

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**March 5, 2009**

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on March 5, 2009 at 5:00 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, and Deputy Secretary from the Auditor’s Office, Shirley Bell.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

**Auditor Keith Groth** presented the minutes from the February 19, 2009 meeting for approval. Mike Moore brought up Page 3 under Sheriff’s business and thought clarification was needed in the first paragraph. After correction was made Mike Moore made the motion to approve the minutes and Les Young seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

#### **Amendments to the Agenda**

**Ed Meyer** stated Dave Barrow with ProLiance Energy will replace Sheriff Dan Rodden during the Sheriff’s business section.

#### **Approval of Claims/Payroll**

**Auditor Keith Groth** presented payroll for approval stating all figures had been checked and verified. Mike Moore made the motion to approve the payroll and Les Young seconded. The motion was approved 3-0

#### **Barbara Haas – Voter Registration Attorney Contract**

**County Clerk Barbara Haas** presented the Board with a contract from R. Scott Lewis, Attorney as the representative for the Republican Party for approval. For the record the funds for these attorneys comes from the County Election Board budget (on an “as-needed” basis). Mike Moore made the motion to approve and Les Young seconded, the motion carried 3-0.

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Clerk Haas also stated that the company collecting past support payment fees has collected \$33,407 to date out of 8,322 letters sent. A lot of clean up has been done in their office to correct records from child support parents.

### **Brown Forman Rd**

**Attorney Greg Fifer** presented a diagram showing Brown Forman Rd and where jurisdictions run on that road. A discussion was held with Mr. Fifer explaining the diagram. Mr & Mrs Nickles of Lakeside Reflections were present to ask for paving of this road since their business is on this road. Mr. Fifer will confer with Surveyor David Blankenbaker and get back with the Board.

### **Tunnel Mill Rd**

**Brenda Nickles** said truckers are still pulling into their driveway looking for Quality Ct from MapQuest. After discussion Mike Moore suggested sending a letter to Representative Terry Goodin. No decision was made.

### **Aviation Board Insurance**

**Attorney Greg Fifer** has spoken to Mike Whalin about the cost of increased insurance liability of two million from Beasley Insurance Co is \$3,000 per year and Aspen Insurance is \$4500 per year plus fees. The quote for one million is \$1700. Mike Moore made a motion for this coverage of one million with cost of \$1700 per year forgivable loan if they implement a fuel fee at their next meeting. The motion died for lack of a second. Les Young made a motion to insure them for the one million at \$1700 per year and Ed Meyer seconded. The motion was approved 2-1 with Mike Moore opposing. Mr. Fifer will instruct Mr. Whalin to proceed with this coverage.

### **Sheriff's Business**

In the absence of Sheriff Rodden **Dave Barrow** from ProSource Energy spoke about energy savings from the jail under transportation gas service. Mr. Barrow gave the Board a handout and explained how this program works. Ed Meyer made a motion to take this under advisement and Mike Moore seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

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## **Matters tabled from prior meeting**

**Jamie Noel** of Utica Fire Dept spoke about their paramedics and how they are on their ambulances and he wanted that noted in the minutes. **Mike Ross** of Yellow Ambulance just stated that things are being worked out with the City of Jeffersonville. Discussion was held with the anticipation of finalizing this by the March 19, 2009 meeting.

## **Auditor's Report**

**Auditor Keith Groth** presented the February 2009 Treasurer's Report for the record. Mr. Groth had no other business at this time.

## **Attorney's Report**

**Attorney Greg Fifer** said Mr. Whalin would like to provide a 2 and a half hour training session with county officials about hiring/firing, ADA issues due to the large number of claims filed to date. Mr. Fifer needed a letter sent to them and let them know what officials need to be contacted. Mr. Wayne Uhl will speak. A date of Wednesday, April 8 at 10:30 am was set. It was suggested that a letter of notice be sent out with the paychecks. Mr. Fifer will draft the letter to be put in these paychecks.

Mr. Fifer met with Judy DeSimone about the Redevelopment Commission and the appointment of all five (5) appointments. As of July 1, 2008 two are to be appointed by the County Council and one person has to be a member of the school board (Greater Clark or West Clark). Also, as of the date, the Redevelopment TIF funds are \$107,826 and the Commission wanted some guidance on how they are to spend this money. No action taken.

Included in the minutes is an opinion by Attorney Fifer on the legal effect of the County Council vote on request for additional appropriation. A motion was made by Ed Meyer and seconded by Les Young to include this opinion. The motion was approved 3-0.

## **Highway Dept**

**Hyun Lee** presented the contract for the 403 Garage & New Washington. The motion to approve was made by Mike Moore and seconded by Les Young. The motion for the contract was approved 3-0.\

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Hyun Lee stated that Perry Crossing Road needed trees cut down by April 1, 2009 before stakeout is done. Les Young made a motion to approve this and Ed Meyer seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

Hyun Lee noted that water, gas and electric lines have to be relocated at a cost of \$184,000. 100% is paid for by state. Les Young made the motion to approve and Mike Moore seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

Discussion was held about when Bid Bridge is going to put the paver online and take bids. Mr. Lee & Mr. Fifer will meet to discuss and find out more information.

### **Salem Noble Road**

**Mike Moore** stated this project is back into the picture due to the Stimulus Package that has been passed. Mike Moore made the motion for the Board to commit 1/3 of the cost of a turning lane, 1/3 from River Ridge and 1/3 from the City of Jeffersonville. Les Young seconded the motion as long as Jeffersonville participates and the amount does not exceed \$220,000. The motion was approved 3-0.

Mike Moore discussed his recent voice mail left for Ed Meyer pertaining to the recent Solid Waste meeting that Ed missed. Mike wanted it part of the minutes that he felt "Ed Meyer is an embarrassment to Clark County". In turn Ed Meyer wanted the voice mail transcribed as well as recorded and made a part of the record for the people of Clark County.

Les Young addressed the Board about a Jackie Koetter of One Southern Indiana who has a 4 or 5 way party of people for a maximum of \$5,000 each for a lobbyist for the area of Floyd and Clark Counties to oversee the Stimulus Program and make sure we get our money when projects receive funding. Les Young made the motion and Mike Moore seconded. The motion carried 3-0. The Board will let One Southern Indiana select the person. This was an amendment to the original motion by Mike Moore and Les Young seconded. The amendment was approved 3-0.

There being no further business Les Young made a motion to adjourn and Mike seconded. The motion to dismiss was approved 3-0.

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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

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EDWARD MEYER, PRESIDENT

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MIKE MOORE, VICE-PRESIDENT

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LES YOUNG, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

KEITH D. GROTH, CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR

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