

REGULAR MEETING
CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 27th 2022

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on October 27th, 2022, at 5 p.m. in Meeting Chambers, Room 103, Clark County Government Center, in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners – Bryan Glover, Connie Sellers and Jack Coffman, County Attorney Scott Lewis, Commissioners Assistant Sabrina Corbin, and Tonna Prince, Deputy Auditor, in attendance on behalf of Danny Yost.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Glover and the prayer was led by Jack Coffman.

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Glover said first on the agenda was approval of the minutes for October 13th, 2022. Commissioner Coffman made a motion to approve the October 13th, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Auditor Danny Yost previously submitted the claims and payroll. Commissioner Coffman motioned to approve the claims and payroll, as presented by the Auditor. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Commissioner Glover asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. County Attorney Lewis said there was one amendment to add. Brian Dixon, County Engineer, has requested approval for the annual Notice to Bidders and Specifications, for Highway Department purchases, for items, such as gas, diesel, stone, etc., which will be good for the entire calendar year (2023). Commissioner Glover said this would be added under “New Business” as item “E”. Commissioner Coffman made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

I. Public Comment: None

II. New Business

- A. Resolution (6-2022) Ratifying the River Ridge Urban Enterprise Association Property Investment Deduction Agreement.** Wendy Dant Chesser, President of One Southern, addressed the Board. She was last before the Board in April, at which time Matt Hall, was retiring as Vice President and Director of Economic Development. Ms. Chesser introduced John Launius, his replacement, who will come on board full-time in January (2023). Ms. Chesser provided an over-view of how we have reached this point. She said that in 2019 the Indiana General Assembly set a priority of technology infrastructure, specifically, data centers. The potential investor expressed an interest in 2019. However, due to covid things went silent, and interest resurrected in late 2021. The potential investor has expressed interest in 619 acres in River Ridge, which be a one to three phase development; \$800 million to \$1 billion, and likely 50 employees with average annual pay of \$97,000. She said the earliest the investor would make a decision is the first quarter of 2023.

Ms. Chesser turned the floor over to Attorney Greg Fifer to discuss the particulars of the Resolution. Attorney Fifer said that before the State of Indiana adopted its tax incentives, Indiana was among the least five attractive states for a data center. However, now it among the top five. The tax incentives have created a major calling card for interested investors. The potential investor has visited the site with 15 interdisciplinary team members for a daylong meeting. They were very impressed with the area. The City of Jeffersonville has granted a personal tax exemption. The County is primarily involved because the Board of Commissioners created the Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) for River Ridge, and the property is a re-use of former military property. Another complication is that this development may occur in three phases, estimated at \$800 million to \$1 billion for each phase. In a nut shell, the Board is being asked to approve processing of these deductions as buildings are constructed, and value is added. County Attorney Lewis provided a summary of the general process, and the Board is involved for reasons previously stated. Discussions ensued.

Commissioner Sellers made a motion to approve Resolution 6-2022, as presented. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Commissioner Glover said the matter at hand is A Resolution Approving and Ratifying Certain Deductions Pursuant to the Terms of a Real Property Investment Deduction Agreement

Previously Approved by the Board of Directors of the River Ridge Urban Enterprise Association. Motion approved 3-0.

- B.** Wellness Credit Program Amendment was next. Karen Goodwell, Director of Human Resources presented the amendment. Ms. Goodwell said the only change was on page 2 of the Welcome to 2023-2024 Clark County Government Wellness Credit Program. Taking into consideration the county employee participant population, it was decided to amend the Wellness Program to include Participant in Weight Management program at BluMine Health Clinic (1 visit per month Jan-Mar 2023). Participants will receive 40 points upon completion, which will go toward qualifying points toward health premium rewards. Commissioner Glover said the Board only needs to approve the amendment. Ms. Goodwell said that was correct. Commissioner Coffman made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Wellness Credit Program, as amended. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.
- C.** 2023 County Holiday Schedule was presented by Ms. Goodwell. She said she generally waits for the State of Indiana approved Holiday schedule, and compares it to the previously County approved schedule. A discussion ensued. Commissioner Coffman made a motion to approve the 2023 Holiday schedule, as presented. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.
- D.** 2023 County Pay Schedule was presented by Ms. Goodwell. She said the proposed schedule was prepared by Jane DeMent, Payroll Deputy. Ms. Goodwell said she reviewed the schedule, and all is in order. Commissioner Sellers made a motion to approve the 2023 County Pay Schedule, as presented. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.
- E.** As per the Amended Agenda, Notice to Bidders was presented next. County Attorney Lewis said that annually, pursuant to Indiana State Law, annual bids are permitted for the purchase of material and supplies, versus project specific. Tonight, the Board needs to approve the Notice to Bidders and attached specifications for materials and supplies for 2023. Commissioner Sellers made a motion to approve the Notice to Bidders and Specifications for 2023 (1/1/2023 through 12/31/2023). Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

III. Old Business: None

IV. Reports - Officeholder/Department Heads Present at Meeting

A. Auditor: None

B. Attorney: None

C. Highway Department: None

D. Sheriff: The current jail population is 559. Actually, down per Major Thomas.

E. Elected Officials: Commissioner Coffman introduced Bart Metlock and Eddie Umbreit of Serenity House. He said a letter had been submitted to the Board regarding their hopes and dreams for Serenity, which has been placed on the Board Members desks. Commissioner Coffman thanked the gentlemen for their attendance. Commission Glover said Serenity House? Mr. Umbreit said the letter was sent electronically and hand delivered. Mr. Umbreit said it would be a half-way house for 48 men. They recently received a \$400,000 pledge from the Ogle Foundation, and are seeking additional funds for their project. He requested the Board to be so kind, and take a look at it.

V. Other Business: None

VI. Adjournment

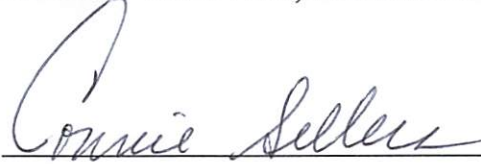
Commissioner Sellers motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

To the extent, the Board held an executive session of any type under (IC-5-14-1.5-6) or otherwise, the Board hereby certified that no subject matter was discussed therein, except that posted in the notice for sessions or meeting (IC-5-14-1.5-6).

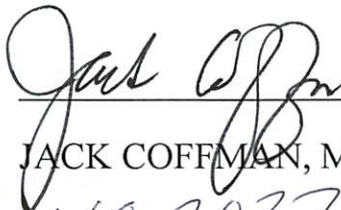
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BRYAN GLOVER, PRESIDENT

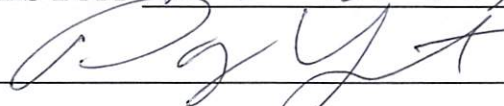


CONNIE SELLERS, VICE PRESIDENT



JACK COFFMAN, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY November 10, 2022

ATTEST: 

DANNY YOST, CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR