

**REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA
APRIL 26, 2001**

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on April 26, 2001 in Room 308, City County Building, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were County Commissioners Raymond Parker and David Lewis, Secretary/Administrative Assistant Pam Smith, County Attorney Scott Lewis, County Auditor Barbara Haas, and Deputy Auditors Margie Hommel and 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 regular meeting was called to order at 5:35 P.M. by Commissioner Parker.

In the first order of business a motion was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of April 2, 2001. The motion was carried 2-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve payroll claims. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 2-0.

The bids for the construction of County bridge #47 were opened and read by County Attorney Scott Lewis. The proof of publication was submitted for the record by Mrs. Barbara Haas, County Auditor. The bids were submitted as follows:

Erber and Milligan Construction Company Inc.	\$328,015.25
R.L. Vuckson Excavation, Inc.	\$259,303.84
C & H Excavating Co.	\$273,655.45
LL Brown Construction Co.	\$294,984.36
McAlister Excavating Co., Inc.	\$340,299.85

All bids included the proper bid bonds. A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to take the bids under advisement, subject the review of the County Engineer, and award them at the next meeting which will be May 10, 2001. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 2-0.

Mr. Don Miller, returned for his second presentation to the Board on behalf the **I-65 Institute**. Mr. Miller explained that the main initiative of this project is to have this corridor of I-65 from Mobile, Alabama to Chicago, Illinois designated a high priority corridor. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to become members of the I-65 Institute Group, a non profit organization, at the \$5,000.00 board member level membership. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 2-0.

Mr. Jeremy Mull appeared before the Board with a request for the approval of the Board to approve the appropriation of \$18,000.00 from the Indiana Drug Free Community Fund

to the **515 Drug Free Salary Fund**. This is a match for a federal grant to pay the salaries of **Mr. Carl Frazier** and himself. A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve and sign. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 2-0.

Mr. John Watkins, New Hope Services, Inc. appeared before the Board with an explanation that it was his intention at the time that he was put on the agenda to request \$3,000.00 in emergency funding for New Hope Services, Inc. for the month of May. Although at the last minute funding has been promised by the State of Indiana, it is questionable if it will be enough. A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to table this request until the first meeting in June to give them a chance to see if the funding will be enough. Mr. Watkins stated that he will keep the Board informed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 2-0.

The Board recognized Clark County Councilman Mr. John Uhl.

At the request of Mr. Hyun Lee, County Engineer, Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve and sign an **Agreement** between Clark County and **Bernardin Lochmueller and Associates, Inc.** for Consultant Services on the reconstruction of Perry Crossing Road from S.R. 60 and extending east for approximately 1.2 miles and ending approximately 0.3 miles East of the **Covered Bridge Road**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 2-0.

Mr. Hyun Lee, County Engineer, reported to the Board that he has researched in Kentucky and Southern Indiana about street numbers. The Board instructed Mr. Lee to move forward with the plan to put street numbers on new and replacement **street signs**. If there is a problem with the numbers in that area, they are to leave the numbers off so they will not cause confusion.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to authorize the preparation of a **Contract** or **Agreement** granting cities and towns in Clark County the option to purchase asphalt and supplies from **Gohmann Asphalt** at the Counties rate. This contract or agreement is subject to the approval of Gohmann Asphalt. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 2-0. Commissioner Parker instructed Mrs. Pam Smith, County Commissioners Secretary/Administrative Assistant, to inform Mrs. Ann Marie Galligan, Jeffersonville City Attorney, of the action that was taken at the meeting.

Mr. Joe Olson, County Health Insurance Agent, appeared before the Board in regard to the County's health insurance. Mr. Olson reported that for the eight month period ending January 31, 2001 the amount of claims paid by United Health Care exceeded \$1,180,000.00 and the monthly premiums paid by Clark County to **United Health Care** were approximately \$650,000.00. Because of this United Health Care is not willing to continue this plan at the current rate. Mr. Olson reported that there are two plans available to the County from United Health Care. Mr. Olson also reported that he has checked with other companies such as Humana, Anthem, Preferred Health. Mr. Olson reported that he called a meeting to form an insurance committee of people who were heads of the departments or people designated by the head of the department, which met

twice. When asked County Auditor Barbara Haas explained that this meeting was for discussion and that the members on this committee did not make a recommendation. The County provides \$220.00 for each employee in which \$3.74 is taken off the top for life insurance and \$216.26 is paid toward the employees health insurance. The Board instructed Mr. Olson to call a meeting for the employees and report back at the May 10, 2001 meeting.

County Attorney Scott Lewis reported that he recently attended a re-districting and re-precincting conference by the **Indiana Association of County Commissioners**. Indiana statute requires the County Commissioners to redraw the districts and precincts this year. The County has to wait for the State Legislators to finish their Congressional and State Senate re-districting before they can act. At this time, because of the delay at the State level, there isn't a projected time frame for them to be completed.

The Clerks monthly report was submitted for the record.

The Board authorized the Auditor to attach a memo to the County employees paycheck informing them of the employee meeting about health insurance with Mr. Joe Olson, County Health Care Agent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve the **State AIDS Substance Abuse Program Grant Agreement** for the Health Department in the amount of \$6,250.00. This does not require a match for the County. Mrs. Pam Smith, County Commissioners Secretary/Administrative Assistant, reported that this has been reviewed by Mr. Jim Kiser, Health Department Attorney. The motion was carried 2-0.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to appoint **Mr. Kelly Conn** to the **Solid Waste Management District** with the understanding that he may not accept because his duties at Clarksville have expanded. The term will begin April 26, 2001 and end December 31, 2001. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 2-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to appoint **Mr. Aaron Stallings** to the **River Hills Economic Development Board** for a term beginning April 26, 2001 and ending December 31, 2001. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 2-0.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to appoint **Ms. Tamsi Meuer** to the **Cemetery Commission** for a term beginning May 4, 2001 and ending May 3, 2006. The motion was carried 2-0.

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA**

**DENNIS HILL, PRESIDENT
RAYMOND PARKER, MEMBER
DAVID LEWIS, MEMBER**

SIGNED THIS DAY: MAY 24, 2001

ATTEST: BARBARA HAAS, CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR