

**REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY INDIANA
SEPTEMBER 8, 2005**

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on September 8, 2005 in Room 308, City-County Building, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were County Commissioners Edward Meyer, Vicky Kent Haire and Ralph Guthrie, County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas, County Attorney Daniel Moore, Secretary Angela Coleman, and Deputy Auditor Theresa James.

County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas stated that she had audited the payroll claims and found that they comply with the local salary ordinance established by the Clark County Council and the signature of proper officials is affixed stating that the hours have been worked and the amounts are due. A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve the payroll claims as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

Due to the resignation of Paul Garrett on the Jail Holding Corporation Board, Commissioner Guthrie made a motion to appoint Gus Lockett to replace him on the Board. Commissioner Haire seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Sheriff Becher was next on the agenda regarding the purchase of new police cars, but did not attend the meeting.

Commissioner Guthrie made a motion to approve and authorize President Meyer's signature outside the meeting on Commissioner's Ordinance 12-2005 (An Ordinance Making an Amendment to Traffic Ordinance 7-1983 Middle Road; Utica Sellersburg Road). The ordinance changes the speed limit from thirty miles per hour to forty-five miles per hour. Mr. Lee agreed to have the ordinance published. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

At the recommendation of County Engineer Hyun Lee, Commissioner Guthrie made a motion to approve and sign requests for proposals for engineering services on bridge inspections for the county. Services will consist of re-inspection of all (approximately 125) county bridges within Clark County in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standard and an update as required by the Federal Highway Administration. 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 sign the title sheet for construction of Clark County Bridge # 20. Mr. Lee reported that construction would begin in February 2006. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve the 2006 Holiday List. Commissioner Guthrie seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Bernardin, Lochmueller and Associates, was next on the agenda, regarding a proposed Regional Water and Sewer District Contract for an updated district plan. In their absence, Mr. Moore presented the proposed contract for their review.

Ryan McGregor gave the Community Corrections Director's report. Mr. McGregor also, reported that the two thousand dollar start-up bill on the Courts new computer system was sent to Judge Vicki Carmichael, and she passed it on to him. Mr. McGregor stated that he did not have the money to pay it and asked the Board who was going to pay the bill. Mr. Moore advised Mr. McGregor to refer Mr. Alan Oman to him regarding all documents or financial arrangements. Mr. McGregor also, reported that on October 3, 2005 at five o'clock Deanne McMurray, State Director of Community Corrections, will speak on work release programs and answer questions.

Auditor Haas also, reported that due to the increase in gasoline and that the employees have not received a raise for 2005 or 2006 she is considering flex hours for her employees. She stated that this change would not change the hours that the office will be open to the public and this will not change the total hours that the employees will work per week.

Auditor Haas reported that the Clark County Council has finished the 2006 budget and the adoption date is set for nine A.M. on September 19, 2005. The salary ordinance is not included in this budget.

The Board had a discussion about the safety issues involved in not having a bridge levy. County Engineer Hyun Lee reported that on September 7, 2005 he spoke to the County Council and informed them that one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000.00) is needed each year in the Cum Bridge Fund to maintain the bridges and fund the annual mandatory inspections. Mr. Moore advised that the county highways and roads are strictly under the control of the Commissioners. The Commissioners each expressed concern about school buses and families traveling over the bridges in Clark County if they do not have the funding to keep them safe.

Marquette Morton, City Council Representative of the Animal Shelter Advisory Board, reported that four out of five animals that come into the shelter are destroyed and this costs the county five thousand dollars a year in tranquilizers. This does not include the pay for the person who does the job. Mrs. Morton asked the Board to put a line item in the budget to pay a portion of the fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) needed for a voucher program to spay and neuter animals in Clark County. Commissioner Haire made a motion to ask for additional appropriation for the county's portion of the needed funds. After discussion the motion died for a lack of a second. Mrs. Morton agreed to come back in January and request that the Commissioners submit a request for an additional appropriation.

County Engineer Hyun Lee reported on discussions regarding the County Councils decision not to include the County's Cum Bridge Fund in the 2006 county budget. The Board instructed Mr. Moore and County Engineer Hyun Lee put together a booklet of information containing the County's obligations and pending contracts. Commissioner Haire made a motion to set the cum bridge cap at a rate which will generate one point two million dollars (1,200,000.00). This motion died for a lack of a second. Commissioner Guthrie made a motion to set a rate that will generate six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000.00) and forward the booklet of information to the Council with a request that they add six hundred thousand dollars or a rate that will generate that amount to the 2006 budget. The motion included President Meyer's signature outside the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

Commissioner Haire made a motion to stay with the same plan for the Cedit/Edit revenue and not make any changes until the jail construction is complete and they know how much will be owed for debt services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Meyer and passed 3-0. The Commissioners instructed Mr. Moore to keep them aware and advise them of what is needed regarding the Cedit/Edit Fund and the Cum Bridge Fund. Mr. Moore advised the Board that they would need to attend the meetings and voice their objections to the omission of the Cum Bridge Fund in the budget. Auditor Haas informed the Commissioners that the Cum Cap Development Fund was adopted by the Council at the 2005 rate.

Commissioner Haire made a motion to request an additional appropriation from the general fund of (\$700,000.00) seven hundred thousand dollars to pay for care of inmates. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0. The Commissioners instructed Mr. Moore to prepare a letter to the County Council informing them that they must have the money to pay for care of inmates.

Mr. Moore questioned the staffing of the new portion of the jail and reminded the Commissioners that the building will require other funding such as heat and air-conditioning.

Mr. Moore gave an update on the juvenile debt lawsuit. There will be a hearing September 16, 2005 for a decision on whether an injunction will be granted.

Commissioner Haire made a motion to draft letters to the architect, bond Counsel and the financial advisor in order to move forward on the bid process for the work release project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

Commissioner Guthrie made a motion to approve a claim to move Edit money to the Jail Holding Corporation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

Mr. Roberts was next on the agenda but did not speak to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Haire reported that she was contacted by the Red Cross and there will be six or seven families per day coming into Clark County and they are given two weeks hotel stay and a debit card for groceries and clothing. Commissioner Haire, also, reported that Harold Plummer is working with the Red Cross trying to get some help to replenish the money used by the Red Cross to help these families.

A motion was made by Commissioner Meyer for Clark County to go with the Eastern Time Zone. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Guthrie to approve family medical leave for one of their employees. They will be paid their sick and vacation days until they are used up and then it will be without pay. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

To the extent the Board held an executive session of any type under (I C 5-14-1.5-6) or otherwise, the Board hereby certifies that no subject matter was discussed therein except that posted in the notice for session or meeting (I C 5-14-1.5-6.1).

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA

EDWARD MEYER, PRESIDENT

VICKY KENT HAIRE, MEMBER

RALPH GUTHRIE, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY

ATTEST:

BARBARA BRATCHER HAAS
CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR