

REGULAR MEETING

CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 26th, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on October 26th, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in Room 103, Clark County Government Building, in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by County Attorney R. Scott Lewis. Prayer was led by Commissioner Jack Coffman.

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Sellers made a motion to approve the October 12th, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Auditor Assistant Trey Brison presented the claims and payroll for October 26th, 2023. Commissioner Sellers motioned to approve the claims and payroll. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Commissioner Glover asked for any amendments to the agenda. There were no amendments to the agenda. County Attorney R. Scott Lewis just wanted to note that there is a bid opening that will be awarded under old business. Commissioner Coffman made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

I. Public Comments:

Bryan Glover spoke on the solar farms throughout Clark County. “There is this idea that you can disallow something into the county or municipality. That is something you absolutely cannot do. With that being said, you can put restrictions and regulations on to those things that want to enter the county or municipality. Secondly, the passing of the UDO allowed the County to set more restrictions on the solar farms. The Planning & Zoning board worked hard to find restrictions and

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regulations that protected the nearby land owners and those who entered into leases. Planning & Zoning developed five pages of guidelines for those solar farms that want to enter Clark County.”

Christine Horsely from Marysville is a part of the group of a few hundred people against the solar farm project. “I live 0.5 miles from where the project is going. Our concern is with the clause of the contract that there were different dangers that they had admitted to. We have been researching as a community to see a lot of the horror stories that are going on with these projects. I can’t believe that the farmers even knew what they were getting into. In Spencer County, we have seen that many farmers have been preyed on by these LLC’s. They have not paid the contractors that have come out and installed things so they are going after the farmers by placing liens to recoup their money. Residents by these projects will be affected. The drinking water is going to be impacted by the chemicals given off by the panels when they bust.”

County Attorney R. Scott Lewis stated “As a County, we cannot give legal advice or review a contract. The best we can do is to tell them to hire an attorney before they sign anything.”

Christine Horsely’s rebuttal was “Mr. Brooks had been approached by one of these companies and he read straight from their contract that dangers were admitted. Supposedly 1.2 miles is the closest that they should be towards any residential homes. A solution could be to restrict how close these projects could be near residential homes. I’m worried about the surrounding environment including wild animals.”

Bryan Glover ended the public comment by saying “We are as hesitant as you are. We have to operate under the law which we cannot disallow them but we can set regulations and restrictions under the law to help. I talked to numerous people on the phone and they felt much more comfortable getting clarification on this issue.”

II. New Business:

- A.** Wayne from Assured Partners presented the Assured Partners – Health Insurance Proposal. The core benefits are exactly the same. The 3rd party administrator was Anthem. Reinsurance is with Berkely. Prescription benefit manager is TruRx. Dental and Vision will be with Anthem. We matched the current dental rates and the vision are slightly under the current rates at 1.26%. The dental rates are guaranteed for two years and the vision is guaranteed for three years. Life and Disability stay with the current carries with no change. The group Medicare plan on January 1st will switch to Anthem. Motion by Commissioner Coffman to approve the Health Insurance Proposal by Assured Partners with the 3rd party administrator as Anthem, the Reinsurance carrier to be Berkely, the pharmacy benefit manager to be TrueRx, the Dental rates will stay the same for a two year period and the vision will be at a lower rate of 1.26% for three years, the Life and Disability will stay the same, there is no change to the employee contribution, the group Medicare plan will switch to Anthem at the beginning of the new coverage year, the coverage year will start January 1, 2024, and to allow Commissioner President Glover to sign all of the implementation documents. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.
- B.** Commissioner Glover presented Rezoning Ordinance No. 18-2023. This is Plan Commission Resolution 18-2023. Rezoning at 3807 Halls Corner Rd, Underwood IN. Bryan Glover opened a public hearing. There were no comments. Bryan Glover closed the public hearing. It is being changed from split AG-R1 to All-AG. Motion by Commissioner Coffman to approve the Rezoning Ordinance No. 18-2023 from AG-R1 to All-AG on a favorable recommendation from the Clark County Plan Commission. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.
- C.** Commissioner Glover presented Rezoning Ordinance No. 19-2023. This is Plan Commission Resolution 19-2023. Bryan Glover opened a public hearing. Jason from Paul Primavera & Associates is requesting a zoning change from AG to R1. The request is for development of a residential single-family home. Bryan Glover closed a public hearing. Motion by Commissioner Sellers to approve the Rezoning Ordinance No. 19-2023 from AG to R1 on a favorable recommendation from the Clark County Plan Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Coffman. Motion approved 3-0.

- D.** County Attorney R. Scott Lewis presented the M & M Office Products Sales Agreement for the Assessor's Office. This is a sales agreement to be able to purchase a copier machine for the Assessor's office. The total price for the copier is \$4,995. Motion by Commissioner Sellers to approve the M & M Office Products Sales Agreement for the Assessor's Office in the amount of \$4,995. Commissioner Coffman Seconded. Motion approved 3-0.
- E.** County Attorney R. Scott Lewis presented the United Consulting Supplemental Agreement No. 1 – Replacement of Bridge No. 400. The supplemental agreement is increasing by \$5,500. Motion by Commissioner Coffman to approve the United Consulting Supplemental Agreement No. 1 – Replacement of Bridge No. 400 in the amount of \$5,500. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.
- F.** County Attorney R. Scott Lewis presented the Transfer of Opioid Settlement Restricted Funds to Opioid Settlement State Matching Grant Fund. The Opioid Restriction Settlement fund number is 1237. The County authorized matching funds for Family Ark in the amount of \$181,000, Clark County Health Department in the amount of \$150,000, and to Thrive in the amount of \$87,163. Total amount of \$418,163. The state has accepted the grant agreement and has awarded their matching fund for the Clark County Health Department. At the last meeting in September, the County created fund 9216 which is the State required matching grant fund. Motion by Commissioner Sellers made a motion to approve the transfer of funds from 1237 to 9216 in the amount of \$418,163. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.
- G.** Commissioner Glover presented the Approval of the 2024 Commissioners' Meeting Dates. Motion by Commissioner Coffman to approve the 2024 Commissioners' Meeting Dates with a special note that the July 3rd, 2024 meeting will be held on Wednesday at 1pm. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.
- H.** Commissioner Glover presented the Approval of the 2024 Payroll Schedule. Sabrina Corbin had pointed out that the pay date on Christmas day will not

work because the Banks are closed. She suggested that the date should be changed to Christmas Eve on that Tuesday before. Commissioner Coffman made a motion to approve the 2024 Payroll Schedule with the exception that the December 25th Payroll date will be changed to December 24th. Seconded by Commissioner Sellers. Motion approved 3-0.

III. Old Business:

- A. County Engineer Brian Dixon Bid Award – Bridge 24 – Hebron Church Road.** Temple & Temple was the low bid with \$169,970.50. Brian Dixon is recommending Temple & Temple. Motion by Commissioner Coffman to award the Bid for Bridge 24 – Hebron Church Road to Temple & Temple in the amount of \$169,970.50. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

IV. Reports:

- A. Auditor:** Trey Brison had noted that Danny Yost and members of his office were at the Indiana Auditors' Association Fall Conference and that it is going well. Danny will be back for the next Commissioners' meeting.
- B. Attorney:** None.
- C. Highway Department:** None.
- D. Sheriff:** The current jail population is 485, 51 are Federal inmates.
- E. Elected Officials & Department Heads:** None.

V. Other Business: None.

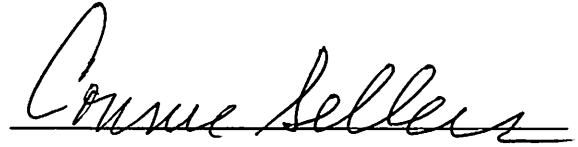
VI. Public Comments: None.

VII. Adjournment: Commissioner Glover entertained the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sellers motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

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BRYAN GLOVER, PRESIDENT

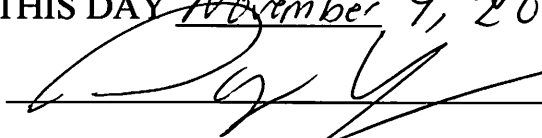


CONNIE SELLERS, VICE PRESIDENT



JACK COFFMAN, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY November 9, 2023

ATTEST: 

DANNY YOST, CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR