

REGULAR MEETING

CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 6, 2009

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on August 6, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 404, Clark County Government Building, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners – Ed Meyer and Les Young, County Auditor, Keith Groth, County Attorney, Greg Fifer, Commissioner Secretary Kristi James, and Deputy Secretary from the Auditor’s Office, Shirley Bell. Commissioner Mike Moore was on vacation and absent from the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Auditor Keith Groth presented the minutes from the July 23, 2009 meeting for approval. Les Young made the motion to approve the minutes and Ed Meyer seconded. The motion was approved 2-0.

Amendment to the Agenda – None noted

Approval of Claims/Payroll

Auditor Keith Groth presented the payroll claims with all figures checked and verified as correct. Les Young made the motion to approve the payroll claims and Ed Meyer seconded. The motion was approved 2-0.

Public Comments

Barbara Swank Gallegos representing Maverick Insurance wanted to apologize to the Board for errors in insurance quotes presented July 23, 2009. This was due to human error and was not intentional in any way. The Board thanked Barbara for appearing.

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John Martin representing residents in Forrest Estates and Silver Glade Subdivisions concerning the drainage problems in these subdivisions. Mr. Martin expressed concern about the contractor bonds being released on these subdivisions and the constant flooding that is occurring over the roads. He presented photos showing the water problems. Les Young had spoken to Ken Alexander from the Town of Sellersburg and Bob Lynn, the builder of the Silver Glade subdivision about solutions.

Also speaking about the problem was, Don Compton, 712 Forrest Dr South, Patty Bowes, 825 N. Forrest Drive, Lynn Turner, 768 Forrest Dr South. Discussion was held on this problem and County Attorney Greg Fifer, who is also the Attorney for the County Drainage Board, explained what was done previously and what is being done now for developing property. Attorney Fifer explained the Board no longer has any say in these subdivisions because the Town of Sellersburg has annexed these and now has exclusive jurisdiction over these problems. Attorney Fifer said the Board will cooperate in any way they can. Attorney Fifer will contact Surveyor Blankenbeker and have him contact Greg Chancy to advise of any remedial actions identified by the developer.

Christina Gilkey – Assist Program

Christina Gilkey explained the Assist Program at Jeffersonville High School. This is the third year for the program Based on a state dropout rate of 32% and 82% will graduate if they are involved in this program. Ms Gilkey wanted the Board's permission to talk to the officeholders to get any volunteers for the program. 25% of those entering the freshman year increased their GPA's by the end of last year's school year.

Nexus Group, Inc Contract

Attorney Greg Fifer representing Assessor Vicky Haire presented an amendment to their contract that keeps them in line with DLGF (Department of Local Government and Finance). Les Young made the motion to accept the amendment and Ed Meyer seconded. The motion was approved 2-0.

Matters Tabled

Lifespring & Forensics Service Group

Ed Meyer had the Lifespring letter received after being contacted by Mike Moore asking them to reduce their services to \$150,000. The letter stated they were asking for \$161,732.44. Ed Meyer made the motion to pay this amount and Les Young seconded. The motion was approved 2-0 and will be sent to the County Council for approval with the funds coming from Rainy Day.

Ed Meyer stated that the new group, Forensics Service Group would be \$109,000 and they would like payment monthly. Ed Meyer made the motion to pay them for at least 5 months and Les Young seconded. The motion was approved 2-0.

Salem Noble Road Stop Light

Ed Meyer made a motion for a stop light at Salem Noble Road at a cost of \$185,000 to come from the Rainy Day Fund and Les Young seconded. The motion was approved 2-0.

Water Sewer District

Ed Meyer stated that three (3) nominations were needed for the Water/Sewer District. Ed Meyer nominated Ed Meyer, Les Young and Mike Vissing to fulfill the remaining terms beginning tomorrow. Les Young seconded and the motion was approved 2-0.

Ed Meyer made a motion to declare an emergency of \$50,000 to the Water/Sewer District in case they need this and Les Young seconded. The motion was approved 2-0.

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Ed Meyer stated that Ralph Guthrie, due to some personal issues, has submitted his resignation from the Tourism Board, so Ed Meyer made a motion to accept the resignation and appoint Jim Becker to fulfill his remaining term. Ed Meyer made the motion to approve and Les Young seconded. The motion was approved 2-0.

Ed Meyer just suggested that the officeholders should replace any printers they are replacing with Laser Printers as a cost-saving measure.

Sheriff's Business – None

Auditor's Report

Auditor Keith Groth presented the July 2009 Treasurer's Report for the record. Mr. Groth also gave the Board an update on the tax rates and the latest correspondence he has received.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Greg Fifer presented a letter of agreement to Hoosier Energy from Proliance Energy and the Board of Commissioners. Proliance Energy will advance \$150,000 to Hoosier Energy which will be repaid from gas sales. Proliance Energy will also contribute \$50,000 for upgrades which will not be repaid. Les Young made a motion to approve and Ed Meyer seconded the motion. The motion was approved 2-0.

Mr. Fifer had an update on Waterline Road and the removal of the old guardrail at a cost of \$6450. A spraying for ticks was also done according to Ed Meyer. Les Young made a motion to pay River Ridge the \$6450 and Ed Meyer seconded. The motion was approved 2-0.

Mr. Fifer gave a letter he sent to Jason Wooldridge removing him as a member of the Clark County Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Fifer stated a replacement needs to be appointed by September and the replacement should be a member of the Republican Party.

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5:00 pm

Clark County Memorial Hospital

Public Meeting – Discussion of Lease

At this time a public hearing was held for the lease of the hospital. Mr. Jacob McClellan, Attorney, was present representing the bond counsel. Ed Meyer asked if anyone was here in opposition. No one spoke, however, Mr. Brian Lenfert wanted to ask questions about the Angel Fund (indigent care fund). Martin Padgett, CEO, explained this fund and how it works.

Mr. McClellan stated he was there to offer any answers from his company about the lease. **Resolution 10-2009** was presented for signatures and approval. Public hearing was then closed. Ed Meyer made a motion to approve Resolution 10-2009 with plans and specs and Les Young seconded. The motion was approved 2-0. Note: Commissioner Mike Moore was not in attendance to vote or sign the Resolution 10-2009.

Execution of the Lease – Les Young made a motion to approve the Execution of the Lease and Ed Meyer seconded. The motion was approved 2-0 with Commissioner Mike Moore absent for vote and signature.

Highway Dept

Engineer Hyun Lee discussed Phase I and Phase II for full inspection and partial inspection of all bridges in the county every four (4) years. In 2010 a full inspection of the 130 bridges of 20' or more will be needed. Mr. Lee presented a proposal for approval. Les Young made the motion and Ed Meyer seconded. The motion was approved 2-0.

Mr. Lee presented a change order for the 403 Highway Garage. The project is finished with \$2,046 overrun of original cost. Les Young made the motion to approve and Ed Meyer seconded. The motion carried 2-0.

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Mr. Lee presented a letter from Blankenbeker & Son Land Surveyors for a route survey of Utica Pike Bridge over Lancassange Creek asking for approval for Blankenbeker and Son to do this survey for \$5,825.00. Ed Meyer made the motion to accept and Les Young seconded. The motion was approved 2-0.

Mr. Lee presented a letter from INDOT stating the county can proceed with Martinsburg Knob Road and Camp Creek Road. Martinsburg Road will cost \$180,000 and Camp Creek Road will cost \$170,000. INDOT needs the county approval for awarding bids on these roads. A motion to approve was made by Les Young and seconded by Ed Meyer. The motion was approved 2-0.

Mr. Lee has received an email from INDOT asking the County to prioritize the road projects listed from 1 to 5 being the most important with 1 being most important and 5 being least important. A letter (included) was sent to Steven Flores, INDOT Project Manager listing the order of priorities. Ed Meyer made the motion to approve this letter and Les Young seconded. The motion was approved 2-0.

Budget hearings will be held August 17 and discussion was held to appear at the hearing to ask for recovering the \$.01 for the Cum Bridge Fund that was eliminated by the County Council. Ed Meyer made the motion to have Attorney Fifer appear at the meeting to request this recovery that was eliminated and Les Young seconded. The motion was approved 2-0.

Les Young made a motion to adjourn and Ed Meyer seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

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).

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA

EDWARD MEYER, PRESIDENT

MIKE MOORE, VICE-PRESIDENT

LES YOUNG, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY _____

ATTEST: _____

KEITH D. GROTH, CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR

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