

REGULAR MEETING
CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 29th, 2024

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on August 29th, 2024, 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, Auditor Danny Yost and Commissioners’ Assistant Sabrina Corbin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bryan Glover. Prayer was led by Jack Coffman.

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Sellers made a motion to approve the August 15th, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Danny Yost presented the claims and payroll for August 29th, 2024. Commissioner Coffman motioned to approve the claims and payroll. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Commissioner Glover asked for any amendments to the agenda. There was one amendment. Moving Item A of Old Business to Item A of New Business. Motion by Commissioner Sellers to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

I. Public Comments:

Jeff Corbett – “After we finished our layouts, we discovered that doing a conservation subdivision works well on our property. It leaves a lot of green space and gives us the density we wanted. At this time, we would like to withdraw our request of a Rezoning.”

William Frierbach – William was here to speak on an issue with properties. He provided several statements about an Alley and the inability of the County to maintain a road in County Inventory.

Bobby Windell – Bobby was here to speak on the Rezoning Ordinance. “Our community has had a lot of time invested into this. I wanted to thank you for enlightening us as a community. With us not having a municipality, it is important that we are involved in the future growth of our community. Mr. Corbett is meeting the needs of the seller. When we get serious of talking about a zoning change from AG to R-2, there haven’t been many that have been done on a two-hundred-acre scale. We must accept that these big subdivisions will happen. We hope that this is the beginning of the growth of Memphis-Henryville with our involvement. We can’t get a municipality set up soon. There is clarity on the intent. We appreciate you for hearing our concerns.” Bobby thanked the Commissioners for their time.

Bill Hawkins – Bill was here to speak on a Public Safety issue with Battery Energy Storage. “Solar utility sized fields will be here and there’s not much we can do about it. In Nabb, we have a battery energy storage site. It is a five-megawatt site. Duke says that they must do this to comply with green energy standards. These sites help buffer and provide a steady flow of energy to the utility company. These can be dangerous. On average, there is one of these energy storages burning per month worldwide. There are dangers involved here. They are lithium ion or lithium phosphate. When these batteries catch on fire, they release some terrible materials. There was one in Germany that burned in April this year and three fire fighters got injured. For the battery system to work, there must be fluoride compounds with lithium. When it is released from the fire, it combines with hydrogen and creates hydrogen fluoride gas. That is the base of hydrofluoric acid. It is impossible to contain because it eats through glass or ceramic. If you get it on your skin, it will seek out the calcium ions in your body and can cause significant health problems. The CDC says that it is an immediate threat to life.” Bill thanked the Commissioners for their time.

Kelly Khuri – Kelly was here to speak about the Utica Township Fire-Protection District and Solar. “The monthly meeting will be on September 4th, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. There will be updates given on the status of the district and the public is welcome. I enjoy coming to the Commissioners’ meetings and love to see members of our community involved. The Commissioners’ make decisions that affect the entire County. I hope that people will plan to show up here every other

Thursday. River Ridge has meetings on the first Monday of the month as well. Meta's development needs a lot of electricity and water resources. Canadian Solar has roots in China, and they will require a lot of resources as well. There is a lot of money within the River Ridge community here. I hope to see more people attend the River Ridge Meetings." Kelly thanked the Commissioners for their time.

II. New Business:

- A.** Commissioner Glover presented the request of the Rezoning Ordinance – Plan Commission Resolution 08-2024. The applicant has withdrawn his request and has requested it be denied. This is Ordinance 15-2024. Motion by Commissioner Sellers to deny the Rezoning Ordinance 15-2024. Seconded by Commissioner Coffman. Motion approved 3-0.
- B.** County Attorney R. Scott Lewis presented the Ordinance Establishing the Juvenile Diversion Grant Fund for Clark County Juvenile Detention. This is Ordinance 18-2024. Clark County Probation received a grant from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute in the amount of \$80,000.00. The grant fund will be established as 9159. Motion by Commissioner Coffman to approve Ordinance 18-2024 Establishing the Juvenile Diversion Grant Fund for Clark County Juvenile Detention. Seconded by Commissioner Sellers. Motion approved 3-0.
- C.** County Attorney R. Scott Lewis presented the Quotes for Speed Limit Electronic Message Warning Sign for the Highway Department. There were two quotes from Stalker Radar and All Traffic Solutions. All Traffic Solutions was the lowest quote. The cost of the purchase of one electronic sign is \$9,772.50. It will be added to the County's Insurance Asset List. Motion by Commissioner Coffman to approve the Quotes for Speed Limit Electronic Message Warning Sign for the Highway Department. Seconded by Commissioner Sellers. Motion approved 3-0.
- D.** County Attorney R. Scott Lewis presented the ESRI – Annual Subscription Request for Planning & Zoning and Auditor's Office. It is a 1-year term. The subscriptions for each office will cost \$550.00. Total cost is \$1,100.00. Motion by Commissioner Sellers to approve the ESRI – Annual Subscription Request for Planning & Zoning and Auditor's Office. Seconded by Commissioner Coffman. Motion approved 3-0.

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E. County Attorney R. Scott Lewis presented the Amendment to Heartland EMS Services Agreement. The Amendment will add three new ambulances to the service of Clark County. This brings the total number of ambulances to seven. The first invoice will be prorated to each day of service before the operation date being billed at \$4,193.55 per day and each date on and after the operation date will be billed as \$7,419.30 per day. The term ends on October 31st, 2024, and the Commissioners will reevaluate the contract to continue to provide EMS for the County after the term ends. Motion by Commissioner Sellers to approve the Amendment to Heartland EMS Services Agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Coffman. Motion approved 3-0.

III. Old Business: None.

IV. Reports:

A. Auditor: None.

B. Attorney: None.

C. Highway Department: Brian Dixon presented a Change Order for additional striping at the CR-403 / Salem Noble Road Intersection in the amount of \$9,975.00. Motion by Commissioner Coffman to approve the Change Order between Clark County and E&B Paving in the amount of \$9,975.00.

D. Sheriff: The current jail population is 459, 33 are Federal Inmates.

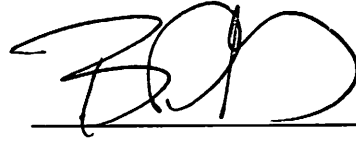
E. Elected Officials & Department Heads: None.

V. Other Business: None

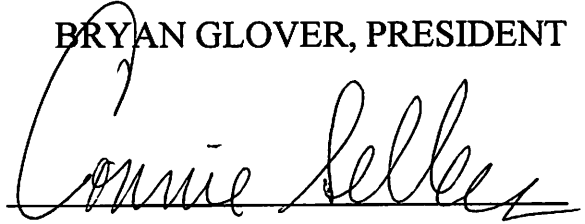
VI. Public Comments: None.

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

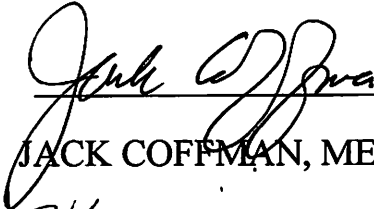
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BRYAN GLOVER, PRESIDENT

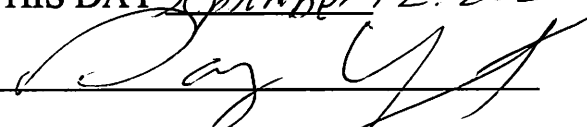


CONNIE SELLERS, VICE PRESIDENT



JACK COFFMAN, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY September 12, 2020

ATTEST: 

DANNY YOST, CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR