

**REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA
JUNE 6, 2002**

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on June 6, 2002 in Room 308, City-County Building, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were County Commissioners Raymond Parker, David Lewis and Vicky Kent Haire, Secretary/Administrative Assistant Pam Smith, County Attorney Scott Lewis, County Auditor Barbara Bratcher 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.

In the first order of business a motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve the minutes from the meetings of April 25, 2002 and May 9, 2002. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas having audited the payroll claims found them to be in accordance with Indiana Code. 5-11-10-2. and submitted them to the Board for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve said payroll as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas having audited the vendor claims found them to be in accordance with Indiana Code. 5-11-10-2. and submitted them to the Board for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve said vendor as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

Mrs. Jill Saegesser, Clark County Grant Coordinator River Hill Economic Development District, informed the Board that the grant for the YMCA was not funded by the Department of Commerce. Mrs. Saegesser stated that she received notice June 4, 2002 which stated that the application was not very competitive compared to the other applicants in the round. Mrs. Saegesser advised that they could submit another application September 6, 2002 but if they do, they must start right away. After Mrs. Saegesser explained the Board's choices in grant applications, a motion was made by Commissioner Haire to submit an application for the Center for Lay Ministries and authorize Mrs. Saegesser to submit the proper documentation. The motion also authorized President Parker's signature on the documents outside the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve and sign a grant agreement with the Clark County Health Department to make a grant from the State of Indiana's HIV Substance Abuse Program Fund of up to \$36,350.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

Mr. Chelsey Schultz, 1301 Emery Lane, Clarksville, and Mr. Fred Rigsby, 1208 Emory Lane, Clarksville, appeared before the Board in regard to the Creekside Kennel complaint. Mr. Schultz stated that the Animal Control Officer would not return his calls. Mr. Schultz also stated that the problems have not been solved even though he has not appeared before the Board since July 5, 2001. The Board advised Mr. Schultz that they were not aware of these recent problems and instructed County Attorney Scott Lewis to contact Mr. Frank Ballard, Attorney, and Mr. Tony Semones, Clark County Planning and Zoning in regard to these complaints. Mr. Ballard is contracted with the County to handle this type of problem. The Board also instructed Mrs. Pam Smith, Secretary/Administrative Assistant, to contact Mr. Mike Ettl, Animal Control Officer, and Mr. Frank Ballard, Attorney, to get some answers.

Mrs. Connie Kitts appeared before the Board representing the County Employee's Group ACE (Alliance of County Employees). Mrs. Kitts stated that AIC would like to improve communications between the employees and the Board of Commissioners as well as the County Council. Mrs. Kitt asked that the Board recognize the committee and for a meeting between ACE and the Board. The Board asked Mrs. Kitts to contact Mrs. Pam Smith to set up this meeting.

Ms. Jenny Miles, River Valley, appeared before the Board with an update on the Job Training Partnership Act. Ms. Miles stated that the Workforce Investment Board is evaluating seats that are open at this time and asked that the Board appoint one of the Commissioners to attend the meetings and meet with her to go over what roll the Board can play. The Board told Mrs. Miles that they will discuss this and make a decision.

Mr. Hyun Lee, County Engineer, brought the plans for bridge # 11 (High Jackson Road and Bethany Road) for the Commissioners signatures.

The Board signed the last page of the Agreement with Temple and Temple that was approved at the meeting of May 23, 2002. No additional action was necessary.

At the recommendation of Mr. Hyun Lee, County Engineer, a motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to authorize Mr. Scott Lewis, County Attorney and Mr. Hyun Lee, County Engineer, to prepare the documents for an interlocal agreement with the Muddy Fork Conservancy District for 250 tons of rip rap rock. The agreement will be brought to the meeting of June 20, 2002 for approval and signatures.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to reassign the support crew to a paving crew beginning June 6, 2002 thru June 20, 2002. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0. (See a copy of letter attached.)

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve and sign a contract with The Indiana State Board of Animal Health ("BOAH"). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0. (See a copy of the contract attached.)

President Parker read a letter that the Board received for the Lawrence Capehart Post # 35 American Legion stating that due to cost of lights, air conditioning, and janitorial services the Executive Board in its last meeting passed unanimously to charge four hundred dollars (\$400.00) a month for the rent on the office of the County Veterans Service Officer beginning July 1, 2002. This office was provided free of charge for a number of years. A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to instruct Secretary/Administrative Assistant Pam Smith to send a letter to decline due to the County's budget issues. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0. (See a copy of the letter attached.)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Haire to table the appointment to the Regional Sewer and Water District. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

Secretary/Administrative Assistant Pam Smith informed the Board that they have received bills for care of inmates totaling \$30,530.00 and more will be needed next month. Pursuant to I.C. 36-9-14.5-8 (c), the board declared that the expenditure from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund is necessary, to protect the public welfare and the Board declared the existence of an emergency that demanded immediate action with which, the Board declared, the public welfare would be in immediate danger. A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve the expenditure of fifty thousand dollars from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund for the care of inmates. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve President Parker's signature, outside the meeting, on the life and dental employee insurance contracts after approval from County Attorney Scott Lewis. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0.

Ms. Patty Rush addressed the Board in regard to the Animal Control Officer. Ms Rush stated that when she works weekends at the jail they cannot reach the Animal Control Officer and when they leave a message he does not return their calls. She also reported that they get numerous calls from people that say they tried to reach Mr. Ettel and the recording instructed them to contact the County Sheriff's Office. Ms. Rush stated that she would be willing to work together so that they can work out this problem. Ms. Connie Kitts also spoke to the Board in regard to her experience with Mr. Ettel when she called to ask for help with a snake. She stated that she was told that he only handles

dogs and cats. The Board instructed Mrs. Pam Smith to address this with Mr. Ettel.

Ms. Joyce Seamen, Chaplin for the Jail, addressed the Board with concerns about the County Health Insurance problems.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA

RAYMOND PARKER, PRESIDENT

DAVID LEWIS, MEMBER

VICKY KENT HAIRE, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY

ATTEST:

BARBARA BRATCHER HAAS
CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR