

**REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY INDIANA
JANUARY 27, 2005**

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on January 27, 2005 in Room 308, City-County Building, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were County Commissioners Edward Meyer, Vicky Kent Haire and Ralph Guthrie, County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas, County Attorney Daniel Moore, Secretary/Administrative Assistant Linda Basham, and Deputy Auditor Theresa James.

Commissioner President Meyer asked Commissioner Guthrie to report on the Board of Finance meeting which was held just before this meeting. Commissioner Guthrie reported that the county made six hundred seventy three thousand dollars (\$673,000.00) in interest in the year of 2004. Commissioner Guthrie stated that a copy of the report was available for review.

Mr. Dan Moore was presented the **Sagamore of the Wabash Award** signed by Governor Joseph Kernan and presented by Commissioner Guthrie.

The minutes for the meeting of January 4, 2005, having been mailed to the Commissioners and Mr. Moore prior to the meeting, were presented to the Board for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Guthrie to table approval of the minutes of January 4, 2005 until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas stated that she had audited the current list of vendor claims and found that they have a properly itemized invoice or contract attached and that the proper official has affixed a signature stating that the services have been provided. However, there is no approved appropriation against which to charge the amount and there is no approved levy from which to pay claims. A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve the vendor claims as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas stated that she had audited the payroll claims and found that they comply with the local salary ordinance established by the Clark County Council and the signature of proper officials is affixed stating that the hours have been worked and the amounts are due. However, she said there is no approved appropriation against which to charge the amount and there is no approved levy from which to pay claims. A motion was made by Commissioner Guthrie to approve the payroll claims as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

Mr. David Nachand appeared before the Board to make a report concerning the status of the **INDOT (Indiana Department of Transportation) Planning Grant**. Mr. Nachand expressed concerns about the plan which would control every citizen and municipality in the county. Mr. Nachand stated that implementation of this plan would totally halt Clark County development. Commissioner Haire stated that the copy of the agenda that she received at ten o'clock (10:00 A. M.) that morning did not include this presentation by Mr. Nachand and she expressed concern about the plan being confused with the grant. The Board instructed Mr. Moore to contact **Mr. Cox** with Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and set up a meeting with him. Mr. Moore recommended that the Commissioners first identify the Task Force for the project and then they should contact the cities and towns to see if they are interested. Commissioner Guthrie made a motion for one of the Commissioners to appear before the County Council and inform them, that to be in compliance with the grant application, the Commissioners must hire a County Planner by June of 2005 and funding will be provided two or three years. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

Ms. Laura Dixon and Ms. Melissa Woods, River Hills Economic Development District, appeared before the Commissioners regarding the following grants:

A motion was made by Commissioner Haire and seconded by Commissioner Guthrie to approve and sign the **State of Indiana Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant Program Semi-Annual Report on Grant # PL-01-068 and the State of Indiana Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant Program Semi-Annual Report on Grant # CF-02-132**. The motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Haire and seconded by Commissioner Guthrie to approve and sign the **State of Indiana Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant Program Subrecipient Semi-Annual Report on New Washington Water Corporation Grant # CF-98-110, State of Indiana Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant Program Subrecipient Semi-Annual Report on Utica Township Volunteer Fire Department Grant # FL-98-002, and the State of Indiana Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant Program Subrecipient Semi-Annual Report on New Hope Services, Inc. Grant # CF-98-110**.

The motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve and sign **Commissioner's Resolution 1-2005** (A Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of the CFF Application to the Indiana Department of Commerce and Addressing Related Matters) and to approve attached documents.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0. Ms. Woods also, reported that the closeout monitoring date for the Center for Lay Ministries grant will be February 22, 2005.

Commissioner Haire made a motion to approve and authorize President Meyer's signature outside the meeting, after review by County Attorney Dan Moore, on the **Memorandum of Agreement and the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Application for Amy's House Children's Advocacy Center. Wendy Tacket** addressed the Board and stated that the match funds for the grant would be paid by **Clark Memorial Hospital**, with no cost to the County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve and authorize President Meyer's signature on the continuation of the **Domestic Violence Stop Grant**. The grant was submitted to the Board by **Lieutenant Rachel Lee**, Clark County Sheriff's Office, who assured them that approval and signing would not result in a financial obligation to Clark County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

Sheriff Michael Becher was next to address the Board. For the record Commissioner President Meyer stated that he had attended a meeting to address the cost of inmates being housed outside Clark County. At the recommendation of Sheriff Becher, Commissioner Haire made a motion to sign and approve the contract with **ONB Insurance Group, Incorporated** for **inmate health insurance**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

Commissioner Haire made a motion to approve and sign a contract with **Mr. David Nachand, Attorney**, for **Legal Services for the Clark County Plan Commission**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

Commissioner Haire made a motion to approve and sign a contract with **Mr. Frank Ballard, Attorney**, for professional attorney services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

Commissioner Haire made a motion to approve and **sign Supplemental Agreement No.1 with Bernardin, Lochmueller & Associates Incorporated** to perform design engineering services for **Clark County Bridge 97 on Bower Road**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

Commissioner Haire made a motion to approve and sign an **Independent Contractor Agreement** between Mrs. Anna McCartney and the **Clark County Drainage Board** for staff services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

Commissioner Haire made a motion to approve and sign an **Independent Contractor Agreement** between **Mr. Brian Dixon** and the Clark County Drainage Board for engineering services. County Attorney Dan Moore reported that the contract had been approved by Drainage Board President Harold Hart. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

Commissioner Haire made a motion to approve and sign a **Memorandum of Independent Contractor Agreement** for animal control services with **Charles Ettel**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

Commissioner Haire made a motion to approve and sign a **Memorandum of Independent Contractor Agreement** for animal control services with **Frank Ettel**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

Based on the approval from County Attorney Dan Moore, Commissioner Haire made a motion to approve and sign an **interlocal agreement** with the **Town of Utica** in which the Town of Utica would use a Clark County truck for the upcoming weekend dated January 28th & 29th. The truck would only be driven by **Rurl Harris** and The Town of Utica would be responsible for any damages. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas reminded County Attorney Dan Moore of the contract with **Maximus** for cost recovery on January 14, 2005. Mr. Moore stated that he would look for the contract for the next meeting.

Commissioner Haire amended her motion to approve and sign an **interlocal agreement** with the Town of Utica in which the Town of Utica would use a Clark County truck for the weekend to also be subject to the approval of County Engineer Hyun Lee. Commissioner Guthrie also amended his second to the motion and the amendment passed 3-0.

County Attorney Dan Moore left the meeting at approximately four thirty.

A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to sign and approve payment of a claim to Strand Associates Incorporated in the amount of five thousand nine hundred fifty three dollars and ninety cents (\$5,953.90) for professional engineering services on the **Star Hill Road Design Project**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

Mr. Joe Siefers appeared before the Board in place of **Ms. Vickie Muncy** who was on the agenda in the regard to road maintenance in **Polk Run Estates**. Representing the Polk Run neighborhood association, Mr. Siefers made a request to the Board to accept the roads in Polk Run Estates subdivision into the Clark County Highway System. Mr. Siefers stated that the neighborhood association was informed that the subdivision bond expired in 2001. County Engineer Hyun Lee stated that the County could not accept the roads in Polk Run Estates subdivision into the Clark County Highway System because they do not meet the requirements. Mr. Lee made a recommendation that the Board seek the advice of County Attorney Dan Moore. Commissioner Guthrie made a motion to table until the next meeting giving Mr. Moore opportunity to research this situation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0. The Board instructed Secretary/Administrative Assistant Linda Basham to put this on the agenda of the next meeting and suggested that Mr. Siefers return at that time. The Commissioners also instructed Mr. Lee to notify **Ramona Bagshaw**, Clark County Planning and Zoning not to approve any more subdivisions by Mr. Paul Key who was the developer of Polk Run Estates.

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

The Treasurer's monthly report for December was submitted for the record.

Commissioner Haire made a motion to allow the **Clark County 4-H Center** to extend the hours of the race tract competition to twelve o'clock as long as they are equipped with mufflers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

Mr. John Kosinski, Plexis Group, appeared before the Board with a presentation on GIS Services.

There being no further business to come before the Board and on a motion made by Commissioner Haire, seconded by Commissioner Guthrie, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA

EDWARD MEYER, PRESIDENT

VICKY KENT HAIRE, MEMBER

RALPH GUTHRIE, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY

ATTEST:

BARBARA BRATCHER HAAS
CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR