

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

#### **July 27, 2011 – SPECIAL MEETING**

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Special Session regarding Ordinance No. 18-2011 An Ordinance Increasing the Tax Rate of The Clark County Cumulative Capital Development Fund, Subject to Approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance on July 27, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 404, of the Clark County Government Building, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners – Ed Meyer, Les Young, County Auditor R. Monty Snelling, County Attorney, Greg Fifer, Commissioner Secretary Kristi James, and Payroll Clerk, Mischell Settles.

#### **Public Comments**

**Ronald Smith**, 3310 Holman Lane, Jeffersonville appeared before the Board to ask how the additional money will be spent.

**Larry Graebe**, 19412 Charlestown-Bethlehem Rd, New Washington appeared before the Board to ask if a clause could be added to the Ordinance 18-2011 that states money will go toward employee benefits.

**Doug Field**, 12920 Columbus Mahn Rd, Memphis appeared before the Board to speak in opposition.

**Orvis Bender**, 5 Lakeview Dr, Clarksville appeared before the Board to ask for clarification on what decisions fall under County Council what falls under and County Commissioners.

**Ed Hack**, 2410 Logan Lane, Jeffersonville appeared before the Board to ask about cutting Clark County Sheriff's department take home vehicles out of the budget.

**Robin Meland**, 505 Webster Blvd, Jeffersonville appeared before the Board to speak in opposition.

**Sandra Scott**, 201 Meadow Dr, Sellersburg appeared before the Board to speak in opposition.

**Kelly Khuri**, 4819 Salem Noble Rd, Jeffersonville appeared before the Board to speak in opposition.

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Commissioner Meyer stated the increase would be \$1.00-\$1.25 per month. He also stated employees have been asked to take cuts. He stated last year the Cum Cap Fund help fund employee health insurance because the Rainy Day Fund was exhausted. He stated the jail takes 9.5 million dollars to run and the County pays for half of Juvenile Detention with the other half coming from grant funding.

Commissioner Meyer stated DLGF cut the budget. He said if the proposed budgets versus the approved budget show there isn't any money. He said the Cum Cap increase will not help this year. This year he stated the County will have layoffs.

Commissioner Young stated he does not want to exhaust EDIT and Cum Cap Funds for make up for the 2.8 million dollar short fall. He said the Maximum Tax Levy appeal is approved he wouldn't be opposed to bringing the tax rate back down.

Attorney Fifer had a letter from Commissioner Moore to be entered into record. The letter read as follows:

“My position on this matter has not changed since we first voted on it last week. Even though I can't be there to cast a final vote today, I stand firm on my position that I am absolutely opposed to saddling the residents of Clark County with higher taxes when the County has other avenues it can explore to get through these hard times.

My hope is that, since last week, the other two Commissioners have had a chance to think about this and have changed their minds and decided to do their job which is to look out for the citizens of Clark County. The County Council has laid out a difficult, but pretty logical, plan to resolve the County's financial issues. I think we should support them in doing the job the people elected them to do and let them try to work this out. I realize some of the cuts they are proposing will be difficult. But the decision to pass higher taxes onto residents in the County who are already struggling should be an absolute last resort and we aren't at that point yet. As the executives in the County, the Commissioners should set an example for others to follow. Raising taxes so we can pad our own checkbook and make our jobs easier is not the example we should be setting. The message we should be sending is that we are in this with everyone else, we aren't going to ask anyone else to make sacrifices if we aren't willing to make them ourselves and that we support the Council's work to make the most of a difficult situation.”

Commissioner Young made motion to approve Ordinance 18-2011. Commissioner Meyer seconded. Motion approved 2-0.

**Edward Culpepper Cooper**, with Maverick Insurance appeared before the Board to present quotes for Property & Casualty and Worker's Compensation Insurance. A renewal quote from Burnham & Flowers Houston Casualty was submitted for \$339,850.00. Quotes from Bliss McKnight were as follows: Quote I \$355,273.00, Quote II \$316,729.00, Quote III \$370,519.00, Quote IV \$329, 683.00. Commissioner Meyer made motion to approve Quote II in the amount of \$316,729.00. Commissioner Young seconded. Motion approved 2-0.

Mr. Culpepper Cooper presented Worker's Compensation a renewal quote from I.P.E.P. for \$292,880.00. A quote from Bliss McKnight in the amount of \$291,586.00 was also submitted. Commissioner Meyer made motion to approve the quote from Bliss McKnight in the amount of \$291,586.00.

Commissioner Young made motion to adjourn. Commissioner Meyer seconded. Motion approved 2-0.

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

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EDWARD MEYER, PRESIDENT

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MIKE MOORE, MEMBER

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LES YOUNG, VICE-PRESIDENT

SIGNED THIS DAY \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

R. MONTY SNELLING, CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR