

REGULAR MEETING
CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 9th 2022

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on June 9th, 2022, at 5 p.m. in Meeting Chambers, Room 103, Clark County Government Center, in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Glover and the prayer was led by Jack Coffman.

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Sellers made a motion to approve the May 26th, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. Commissioner Coffman 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:

Carolyn King of Clark County Cares addressed the Commissioners regarding the Syringe Program Renewal, which began in 2017. She lost a granddaughter in 2015, and if the program had been available, maybe her granddaughter would still be here. She thanked the Commissioners for their support and starting the program in 2016-2017. She also thanked the Health

Department for professionally handling the program, with the results being that overdoses are down. She requested for the Commissioners approval and continued support.

Barbara Anderson, Executive Director of Haven Houses, also spoke on behalf of Clark County Cares. The first person they reached out to was Dr. Burke, who was with the Health Department at that time. He agreed the service was needed, and we probably lost 97 Clark Countians to drug overdoses that year. Gradually, every year, because of the needle exchange, the number of overdose deaths has declined. In the beginning there were only 3 providers. Now there are over 20 service providers. She encouraged the Commissioners to promote, vote to support, and approve continuation of the needle exchange program.

II. New Business

A. Dr. Eric Yazel of the Clark County Health Department presented the Syringe Program Renewal. Dr. Yazel provided highlights for the past year: 688 participants; 1,663 visits; return rate of 109% (5,000 syringes off the street); 952 HIV tests; 334 Hepatitis C (HEP C) tests; diagnosed 1 HIV case and 78 HEP C. Dr. Yazel said early diagnosis and earlier treatment, provided an estimated savings of \$2 million. Although some will say we are enabling those with addictions, we are enabling these patients access to the health care system. The Syringe Service Program is not simply a needle exchange. The County's number of overdoses has returned to pre-pandemic levels of 55-60 annually. The program does not require county funding, and is funded by the State of Indiana grant funds. Dr. Yazel believes that Clark County is among those applicants with favored status. He encouraged the Commissioners continued support, and welcomed any questions. Commissioner Glover asked how Clark County compares to other counties in the State, with a 109% return rate. Dr. Yazel responded this was Clark County's first time to exceed 100%. However, there are other counties which have exceeded 100%.

Commissioner Glover said that with the diagnosis of 1 HIV and 78 HEP C cases, which has the higher treatment cost, as he has heard HIV treatments can cost in excess of \$30,000. Dr. Yazel said the successful treatment for HEP C can also exceed \$30,000. However, the State of Indiana is getting more enrolled in Medicaid and engaged in treatments. Commissioner Coffman asked if the needle exchange rate from 89% in 2020 to 109% in 2021 could be attributed to better facilities. Dr. Yazel responded, absolutely. The new

facilities provide an air of professionalism, easier access, and helps with return rates and engagement of services. Commissioner Sellers said she was impressed that 54% of participants are also involved in treatment programs. This likely would not have occurred without the needle exchange program, where they receive contact information for various programs that are available. Commissioner Coffman motioned to approve the two-year Syringe Program Renewal. Attorney Lewis stated the time frame would be July 23, 2022 through July 23, 2024. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

B. Attorney Lewis presented SRI Master Services Agreement and Tax Sale Support Services Addendum, which technically is two agreements for one service. The Master Services Agreement describes the general scope of services for a one-year period. The Addendum identifies specific services, which in this case is the 2022 calendar year Tax Sale. No county tax dollars are involved, as the purchaser pays any fees. Commissioner Sellers motioned to approve the SRI Master Services Agreement and Tax Sale Support Services Addendum as presented. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

C. Attorney Lewis presented the Christopher B. Burke Engineering Proposal for Stormwater/Drainage/MS4 Ordinance Updates, in the not to exceed amount of \$13,000. In 2022 the State of Indiana is changing the technical standards; and procedures and coordinations between different entities involved, such as, drainage board, surveyor and county engineer. The proposal would streamline the processes and update ordinances. The current ordinances are probably 20 years old. Commissioner Sellers motioned to approve the Christopher B. Burke Engineering Proposal, not to exceed \$13,000, as presented. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

D. Attorney Lewis presented the Cybertek – Upgraded Viper unit and annual subscription for the Judicial Center (Court Avenue). The proposal was just received and was for the Judicial Center only, in the amount of \$10,835, which includes a one-year subscription. The subscription for year two and three would be approximately \$9,000 each year. However, according to Pamela Armstrong, the current subscription is \$1,800 per year. The quote implies that its' acceptance is a commitment to three years of service. Commissioner Coffman said there were so many unknown variables, and items which need clarification, he motioned to table the Cybertek – Upgraded Viper quote, in

order to obtain additional information and clarification. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

III. Old Business:

A. Bid Opening for Landfill West Perimeter Piping Project was next on the agenda. Commissioner Glover said there are still questions from perspective bidders. Project Engineers, JTL, suggested we extend the bid for another two weeks. In the meantime, JTL will hold a second pre-bid meeting to clarify certain factors. Commissioner Coffman made a motion to extend the Bid Opening for Landfill West Perimeter Piping Project for another two weeks, per advice of JTL, and hold second pre-bid meeting to clarify certain factors. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

IV. Reports - Officeholder/Department Heads Present at Meeting

A. Auditor: None

B. Attorney: None.

C. Highway Department:

Brian Dixon, County Engineer, had a couple of items to present.

- 1) First was quotes for work in the Memphis Truck Stop area. He had requested three quotes and received two. Wingham Paving in the amount of \$85,000, and Libs Paving in the amount of \$88,688. He said the quotes could be taken under advisement for the next meeting. However, he had estimated the project between \$85,000 and \$90,000. Thus, the quotes were within range. Commissioner Glover asked about the specifics of the project. Mr. Dixon said the stretch was approximately 720 to 750 feet in length, and 50 feet wide on Blue Lick Road, in front of Loves, with 2" asphalt and filling low spots. The quote allows for 30 days to complete. It was estimated to be a two-day project, with one day for each side. Attorney Lewis said quotes versus sealed bids were permitted as the estimate had been under \$100,000, and three quotes were requested. Attorney Lewis asked who the third company was. Mr. Dixon responded MAC Construction, who acknowledged receipt of the request, but

did not respond. After discussion of funding sources, TIF or LRS, the Commissioners selected LRS funds. Commissioner Coffman motioned to award the quote to Wingham Paving in the amount of \$88,000, for the Blue Lick Road repairs, charged to LRS funds, as described in the quote. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

- 2) The County Engineer presented a proposed agreement with Traffic Logics, which provides cloud services for tracking the actual locations of the county's four radar detecting signs. The charge would be \$450 per year, per sign, a total of \$1,800. No batteries required, as they are solar powered. He said the signs were quite effective in reducing, or completely eliminating, the number of speeding complaints received in the areas of their location; for example, Highway 160 closer to Charlestown. Mr. Dixon said the signs could be relocated to other hot spots, per request, without too much difficulty. Commissioner Glover said the County may want to relocate the radar signs monthly, or thereabouts, as they probably are less effective over the long haul. Commissioner Sellers motioned to accept the proposal from Traffic Logics, in the total amount of \$1,800, as presented. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
- 3) The County Engineer advised the Commissioners that the County received an Administrative Order from INDOT concerning the upgrading of signs and markings at eight railroad crossings in the County. The railroad company is responsible for upgrades within its railroad right-of-way and the County is only responsible for upgrades outside the railroad's right-of-way.
- 4) The County Engineer discussed whether the Drainage Board is to continue the erosion sediment control inspections and reports. The County Attorney advised that pursuant to existing County ordinances, the Drainage Board is responsible for erosion sediment control matters.

D. Sheriff: The current jail population is Not reported.

E. Elected Officials:

Commissioner Sellers said she had contacted Susan Popp, Clark County Clerk, because she had received a voting machine pamphlet from Susan. Attorney Lewis said we can't really rely upon a pamphlet

to determine specifications. The Clerk needs to provide a want/needs list to develop technical specifications for the voting machines.

Commissioner Coffman attended an INDOT annual meeting at the Seymour District office yesterday. The meeting was for Mayors and Commissioners, and provided updates on projects that INDOT is doing in their county. He will ask Pamela, Commissioners' Assistant, to scan and send it out to the other Commissioners.

Commissioner Glover said there was a meeting scheduled for June 15th for Capital Projects on the Books for Clark County, and the area. Commissioner Coffman said he would be in attendance.

V. Other Business: None

VI. Adjournment

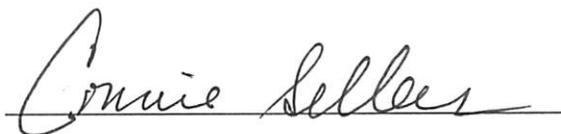
Commissioner Sellers motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

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).

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA



BRYAN GLOVER, PRESIDENT



CONNIE SELLERS, VICE PRESIDENT



JACK COFFMAN, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY June 23, 2023

ATTEST: Danny Yost

DANNY YOST, CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR