

**REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA
JUNE 20, 2002**

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on June 20, 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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 23, 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 claims as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

Chief John Haas, Clark County Sheriff's Office, came before the Board requesting four-thousand nine-hundred thirty five dollars (\$4,935.00) to purchase a new stove for the jail. Purchasing The new stove was necessary and an emergency because the old stove was very old and caught on fire twice. Pursuant to Indiana Code 36-9-14.5-8 © 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 and found that the expenditure from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund is necessary, and approved hereby, to protect the public health welfare or safety. The appropriation must be requested from the Clark County Council. A motion was made by Commissioner Haire and seconded by Commissioner Lewis to approve the expenditure from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. The motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to allow architects **JGE-RQAW** to design the new jail expansion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0.

In regard to **Planning and Zoning Resolution 33-2002 (Brian L. & Stella E. Smith)**, which was called for public hearing and tabled May 23, 2002, Secretary/Administrative Assistant Pam Smith reported that Ms. Smith sent a letter requesting that the decision on this resolution be delayed until the meeting of July 3, 2002. A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to table this decision until the meeting of July 3, 2002. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

Mrs. Jill Saegesser and Ms. Laura Dixon, River Hills Economic District, appeared before the Board with a report on the CFF application for the **Center for Lay Ministries** Grant application. A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to authorize President Parker's signature on a letter authorizing River Hills Economic Development District to prepare the public hearing minutes for the public hearing meeting June 26, 2002 at 1:00 P M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve President Parker's signature on a response letter to the **State Historic Preservation Office** in regard to Historic Sight information. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0.

When asked by Commissioner President Parker **Mrs. Saegesser** stated that to her knowledge applying for an brown field contamination grant for the Indiana Army Ammunition Grant would not count in the County's list of grant applications.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve Grant Agreement (1000-572100-

129410 WIC/S 109-9) from the **State of Indiana's WIC Supplement Fund** of up to one thousand four hundred fourteen dollars (\$1414.00). Grant funds received by the Grantee pursuant to this grant agreement shall be used only to provide services for women, infants, and children (WIC) Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve **Grant Agreement (1000-572100-108620 HAS 109-10)** from the State of Indiana's HIV/AIDS Services Fund of up to (\$120,000). Grant funds received by the grantee pursuant to this grant agreement shall be used only to provide human immunodeficiency virus (**HIV**) and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (**AIDS**) support services to persons with HIV disease. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

Commissioner Haire made a motion to approve the Health Department **budget for 2002** and submit it to the Clark County Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0. Commissioner Haire expressed her concern about having a meeting to discuss the ambulance service contracts.

Ms. Beth Keeney, Clark County Youth Coalition, appeared before the Board with a findings sheet for the **Drug Free Community Fund** totaling \$189,393.63. A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve the appropriation and allow the disbursement of the funds grant award for 2003. Ms. Keeney will forward to the County Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0.

Mr. Edward Culpepper Cooper, County Insurance Agent of Record, appeared before the Board with a recommendation on the County's health insurance, subject to the County Council's verbal approval of three hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$320,000.00) appropriated to go toward the employer contribution for health insurance, (See attached copy of the recommendation by Mr. Cooper with the addition of COBRA to section III. information rates B. department rates 2. maximum costs). Mr. Richard P. Jones, Clark County Treasurer, addressed the Board with concerns about how the claims will be processed in this partially self funded health insurance program. After a lengthy discussion about whether the claims will be processed by the Auditor's office or by Stewart Miller Company, County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas stated that her office is willing to do whatever they can do to make this go smoothly for the employees and to protect the taxpayers. Mr. Cooper explained that the County has two options. One option is to contract with Stewart Miller and the other is for the Auditor to process the claims. Mr. Cooper stated that if the County chooses to process the claims they will have to purchase the checks, envelopes and postage. The Board suggested that Mr. Cooper, County Treasurer Richard P. Jones and County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas work out this problem.

A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve the recommendation from Mr. Cooper to list these three classes of employee eligibility 1. full-time employees working a minimum of 32 hours per week. 2. elected and appointed officials. 3. retirees as eligible under Indiana status or County policy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0. Commissioner Haire made a motion to amend the above motion to make the following change in the employee policy handbook:

Page 4 section I. subsection B.

Full-Time employees shall be eligible for county-sponsored health and life insurance benefits as of the first day of the calendar month following completion of thirty (30) consecutive days of employment. A person must work a minimum of thirty two (32) hours per week to be considered a full-time employee for purposes of eligibility, for county-sponsored health and/or life insurance benefits. Additionally, the Board of Commissioners reserve the right, by ordinance or resolution, to designate other specified persons under contract with the county, of formerly under contract with the county, as eligible for county-sponsored health and life insurance group benefits for such time periods and under such terms as are determined by the Commissioners. The Commissioners reserve the exclusive right to designate the participants in all such group insurance benefits paid by the county.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve this recommendation of Mr. Cooper, Insurance Agent of Record, on the eligibility subgroup:

Because of adverse selection, should a subgroup of the County's insurance terminate its affiliation with the County's insurance, it will not be allowed to reapply at a later date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0. (See a copy attached.)

A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve this recommendation of Mr. Cooper on the Payroll Deductions as follows:

A. Class I and II Employees

Employee Contribution/Mo.	Prior Year	Effective July 2002
Single	5.00	\$20.00
Employee/Spouse	\$184.95	\$207.14
Employee/Children	\$164.87	\$184.65
Family	\$425.61	\$476.68

B. Class III-Retirees

1. Retiree Contribution per Mo.	Prior Year	Effective July 2002
Retiree Only	\$50.00	\$116.26
Retiree/Spouse	\$251.20	\$405.19
Retiree/Children	\$231.12	\$378.62
Family	\$491.92	\$723.67

2. County will pay \$200.00 per month toward premium for each eligible retiree.

C. The payroll deductions are effective through December 31, 2002.

In response to a question from Mrs. Connie Kitts, Mr. Cooper stated that these rates are not going to change before May 31, 2002 even if ten people choose to go off the insurance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve the recommendation by Mr. Cooper, Insurance Agent of Record, for information rates as follows:

III. Information Rates

A. Expected Costs are fixed Costs +Expected Claims
 Maximum Costs are fixed Costs +Maximum Claims

Monthly Rates	Expected Rates	Maximum Cost
Employee Only	\$316.26	\$382.61
Employee/Spouse	\$605.19	\$737.89
Employee/Child	\$578.62	\$704.68
Family	\$923.67	\$1,135.99

B. Department Rates

1. Expected Costs

General Fund Departments, Highway Department, Retirees

2. Maximum Costs

All other departments, divisions, or subgroups.

(For the record Mr. Cooper added COBRA to this list at open meeting.)

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 2-1 with Commissioner Lewis opposed.

In answer to a question from Susie Wiggam, Deputy Recorder, Mr. Cooper stated that at this time the County is pre-taxing the premiums and not the benefits. Mr. Cooper stated that he is

working with the Auditor to set up pre-tax for benefits. County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas advised that a fund will have to be set up by ordinance in order to do this. Mrs. Susie Wiggam, Deputy Recorder, questioned what will happen to the people who choose the pretax if they choose to drop off the insurance. Mr. Cooper stated that if you choose the pre-tax you are locked in for one year at a time and cannot drop off unless you have a qualifying event.

Mr. Todd Booker and Mr. Louis Greenwell appeared before the Board in regard to a new GIS Contract Network for the County. Mr. Booker report that the money for the system is in place and they have a verbal agreement with the City of Jeffersonville. A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve the contract for the GIS Contract Network contingent upon the agreement with the City of Jeffersonville. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0. (See the Contract attached.)

Mr. Dean Boerste, Bernardin Lockmueller & Associates, appeared before the Board with an update on the bridges that his company is working on for Clark County. The Board instructed Mr. Hyun Lee, County Engineer to set up a meeting between Mr. Jack Vissing, Attorney representing property owners along Perry Crossing Road and Bernardin Lockmueller and Associates.

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Hyun Lee, County Engineer, a motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve and sign the interlocal agreement for road related services between the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Directors of the Muddy Fork Conservancy District and send it to the County Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0. (See a copy of the agreement attached.)

A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve Commissioners Ordinance 10-2002 (An Ordinance Establishing a Non-Reverting Health Insurance Fund). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0. (See a copy of the Ordinance Attached.)

At the meeting of May 23, 2002 the Board denied Resolution 36-2002 (62 Properties). The Board signed a revised statement described it's action on the re-zoning request after County Attorney Scott Lewis made some changes to clarify the language. It was not necessary for the Board to vote because they voted at the meeting of May 23, 2002.

The Treasurer's report for May was submitted for the record.

County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas was instructed by the Commissioners to process all claims submitted to the Auditor by Stewart Miller in regard to the County health insurance without their review.

A motion was made by Commissioner Haire and seconded by Commissioner Lewis to appoint Mrs. Norma Lockard to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals. The motion was passed 3-0.

The other appointments were tabled until the meeting of July 3, 2002.

There being no further business to come before the Board and on a motion made by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Haire, 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