

**REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA
APRIL 25, 2002**

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on April 25, 2002 in Room 308, City-County Building, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were County Commissioners Raymond Parker, David Lewis and Vicky Kent Haire, Secretary/Administrative Assistant Pam Smith, County Attorney Scott Lewis, County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas, and Deputy Auditor Theresa James. All references to "Commissioner Lewis" refer to David Lewis. All references to "Mr. Lewis" refer to Scott Lewis. Commissioner Lewis and Mr. Lewis are not related.

In the first order of business a motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve the minutes from the meeting of March 28, 2002. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

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 Lewis to approve said claims as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

The bids for **bridge # 18** were opened and read by County Attorney Scott Lewis. County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas presented the proof of publication for bid opening. The bid amounts were as follows:

R L Vuckson Excavating Incorporated	\$188,199.93
Mac Construction & Excavation	\$299,054.01
T & C Construction Inc.	\$233,632.95
Wingham Paving, Inc.	\$202,520.77
Erber & Milligan Construction Co. Inc.	\$249,846.19

County Attorney Scott Lewis reported that all the bids included the proper bid bonds. A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to take the bids under advisement and award them at the next meeting which will be May 9, 2002. County Engineer Hyun Lee stated that he will look over the bids and make a recommendation at the meeting of May 9, 2002.

Mr Jerry Lemmons, Superior Court No. 1 appeared before the Board to report that when the phones in Superior Court 1 are put on hold the person on hold hears the recording that the Sheriff's Office has on their phones. Mr. Lemmons explained that this is because the phones for Superior Court 1 are linked to the phones in the Sheriff's Office. Mr. Lemmons stated that they have received a complaint about this and submitted a proposal from SBC Ameritech for \$3,577.83. A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to ask **Sheriff Becher** to remove his name from the message instead of the County spending the money to change the phone lines. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

Mr. Edward Culpepper Cooper, County Insurance Agent of Record, appeared before the Board in regard to the County employees health insurance. The Commissioners agreed for Mr. Cooper to meet with County Attorney Scott Lewis to prepare an ordinance to require eligible employees or former employees to sign up for medicare as their primary health carrier. The Board agreed to allow Mr. Cooper to work with County Attorney Scott Lewis to make these changes.

The Drainage Board was next on the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to table this until the next meeting which is May 9, 2002. The Board instructed Secretary/Administrative Assistant Pam Smith to contact Mr. Nachand for information. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

Mr. David Quandt, Quandt Inc., appeared before the Board with a presentation and a request to be considered by the County in upcoming contracts.

At the recommendation of County Engineer Hyun Lee, a motion was made by Commissioner

Lewis to award the bid for the **4x2 Carrier Mounted Hydraulic Excavator** for the Clark County Highway Department to Carlisle Equipment Co. who was the lowest bidder. The bids were opened at the meeting of April 11, 2002. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

County Engineer Hyun Lee updated the Board on **Bridge #18 Allentown Road**.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve and sign an **agreement** for reimbursement of the expenditure of six thousand one hundred seventy eight thousand dollars (\$6,178.00) from the bridge fund to relocate a gas line that is in the way of the construction of bridge #18 Allentown Road. The gas line is located in the gas company's right of way so the County must fund the move. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

County Engineer Hyun Lee made a recommendation that the Board allocate (**\$750,000.00**) for **paving**. Commissioner Lewis requested that Mr. Lee provide him with an estimate of what it would cost to patch the roads in his district instead of paving so that he can make a decision whether to instruct him to go ahead and pave as planned or patch those roads and use the saved money to widen roads that are too narrow and heavily traveled. Mr. Lee stated that he would try to get estimates on these procedures so that the Board can make a decision.

County Engineer Hyun Lee informed the Board that it is time to hire **part time employees** for the summer. Mr. Lee recommended that they hire two part time employees at the rate of \$9.00 per hour. They do not need a CDL license but a drivers license is required.

Commissioner Haire asked Mr. Lee to look over a letter received from the **Indiana Association of Counties** on the leap-in program to help Counties in need of financial help.

County Attorney Scott Lewis reported that a letter was sent to the Board attention County Attorney Hyun Lee asking for the abandonment of **Westport Road**. The Board instructed Mr. Lee to notify the applicants that they must file a petition, provide public notice and hold a public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve and sign **contractor Agreements** with **Mr. Jerry Hobbs** and **Mr. Charles Ettel** for animal control services for a flat fee of (\$300.00) three hundred dollars each per month. These positions are to assist Mr. Mike Ettel by being on call as contractors. This does not include benefits. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve **Clark County Drainage Ordinance 7-2002**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Haire to deny the request from **Repair Affair** because the County is not in a position to donate money at this time. The motion was passed 3-0.

Secretary/Administrative Assistant Pam Smith informed the Board that **Mr. Chet Copeland, Animal Control Officer**, retired and that she submitted the salary 144 form to the Auditor's Office for the County Council. This to go into effect April 29, 2002 with the same salary as Mr. Copeland.

The Clerk's monthly report for March was submitted for the record.

County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas presented the Board with an update on re-establishing **The Cum Bridge Fund**. The Department of Local Government Finance has accepted the Ordinance and publication at the cents (.10) per one-hundred dollars (100) of assessed value. The Department of Local Government Finance will now publish a hearing date and taxpayers have an opportunity to file a remonstrance .

Commissioner Lewis reported that he received a call from the person in charge of the **Henryville Junior League** in regard to closing a portion of **Caney Road** in **Henryville** for a short time during their annual parade. A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve, subject to insurance and the stipulation that the County not be liable, and contact the Sheriff to see if they will participate as they have in the past. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0. The Board instructed Secretary/Administrative Assistant Pam Smith to notify **Ms. Rushmeyer, Henryville Fire Department** and **Sheriff Becher**.

In regard to the appointment to the **Cemetery Commission**, the Board instructed Pam Smith, Secretary/Administrative Assistant to contact **Lois Mauk** for a recommendation. The appointment was tabled until the meeting of May 23, 2002.

The appointment to the **Regional Water & Sewer District** was tabled until the meeting of May 23, 2002.

There being no further business to come before the Board and on a motion made by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Haire , 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