lewis made a motion to instruct Auditor Haas to issue the check and overdraw the cash balance with the understanding that this is cash flow problem. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0.

The Treasurer's monthly report was submitted for the record.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to pay **Crowe Chizek and Company LLC** four thousand sixty dollars (\$4,060.00) for professional services to be paid out of Donation Fund B. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0.

Clark County Employee Insurance Agent of Record **Edward Culpepper Cooper** appeared before the Board with a formal written request to transfer the current agent of record status from Edward Culpepper Cooper of Culpepper Group, Inc. for the property casualty and workers compensation to Beth Hall of Maverick Insurance, LLC. and the employee benefits be transferred to Keith Fetz of Maverick Insurance, LLC. Mr. Cooper stated that these changes would not affect the employee's voluntary insurance policies. Commissioner Parker made a motion to approve the changes as stated in the letter presented with the request. The motion was seconded by Lewis and passed 3-0. (See a copy of the letter attached.)

Clark County Employee Insurance Agent of Record **Edward Culpepper Cooper** reported that Humana has agreed to offer dual policy choices for the employees at renewal time.

Jill Saegesser and Melissa Woods were next on the agenda but did not appear at the meeting.

Clark Superior Court # 2 Judge Blau appeared before the Board with an update on **Resolution No.5-2004 (A Resolution Authorizing the Use of Funds to Pay for Various Required Costs in Connection With Evening and/or Weekend Pre-Trial Court Hearings)**. Judge Blau reported that she had utilized the funds by scheduling court on Tuesday nights and seventeen prisoners have been moved out of the jail which saved the County a minimum of thirty days for each prisoner at thirty five dollars per day. Based on this information, Judge Blau made a request for the Board to declare an emergency and expend money from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund to hire a new probation officer and a court reporter. Judge Blau stated that she had been advised by County Attorney Scott Lewis that the Board of Commissioners could not hire employees. With this understanding, Judge Blau asked the Board to set aside the remaining funds for use in 2005. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to establish a fund that does not require appropriation, to be used by the Courts, to alleviate jail overcrowding and instructed County Attorney Scott Lewis to prepare an ordinance as such for the Boards approval at their next meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0.

At the request of Michael & Lisa Clapp, and the approval of County Engineer Hyun Lee, Commissioner Parker made a motion to approve four way stop signs at the intersection of Clapp Road and New Market Road as well as the intersection of Michigan Road and Fry Road. Mr. & Mrs. Clapp presented a petition with one hundred thirty seven signatures supporting the four way stops. The Board instructed County Attorney Scott Lewis to prepare a formal ordinance to be approved at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0.

Mr. Jay Ellis, Jeffersonville Main Street, appeared before the Board to discuss some of Clark County's planning issues.

County Engineer Hyun Lee reported to the Board that Perry Crossing Road Project # STP-9910(021) is completed and recommended approval of the Indiana Department of Transportation Report of Contract Final Inspection and Recommendation for Acceptance. Commissioner Parker made a motion to approve and sign the report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0.

At the recommendation of County Engineer Hyun Lee and approval by County Attorney Scott Lewis, Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve and sign Supplemental Agreement No.1 with Bernardin, Lockmueller & Associates, Inc. to prepare all design engineering services for the upgrade of Phase II Perry Crossing Road. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0.

Upon the recommendation of County Engineer Hyun Lee, Commissioner Parker made a motion to accept **Sterling Oaks Subdivision Section 1 & 2** to the Clark County Highway System. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0.

County Engineer Hyun Lee gave each of the Commissioners a list of the names and addressees of the companies who submitted proposals on the St. John Road Project and asked that they choose which one to contract with. Commissioner Parker made a motion to contract with Beam Longest & Neff, LLC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0.

County Engineer Hyun Lee informed the Board that he received a request from Fred Burns to step down from his position as supervisor in district two to highway operator in district one and a request from Jim Ross to step down from his position as supervisor in district one to highway operator in district one. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the transfer as presented by Mr. Lee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA

VICKY KENT HAIRE, PRESIDENT

RAMOND PARKER, MEMBER

DAVID LEWIS, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY

ATTEST:

BARBARA BRATCHER HAAS
CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR