

REGULAR MEETING

CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 29, 2009

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on October 29, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 404, Clark County Government Building, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners – Ed Meyer, Mike Moore and Les Young, County Auditor, Keith Groth, County Attorney, Greg Fifer, Commissioner Secretary Kristi James and Deputy Secretary from the Auditor’s Office, Shirley Bell.

Approval of Minutes

County Auditor, Keith Groth presented the October 15, 2009 minutes for approval. Mike Moore made the motion to approve the minutes and Les Young seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

Amendment to the Agenda – None

Approval of Claims/Payroll

Auditor Keith Groth presented the payroll claims and monthly claims as verified and correct for approval. Mike Moore made the motion to approve both and Les Young seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

Public Comments

Joe Olson, insurance-agent-of record along with **Dennis Coleman**, representing the Employee Insurance Committee, presented the insurance premiums for approval for next year. A breakdown sheet was passed out showing comparison with other companies. There has been a slight increase, however Mr. Olson felt the Insurance Fund would be able to absorb this increase.

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Mr. Coleman spoke briefly about the retirees rates increasing. Mr. Coleman wanted the Insurance Fund to absorb this increase also. This increase is about \$5,000 to \$6,000 more per year for 29 retirees. Joe Olson is checking out a supplemental policy for the retirees.

Mike Moore made a motion to accept the High/Low Options from Humana and Les Young seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

Mike Moore then made a motion to accept Joe Olson as the 2011 Agent-of-Record so he can start working on next year's rates and Les Young seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

Census Bureau Partnership Program

Maureen Hayden spoke about the Partnership Program pertaining to the 2010 Census and its importance of success. Everyone will be receiving the short form (only 10 questions) to fill out and she wanted everyone to encourage everyone to fill out this form. Loss of dollars are every evident if they don't have a 100% turnout. Number to call for contact is (812) 962-1900.

Clark County Health Dept

Mike Meyer presented three grants for approval. Two deal with Bioterrorism for \$10,000 and \$27,447 and the other is for \$228,693 which is the Phase 3 H1N1 vaccine funding. Anticipated opening for giving the vaccine at former K-Mart store in Clarksville is November 15 until January 2010. Mike Moore made the motion to approve the three grants and Les Young seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

Auditor – Keith Groth

County Auditor Keith Groth presented the Engagement Letter from Umbaugh & Associates to perform the TIF Neutralization for the Certified Av's. Les Young made the motion and Mike Moore seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

Commissioner – Mike Moore

Mike Moore asked the Auditor at the beginning of January 2010 to take \$5,000 from his salary and break it down as follows: \$1,000 Auditor, \$1,000 Assessor, \$1,000 Recorder, \$1,000 Clerk and \$1,000 Treasurer and put it in salaries of those offices. Mike Moore made the motion and Les Young seconded. The motion was approved 3-0. Auditor Keith Groth stated this would need the approval of the Department of Local Government and Finance and the County Council. Per Mike Moore the County Attorney and the County Council Attorney both say this can be done.

County Council – Personnel Matters

President David Abbott and Council members, Barb Hollis, Jack Coffman and Kevin Vissing approached the Commissioners with amending the Employee Policy Handbook that requires 35 hours per week to receive county benefits to 20 per week or 40 per pay period for one year and continue to receive benefits. Joe Olson will have to check with Humana to make sure this is acceptable.

Commissioner President Ed Meyer presented a Draft Letter with his concerns that address the Handbook in #5, #7, #8, #9, #10 and #11. (Letter attached). Under #2 Barb Hollis asked that Jail Bond be eliminated due to where they are paid from. Attorney Greg Fifer suggested under #3 that we should match grants where possible. Under #10 statement that the Handbook is amended to state 40 hours per pay period. Attorney Fifer also suggested we contact the Census Bureau about priority in our employees being available for these census jobs becoming available.

Mike Moore made the motion to accept the letter with changes made and Les Young seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

The Auditor's office checked with PERF and there is no problem. (Memo attached)

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Auditor's Report

Auditor Keith Groth mentioned that November 9 is deadline when new budgets have to be turned.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Greg Fifer presented a claim from Rebecca Lockard for \$3,592.44 and \$1,766.44 for settlement for two invalid tax sales that should be in the SRI settlement. The check should be sent to Steve Voelker. Mike Moore made the motion and Les Young seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

Attorney Fifer presented a draft of a Resolution 13-2009 that allows Hyun Lee documents allowing the Engineers to slow down on their work. Discussion was held and Mike Moore made the motion to approve and Les Young voted no. The motion was withdrawn and tabled. Mike Moore made the motion to table and Les Young seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

Attorney Fifer presented a letter for additional work on Bridge #3 in the amount of \$11,250 not to exceed it. Funds are available so Les Young made a motion to approve and Mike Moore seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

Attorney Fifer presented documentation on 11 parcels for right-of-way with a review appraisal. The total is \$15,075.00 for this review appraisal. Les Young made a motion to approve and Mike Moore seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

Administrative Matters

President Ed Meyer presented the Calendar for the Meeting Dates of the Commissioners for the next year 2010 and the Holiday Schedule for 2010 (Attached). Ed Meyer made the motion to approve and Les Young seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

Esther Collins – Glenbrook Subdivision

Esther Collins, 1209 High Meadow and **Chad Webb**, 1205 High Meadow were present about a water drainage problem in their subdivision. Discussion was held with some photos shown about the drainage problem across the road. Two other properties mentioned were 1201 and 1217. No action was taken but Jim Ross will check out the area. Attorney Fifer suggested also talking to the County Surveyor.

Other Matters

Les Young brought up the 911 Building and the mold inside. Cost of removal would be under \$20,000. Les Young made a motion to declare this an emergency from Cum Cap Fund and Mike Moore seconded. The motion was approved 3-0. Les Young made a motion to use up to \$20,000 from Cum Cap Fund and Mike Moore seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

Attorney Fifer stated that an inter-local agreement with 911 has not been established but discussion has been held.

Ed Meyer received a letter from River Ridge that they were capturing all tax money received there. Ed Meyer felt a letter and meeting should be entertained with River Ridge for payment in lieu of taxes. Ed made the motion to meet with them and Mike Moore seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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).

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA

EDWARD MEYER, PRESIDENT

MIKE MOORE, VICE-PRESIDENT

LES YOUNG, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY _____

ATTEST: _____

KEITH D. GROTH, CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR

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