

**REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA
MAY 10, 2001**

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on May 10, 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, County Auditor Barbara Haas, and Deputy Auditor 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 5:30 P.M. by President Dennis Hill.

In the first order of business a motion was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve and sign the minutes from the meeting of April 12, 2001. The motion was carried 3-0.

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

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve payroll claims. Commissioner Parker seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker to approve the **2001 Drug Free Communities Fund Proposals** as submitted at the meeting of April 26, 2001. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0.

Mr. Hyun Lee, County Engineer, made a recommendation to award the bid for the construction of **bridge #47 to R.L. Vuckson Co., Inc.** County Attorney Scott Lewis stated that although they did not list their qualification when the bid was submitted, they have since provided them to Mr. Lee, County Engineer. Mr. Lewis made a recommendation that the bid be awarded to the lowest bidder which is R.L. Vuckson. A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to award the bid for the construction of bridge #47 to R.L. Vuckson Co., Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed unanimously.

Mr. Lee also made a recommendation to hire **Mr. Wayne G. Stewart** and **Mr. Gary W. Clapp** for summer employment at \$10.00 per hour. Both gentlemen have their CDL License. Mr. Lee recommended hiring **Mr. Ronald L. Underwood** and **Mr. Gilbert W. Wilson** for summer employment at \$9.00 per hour. Commissioner Parker made a motion to approve these names and positions as recommended by Mr. Lee. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve and sign **Commissioner's Resolution 2001-5 A Joint Resolution and Ordinance amending the Solid Waste Fee Schedule** (see Commissioner's Resolutions) Commissioner Parker seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Ernest W. Smith, Attorney for the Board of Directors of **Clark Memorial Hospital**, appeared before the Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana and advised them that the Hospital Board is renovating the Surgery Department (operating room) at a cost of \$3,500,000.00. Mr. Timothy L. Jarm, President of the Hospital, explained the nature and scope of the renovation project. It is proposed that the cost of the renovation will be financed by a loan from one or more local banks. Mr. Smith said that the Hospital Board wanted the County Commissioner's to designate this loan as a qualified tax-exempt obligation under Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and to represent to the Hospital Board that the County and its subordinates including the Hospital have not and do not intend to issue more than \$10,000,000.00 of such tax-exempt obligations in the calendar year of 2001. The County Commissioners discussed this request and upon motion duly made by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Parker, and unanimously carried the County Commissioners designated the loan of \$3,500,000.00 as a qualified tax-exempt obligation under Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and represented to the Hospital that the County Commissioners and its subordinates including the Hospital have not and do not intend to issue more than \$10,000.00 of such tax-exempt obligation in the calendar year of 2001.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve a feasibility study by **Wayne E. Estopinal** on the Greater Clark School Buildings on Court Avenue that the Board is considering purchasing. The study will answer questions as to whether it is feasible to utilize it for the need of the County. The cost of the study has a cap of \$3,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0.

Commissioner President Dennis Hill presented a letter that the Board received from the County's Fiscal Body requesting that the Board of Commissioners immediately appoint **Mr. Edward Culpepper Cooper** as the Counties Health Insurance Agent. Commissioner Hill explained that this cannot be done because the County has a contract with **Mr. Joe Olson** as the County's agent of record. Commissioner Parker asked County Auditor Barbara Haas if it is possible for the County to pay the entire increase for County employees for the current insurance policy to be extended for the month of June while this is resolved. Ms. Haas stated that there is appropriation available but it is possible that this could cause a shortage later in the year. A motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Lewis to authorize a letter to Mr. Joe Olson asking that he explore other avenues to resolve this issue. The motion was passed 3-0.

Mr. Bill Soloman, American Timber Bridge and Culverts, appeared before the Board with a presentation on timber bridges and a request to be considered in future projects.

Mr. Lee, County Engineer reported that the problems with **Norwest Wood Subdivision** have not all been resolved and that **Mr. Marshall** has not been responsive to fourteen

calls that Mr. Lee has made since February. The roads are not completed. The Board instructed Mr. Lewis, County Attorney to research this matter and advise the Board at the next meeting.

Commissioner Parker made a motion to approve and sign **Commissioner's Resolution 6-2001 (A Resolution to Designate the INAAP Reuse Authority as the Urban Enterprise Association Board)**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0. (see copy of Resolution attached).

At the recommendation of County Assessor Carolyn Makowsky, a motion was made by Commissioner Parker to approve and sign a Sales Agreement between **Plexis Group L.L.C.** and Clark County whereas, Clark County agrees to purchase and Plexis agrees to provide and/or sell products and services listed in support of computer software applications. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0.

County Attorney Scott Lewis reported that he has reviewed a proposed **Contract** from the **Flint Group** for a comprehensive plan. Because Mr. Lewis had some concerns in regard to the cost structure of the contract he did not recommend approval at this time. Mr. Lewis reported that he has also reviewed a proposed contract with **Bernardin, Lochmuller and Associates** to develop a regional water and sewer district. There was an original deadline of June 8, 2001 but after speaking with Ms. Lynn Newlon at IDEM, Mr. Lewis found that the County will be able to get an extension for one year. Mr. Lewis felt that the Contract will need modification before he will recommend approval, because the Contract does not include a cap on the cost. A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Parker to table the approval of both Contracts until Mr. Lewis can discuss some changes with the vendors. The motion was carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve a Change Order-Extra Work Agreement No. JOB 7001-LFG on the **Clark Floyd Landfill Gas Extraction System**. The change includes seven deletions and nine additions. The original contract amount was for \$1,368,745.63. The final revised Contract amount is \$1,390,401.46 which is an increase of one point fifty eight percent. This amount is within the amount set for the project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0.

On the recommendation of **Mr. Mike Harris, Jacobi, Toombs, and Lanz**, Commissioner Lewis made a motion to sign and approve a temporary Gas Systems Operation & Maintenance well field monitoring and tuning Contract with LFG & E International terminable at the Counties will. Mr. Harris stated that his company will send out requests for quotes for this service. Commissioner Parker seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Sheriff Mike Becher submitted a preliminary Ordinance, allowing all terrain vehicles on County roads, for the Commissioner's review. Sheriff Becher stated that he is in favor of the Ordinance because it allows people who want to participate an opportunity to follow the regulations in a safe manner. The Board instructed County Attorney Scott Lewis to review this preliminary Ordinance and report back to them at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Lewis to approve and sign the **annual report of collections** for the congressional school fund. The motion was passed unanimously.

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.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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**DENNIS HILL, PRESIDENT
RAYMOND PARKER, MEMBER
DAVID LEWIS, MEMBER**

ATTEST: BARBARA HAAS, CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR