

SPECIAL MEETING
CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 6, 2016

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Special Session on December 6, 2016, at 3 p.m. in Room 404, Clark County Government Building, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners – Jack Coffman, Bryan Glover, and Rick Stephenson, Commissioners’ Assistant Allison Richey, Auditor Monty Snelling and Deputy Auditor Jill Evans.

The Special meeting was called to order by Commissioner Coffman.

I. Administrative Agenda

A. Road Projects:

1. **Brian Dixon** stated that he was asked to go out and check Bridge #15. They first discovered the guard rails were not the recommended guard rails, but when the old were removed, Mr. Dixon found that the side rails were pulled away and loose. They also found rebar broken off and the whole side rail could be easily moved. This issue makes that bridge unsafe. The county will recommend that the bridge is closed until the side rails are fixed. Also, the Civilcon Engineering company asked that the bridge is replaced, that the elevation of the bridge is raised widening the opening under so during large rain events, the water will not run over the road. All the other repairs should be on hold until the elevation is raised. County Attorney Lisa Glickfield asked if the situation rises to one that could not reasonably be foreseen and that threatens the public health, welfare, or safety and requires immediate action, which is the definition of an “emergency”. Brian Dixon stated that this situation in his opinion could not be reasonably foreseen and that it does threaten the public safety, but that the Commissioners would have to make that determination. The Commissioners questioned Mr. Dixon about stopping work on the bridge at this point due to its condition and whether the Clark County Highway Department had workers capable of performing the necessary construction, maintenance and repair necessary to bring the bridge back into safety. Mr.

Dixon stated that the highway department does have a "Bridge" crew and that they are capable, and have previously, performed the necessary construction and maintenance of bridges similar to this bridge project. Additionally, Commissioner Stephenson motioned that relying on the engineer's expert opinion the commissioners will declare an emergency, according to Indiana code 36-1-2-4.5, closing the bridge and continue construction as needed and to invite bids from Mac, Fulkerson and Excel. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

2. Brian Dixon stated that he has determined that the roadway of St. Joe West Road is in dire need of repair. The roadway requires the improvements to accommodate the future traffic in that area. Mr. Dixon feels that it is in the public's best interest to make these improvements using the County's workforces. This would be a project under \$250,000 but over \$100,000 and should be advertised in the paper. Commissioner Stephenson motioned to approve the improvements on the roadway, using county forces, for the benefit of the public on St. Joe West. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Brian Dixon stated that old Salem Road area needs to give the right-of-way to Duke Energy for repairs that are estimated to cost \$1,000. There was a discussion about the Utica annexation issue. Mr. Dixon will attend a Utica town meeting for this. Commissioner Glover motioned to approve the Duke Energy repairs contingent on the outcome of the Utica town meeting this evening. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

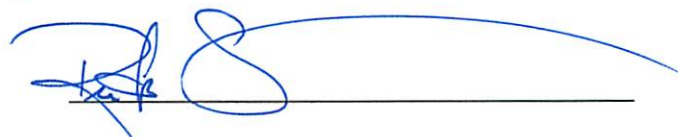
Commissioner Stephenson motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion to adjourn approved 3-0.

To the extent the Board held an executive session of any type under (IC-5-14-1.5-6) or otherwise, the Board hereby 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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JACK COFFMAN, PRESIDENT

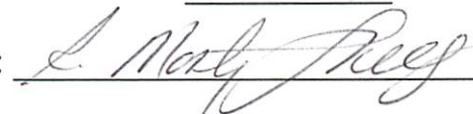


RICK STEPHENSON,
VICE-PRESIDENT



BRYAN GLOVER, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY 12-29-16

ATTEST: 

R. MONTY SNELLING, CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR