

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 23, 2008

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on December 23, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 404, Clark County Government Building, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners – Ed Meyer and Mike Moore. Ralph Guthrie was absent due to his wife’s illness, County Auditor, Keith Groth, County Attorney, Dan Moore, Commissioner Secretary, Kristi James and Deputy Secretary from the Auditor’s Office, Shirley Bell.

President Ed Meyer called the meeting to order and stated that Ralph Guthrie would be late arriving at the meeting due to his wife.

Approval of Minutes

Auditor Keith Groth presented the minutes from December 4, 2008 and December 11, 2008 meetings for approval. Mike Moore made the motion to approve the minutes from both meetings and Ed Meyer seconded. The motion was approved 2-0.

Approval of Claims/Payroll

Auditor Keith Groth presented the monthly claims and payroll for approval stating they had been checked and verified. Mike Moore made the motion and Ed Meyer seconded to approve claims and payroll. The motion was approved 2-0.

CASA

Elizabeth Wilson brought a 2009 contract for signatures. Mike Moore made the motion to approve this contract and Ed Meyer seconded. The motion was approved 2-0.

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Community Corrections

Ryan Macgregor presented a contract for approval for Nathan B. Masingo of Masingo Law Office for legal services. Mike Moore made a motion for approval and Ed Meyer seconded. The motion was approved 2-0. There are currently 61 in the adult work release program.

Ryan also presented a Forensic Diversion Amendment Grant for approval (attached). Mike Moore made the motion to accept and Ed Meyer seconded. The motion was approved 2-0.

Tabled Items

Ed Meyer tabled Amendment #4 for the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Sheriff's Business

Sheriff Dan Rodden asked the Board to approve a contract for grease pick-up from the jail. They were going to charge for pick-up and after discussion was held Ed Meyer made the motion to table until it is checked out further and Mike Moore seconded. The motion was approved 2-0.

Dan stated he has 353 in jail this date with 60 state inmates and capacity at 450.

Auditor's Report

Auditor Keith Groth extended best wishes for a Happy New Year and Merry Christmas to all. He told the Board that he and Shirley enjoyed working with the Board this year.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Dan Moore stated he had received a letter from the Memphis Christian Church asking they be removed as a polling place. This precinct is Union 1 and will be discussed further next year since there are no elections in 2009.

Dan will be transitioning all files over to Attorney Greg Fifer throughout the holiday season and into the first week of 2009.

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Dan has received a letter from Carl Popp stating that his property is receiving run off from the adjacent landfill onto his property. Mr. Popp would like to have a meeting with him and one/some of the Commissioners to see what is happening to his property. Ed Meyer will contact Mr. Popp.

Dan has received Attorney Frank Ballard's contract for next year and it was placed into the record for 2009 action.

After discussion about contracts a motion was made by Mike Moore and seconded by Ed Meyer to continue contracts for Rebecca Lockard and Frank Ballard to the end of January 2009. The motion was approved 2-0.

Attorney Moore reported that the Clark County Hospital Association has begun its winding down from financing projects that began in the 1980's and 1990's. He reported that he had spent time this past year working with members, the hospital attorney, and Trustee offices securing records of the past projects and had been present on the morning meeting of December 23, 2008 where the Board of the Association executed a Resolution and Report for the Board of Commissioners. He reported the Trustee has no funds remaining in Trust and has no further obligations under the Indenture. Based on the original documents Attorney Moore recommended the Commissioners accept the Report and concur in the same Resolution. Upon motion of Commissioner Meyer, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the vote was 2-0 to accept the Report and Resolution of the Association and to concur in the Resolution, authorizing Commissioner Resolution #14-2008.

Ambassador Extraordinaire

Ed Meyer made the motion, seconded by Mike Moore to issue a Citation to Ralph Guthrie naming him Ambassador Extraordinaire. The motion was approved 2-0. This presentation was made later in the meeting after Ralph Guthrie arrived.

Ed Cooper – Property, Casualty & Workers Comp Insurance

Ed Cooper appeared and asked if he could present an alternate quote for \$30,000 to \$50,000 less. A discussion was held with Mr. Cooper stating for the record that bids have not been bid out for the last 5 to 6 years.

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Highway Dept

Mike Moore asked Hyun Lee about Bridge #3 on Utica Pike and the termination of their contract. Attorney Moore said the Board should hire another contractor to finish the work needed to be done. Because of the legal duty to mitigate damages Attorney Moore had written a letter to the Board earlier in the year based on information provided by Mr. Lee. Ed Meyer asked Mr. Lee to recommend a contractor to finish the work.

Methodone Clinic

Mike Moore brought up the problems still going on at the Methodone Clinic on State Road 62. The sewage holding tank is overflowing and they have not connected to the sewer lines. He wanted to know if the remaining problems can be addressed and if a meeting can be held with them and the public. Mike Moore will talk to the Clinic about setting up a meeting. Ed Meyer agreed to the meeting.

Other Comments

Mike Moore asked if the Town of Utica could buy one (1) truckload of rock salt from the county. Mike Moore made the motion to sell them 1 ton at approximately \$440.00 and Ed Meyer Meyer seconded the motion. The motion was approved 2-0.

Recessed Meeting

At this point the meeting was recessed until Ralph Guthrie arrived and could be presented with the scheduled presentations for him by State Representative Steve Stemler, Sheriff Dan Rodden, Mayor Tom Galligan, Attorney Dan Moore and the Clark County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was reconvened with State Representative Steve Stemler reflecting back on his past experiences with Ralph Guthrie. Steve gave a synopsis of Ralph's life and declared him an Honorary State Representative on December 23, 2008.

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Mayor Tom Galligan spoke about how he knew Ralph Guthrie over the years and how Ralph Guthrie was the one who was able to get the Indiana Army Ammunition Plant turned over to Clark County. Mayor Galligan presented Ralph with a Commodore of the Port of Jeffersonville certificate.

Sheriff Dan Rodden spoke about his relationship with Ralph Guthrie and presented him a Lifetime Sheriff Deputy award.

Attorney Dan Moore recited the Citation for Ambassador Extraordinaire of Clark County, Indiana for Ralph Guthrie. This citation is included in the official minutes of record. Attorney Moore presented Ralph with this Citation.

Additional comments were given by present and former Commissioners, Ed Meyer, Vicki Haire, Whitey Garrett, Greg Isgrigg and Mike Moore. Mike Moore presented Ralph with a gift from the Board of Commissioners, Hyun Lee, Dan Moore, Hank Dorman, Matt Dyer and Margie Jenkins.

Ralph Guthrie spoke about his appreciation to all and as his last official act in office he officially adjourned the meeting.

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

BOARD OF CLARK COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS CLARK COUNTY,
INDIANA

EDWARD MEYER, PRESIDENT

RALPH GUTHRIE, VICE-PRESIDENT

MIKE MOORE, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY _____

ATTEST: _____

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KEITH D. GROTH, AUDITOR

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