

**REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA  
MARCH 15, 2001**

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on March 15, 2001 in Room 308, City-County Building, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were County Commissioners Dennis Hill, Raymond Parker, and David Lewis, Secretary/Administrative Assistant Pam Smith, County Attorney Scott Lewis, 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 5:31 P.M. by President Dennis Hill.

In the first order of business a motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Lewis to approve the minutes from the prior meetings of February 15, 2001 and March 1, 2001. The motion was carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker to approve and sign payroll and accounts payable registers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0.

Mr. Steve Stewart, Clark County Prosecutor, appeared before the Board with a proposal for an ordinance to create an infraction user fee fund. Mr. Scott Lewis, County Attorney will review and report back to the Board.

Ms. Mary Kramer, K.D. Stearley Publications, appeared before the Board presenting the new Southern Indiana map. A motion was made by Commissioner Parker to purchase a full panel ad at the cost of Two Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Five dollars (\$2,995.00) which includes the setup and design. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and carried 3-0.

Ms. Linda Cody, Family Health Care Clinic, presented the Board with an update on their facility. A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to grant authorization to proceed with the plans for architecture and construction. The funding for this project will be provided by various grants and the matching funds will be covered by the Ogle Foundation. The property will remain in the name of the County until October 2004. Ms. Cody stated that the grant monies will come to the clinic instead of the Auditor's Office. Commissioner Parker seconded the motion and it was passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to take no action on Resolution 4-2001 Whispering Pines, LLC. which was tabled from the last meeting due to a request for withdrawal. County Attorney, Scott Lewis, reported that there is nothing in the Indiana Code or case law that prohibits Whispering Pines, LLC from withdrawing after the Resolution has been denied by the Clark County Planning Commission but before County

Commissioner's action. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and carried 3-0.

Judge Cile Blau appeared before the Board with a request for computer updates for Superior Court #2 in the amount of \$12,975.00. Judge Blau reported that she is planning to submit the request to the County Council from the general fund as well as the Cumulative Capital Development fund. President Hill suggested that the Board take the time to review and discuss this with the data board. No action was taken at this time.

Sheriff Becher appeared before the Board requesting the Board's support on an application for a Cops in Schools Grant. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to authorize President Hill sign and approve the application on behalf of the Commissioners. Commissioner Parker seconded the motion and it was carried 3-0.

At the request of Sheriff Becher a motion was made by Commissioner Parker to sign a policy application for inmate health insurance and to speak with Mr. Joe Olson, County Health Care Agent, about this matter. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0.

Sheriff Becher presented the Board with a draft of an ordinance to create a book-in fee of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) for inmates to cover the cost of insurance on the inmates. Sheriff Becher also submitted a second draft ordinance for a twenty five dollar tow-in fee on vehicles. The ordinance would also exempt stolen vehicles and vehicles of people who were not at fault, from the tow-in fee. President Hill instructed County Attorney, Scott Lewis to review these drafts and report back to the Board.

Mr. Jerry Larrison, Beam Longest and Neff, appeared before the Board with an update on Bridge #18. Mr. Larrison stated that fifty percent of the final plan is completed and ninety percent of the permits. Mr. Larrison informed the Board that Mr. Randy Smith formerly with Beam Longest and Neff has formed a new company called Plexis which works on the GIS system. Mr. Larrison reported that both the City of Jeffersonville and the Town of Clarksville have new aerial photography that they will give to the County. Mr. Larrison stated that he was going to suggest that Mr. Smith come to a future meeting of the Commissioner's to discuss this system.

County Attorney, Scott Lewis reported that he has been working on an Ordinance to address the problem of County Employees who do not have compensation coming paying their health insurance premiums timely. The Board decided to address this at a future meeting.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve Agreements with Bernardin, Lochmueller, and Associates, Inc. to replace bridge #46 on New Market Road and bridge #103 on Tunnel Mill Road. County Attorney, Scott Lewis reported that he reviewed the Agreements and was satisfied with them. Commissioner Parker seconded the motion and it was carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker to approve and have President Hill sign a Statement of the Basis for Just Compensation on bridge #136 parcels 1 & 2 Heil Road over Silver Creek in the amount of \$2,905.00. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion and it was carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to immediately suspend the practice of installing culverts and furnishing the rock and manpower for property not owned by the County and to amend Ordinance No. 11-1987 accordingly. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and carried 3-0.

Mr. Mike Whalen, Hinton Corby Insurance Agency, made a request to the Board to reconsider the Appointment of Mr. Edward Culpepper Cooper as exclusive Agent of Record for property and casualty coverage for Clark County Government. Mr. Whalen stated that he felt that he had a good record and he would like the opportunity to continue being the Agent of Record for the County. Commissioner Lewis stated that the agent of record status should not have been changed as is was and that he supported Mr. Whalen's request. Commissioner Lewis stated that he believes the insurance agent should not be changed without competitive bidding. President Hill suggested that the Board ask some questions, and get more information and take this under advisement.

County Attorney Scott Lewis submitted a correction for the record from the meeting of February 15, 2001 during the opening of the bids for reassessment. The bid by Appraisal Research was read aloud as \$934,400.00 instead of \$940,000.00, which was the correct amount of the bid.

Mr. Lewis submitted the Contract for Reassessment with Cole, Layer and Trumble for their signatures. The Contract was approved by the Board at the meeting of March 1, 2001. A motion was made by Commissioner Parker to approve the signing of the Contract. The motion was passed 3-0.

Mr. Lewis, County Attorney, submitted the Board and Sheriff Becher with a first draft of a Contract with Life Spring Mental Health Services. Mr. Lewis did not recommend signing at this time.

President Hill instructed County Attorney Scott Lewis to research the taxes due and outstanding sewer bills on the property at 1027 Watt Street, Jeffersonville. This property was sold on tax sale.

Commissioner Lewis reported that he spoke with Mr. David Trotter representing the 4-H Fair Board who informed him that when the old New Hope building was purchased by the County there was an agreement that the County would open a road at the fairground for emergency. President Hill reported that the previous County Attorney had the documentation. The Board instructed Mr. Lewis to follow through on this matter.

The Clerk and the Treasurer's monthly reports were submitted for the record.

Ms. Pam Smith, Secretary/Administrative Assistant reported that she was asked by County Auditor, Barbara Haas for clarification as to who should sign requests such as claims and additional appropriations submitted to the Auditor's Office from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. The Board instructed that said claims will be signed by The County Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to appoint Mr. Leon Stocksdale to the Wage Determination Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Parker to table the remaining appointments that were listed on the agenda which were:

Solid Waste Management District  
Tri-Township Fire Protection District - Mark Steele term expired  
Historic Hoosier Hills - Ralph Guthrie term expires 3-1-2001  
Borden Tri-County Regional Water District - Robert Ash resigned  
River Hills Economic Development - Bruce Elder declined appointment

The motion was carried unanimously.

President Hill announced that the meeting of March 29, 2001 will be changed to April 2, 2001 at 8:30 A.M.

There being no further business to come before the Board and on a motion made by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 P.M.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA**

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

**SIGNED: APRIL 12, 2001**

**ATTEST: BARBARA HAAS, CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR**