

**REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA
FEBRUARY 27, 2003**

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on February 27, 2003 in Room 308, City-County Building, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

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

In the first order of business a motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve the minutes from the meetings of January 16, 2003 & January 30, 2003. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0.

County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas having audited the payroll and 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 Haire to approve and sign said claims. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0.

Mr. Jeremy Mull presented the Board with the annual drug free fund **grant application**. A motion was made by Commissioner Parker to approve the salary request of fifty five thousand eight hundred ninety nine dollars and thirty- two cents. (\$55,899.32) and the expenditure of twenty two thousand eight hundred three dollars and thirty six cents (\$22,803.36) from the Local Drug Free Community Fund to provide the local match for the Clark County Prosecutor's Indiana Criminal Justice Institute Drug Prosecution Grant and then send it on to County Council for approval.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve a change order in the amount of seven thousand ninety one dollars and ninety-one cents (\$7,791.91) on the **911-call center** project.

Attorney Scott Lewis stated that this amount of change is within the statutory amount allowed in a change order. The motion was seconded was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0.

Mr. Culpepper Cooper, County Insurance Agent of Record, appeared before the Board with an update on the County employee insurance. Mr. Cooper stated that he met as planned with County Attorney Scott Lewis in regard to the two persons from a subgroup that are left on the County's plan and at renewal only those persons paid through the Auditor's Office will be allowed to renew. Commissioner Haire stated that she would inform the subgroup of the Board's decision and the rate that they can expect. Mr. Cooper explained that the HIPPA law allows them to have their own insurance coverage. Mr. Cooper also reported that they have a loss control and risk management meeting scheduled in the Commissioners meeting room. Also, Mr. Cooper reported that Clark Memorial Hospital has finalized the employee wellness program for a free risk evaluation in the spring. This evaluation is not mandatory to the employees. A motion was made by Commissioner Parker to form a committee of nine to thirteen people for the employee insurance bid process. The Board agreed that Mr. Cooper bring a list of people to the next meeting for the Board to choose from. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

The Board asked County Attorney Scott Lewis to correspond by letter with **Mr. Irwin**, Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele & Associates Incorporated, which they contracted with September 26, 2002 to provide professional consulting services to assist the County in preparing and administering personal policies and procedures for updating the employee handbook. The letter is to remind them of the cap on the contract and let them know that they need to finish the work for the ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) as agreed in the contract.

Commissioner Haire reported that **Jeffersonville Township Trustee Dale Popp** has dropped his request to opt out of the contract with Utica Volunteer Fire Department for ambulance service to Jeffersonville Township.

Mr. Lee, County Engineer, gave an update on the Perry Crossing Road project. Out of three condemnation suits filed two have settled and the third is ready to be settle or proceed to court action.

Also, at the recommendation of Mr. Lee, a motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve and sign a State-Local Public Agency Agreement construction and project management for federal aid projects whereas Clark County's share of the cost shall be the total amount of the entire cost of the project (approximately \$1,600,000) less the amount contributed by the Federal Government through federal-aid. Clark County has an appropriation duly made and entered of record appropriated the sum of \$320,00.00 from highway funds to apply to the cost of said project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve and sign a letter of agreement designating **Bernardin-Lockmueller & Associate, Inc.** as full time Resident Project Supervisor for the construction of Perry Crossing Road project no: STP-9910. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0.

Commissioner Parker made a motion to approve an agreement with **R.W Armstrong & Associates, Inc.** for consulting services on bridge 107 Graebe Road. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

At the recommendation of Mr. Lee a motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve the publication of the notice to bidders on **bridge # 6** on Coopers Lane over Lick Run Creek. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0.

Commissioner Parker made a motion to approve a request by **Mr. Joe Perry** second district highway department employee to take a leave of absence without pay for up to one month to give his terminally ill father around the clock care. Mr. Perry stated in his letter that he understood that it was his responsibility to pay the Auditor's office for his insurance while he is on leave. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker to sign the claim form for five thousand one hundred twenty seven dollars (\$5,127.00) payable to **Sieco, Inc.** for professional services rendered for new construction and small structure over **Koetter Hollow** per agreement and NTP dated January 13, 2000. Commissioner Haire seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Lewis asked Mr. Lee to check with the **City of Jeffersonville** about a construction hole they cut in **Bethany Road** at **High Jackson**. Mr. Lee agreed to contact the City and see what they plan to do about the problem.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker to approve a memorandum of understanding with **Dismas Carities, Inc.** for housing prisoners at twenty-seven dollars (\$27.00) per day. County Attorney Scott Lewis stated that the **Sheriff** has the authority to stop this arrangement at any time. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0. (See a copy of the memorandum attached.)

A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve an agreement with **Ameritech Indiana** for long distance service. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0. (See a copy of the agreement attached.)

Commissioner Haire reported that **Margie Jenkins** has been moved back upstairs to the mailroom.

A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to again table the decision on **cabling** and **computers** that was tabled at the previous meeting of February 13, 2003. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0.

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

Mr. Johnny Nasby addressed the Board in regard to the County's financial situation with a suggestion that the Board find a way to charge the prisoners. County Attorney Scott Lewis explained his legal research indicates that this is unconstitutional, and that he cannot recommend the Board doing it.

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

DAVID LEWIS, PRESIDENT

RAYMOND J PARKER, MEMBER

VICKY KENT HAIRE, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY

ATTEST:

BARBARA BRATCHER HAAS
CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR

February 27, 2003