

**REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA
MAY 22, 2003**

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on May 22, 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 Attorney Scott Lewis, Secretary/Administrative Assistant Pam Smith, and Deputy Auditor Theresa James.

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 Parker to approve and sign said claims. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

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Commissioner Haire made a motion to approve and authorize the President's signature on a letter to the Clark County City & Town Officials asking them to share a portion of their revenue from the Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) for the jail project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0. (See a copy of the letter attached.)

A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve and sign the certificate of project completions for three separate grant projects that Jill Saegesser, Clark County Grant Coordinator River Hills Economic Development District presented for the Boards approval. Commissioner Parker seconded the motion and it was passed 3-0.

Mrs. Saegesser also gave an update on the Center for Lay Ministries grant application. River Hill expects to get notification on Tuesday May 27, 2003 whether the grant will be awarded.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker to approve and sign a Contract with Clark County Casa, Incorporated. The match funds for this contract are paid by Superior Court # 1. Ms. Norma Cantrell appeared before the Board to answer any questions that the Board had. This contract pays for administrative costs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0. (See a copy of the contract attached.)

Ms. Connie S Keith-Hardin, Clark County Youth Coalition, appeared before the Board with the Drug Free Communities Fund Grant Awards for 2003-2004. The Board took this under advisement and tabled until the meeting of June 5, 2003.

Ms. Diane Swank, Culpepper Group, appeared before the Board with the following recommendations:

Change to Humana, as the employee health care provider, effective July 1, 2003 thru June 30, 2004. Contract Basis: 18/12.

Have Stewart C. Miller & Co. administer run-off claims beginning June 1, 2003.

County Council should budget from all sources to maximum liability for remainder of 2003.

Commissioners should recommend to the County Council to keep payroll contributions same as current.

Ms. Swank stated that the co-pays will stay the same as the coverage the employees have at this time and referrals will not be necessary except for drug and alcohol abuse treatments. She also stated that there are limits on physical therapy on this plan. Ms. Connie Kitts addressed the Board with the concerns of the insurance committee in regard to these recommendations. Ms. Kitts reported that the committee wasn't given time to consider the information that they were given because Mr. Cooper asked for a decision from them at their first meeting. They question why such short notice? Why there were no fully insured quotes submitted this year? Ms. Kitts reported for the committee that given the short time frame and the information provide, their recommendation is to go with Humana as the provider. Commissioner Lewis asked Ms. Swank if there was any way to give the employees an extension because of the short notice and Ms. Swank said there is not. A motion was made by Commissioner Parker to go with the recommendations of Mr. Cooper and sign the contract with Humana and authorize Commissioner Parker or Commissioner Haire to sign the administrative contracts outside the meeting. Commissioner Haire seconded the motion. Commissioner Lewis stated that he sees this decision as a downhill spiral for the County. Commissioner Haire and Commissioner Parker voted yes and Commissioner Lewis voted no. The motion carried at 2-1.

Mr. Jerry Hall, Clark County Health Department appeared before the Board in regard to agreement that Mr. Jim Kaiser presented to the Board at their last meeting for their approval. The agreement is with The Estopinal Group for the elevator in new 911 building. A motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Haire to approve and sign the agreement. The motion passed 3-0.

County Engineer Hyun Lee gave the Board a report on the Perry Crossing Road project. According to Mr. Lee, the State awarded the bid and construction should begin in June 2003.

Based on the recommendation of County Engineer Hyun Lee, a motion was made by Commissioner Parker to approve and sign a contract for bridge # 3 Utica Pike over Lancassange Creek for ninety seven thousand five hundred sixty dollars (\$97,560.00). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

Commissioner Parker made a recommendation to sign authorize the president's signature on an agreement with Mr. Greg Furnish in which Mr. Furnish is donating one hundred eighty thousand dollars to be used for Hansberry Road and State Highway 160. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

At the recommendation of Mr. Harold Hart, President of the Drainage Board, Commissioner Parker made a motion to pay Mrs. Anna McCartney one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per drainage board meeting. Ms. McCartney will attend the meeting, take minutes and tape the meeting for the drainage board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

County Attorney Scott Lewis presented the Board with a recommendation from Mr. Harold Plummer to apply for membership with REMC for electrical service necessary for the emergency sirens in area serviced by REMC. Commissioner Lewis abstained from the vote because of a conflict of interest. Commissioner Haire made a motion to approve and sign the application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker passed 2-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker to approve and sign a contract with LLLow Associates for them to prepare the labels for the tax sale. The process will take about two and one half hours and cost sixty-five dollars per hour. The motion also was to sign the agreement for software and support with LLLow Associates, which the Board previously approved at the meeting April 10, 2003. County Attorney Scott Lewis said he spoke with County Auditor Barbara Haas, who indicated that she met with County

Treasurer Richard Jones and Matt Dyer, and they are all satisfied with the terms of the contract. Mr. Lewis said he had examined the contract and it contains the proper legal language and advised the Board to sign. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

Pursuant to Indiana Statute Commissioner Haire made a motion to approve and sign an agreement with the Indiana Department of Animal Health whereas the County commits to up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for animal testing if necessary. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0.

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

Pam Smith, Commissioner's Secretary /Administrative Assistant, gave the Board a list of Commissioners projected expenses for the rest of this year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker to appoint Mr. Kevin Lorenz to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term beginning May 22, 2003 and ending December 31, 2005. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0. Mr. Lorenz is replacing Mr. Tim Tillett who resigned.

Beverly Chesser asked the Board if the County is locked into the contract with Humana, or is it possible to change if something better comes along. The Board answered that they were told they could end the contract at any time.

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 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

May 22, 2003