

**REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY INDIANA
March 10, 2005**

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session 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 Linda Basham, and Deputy Auditor Theresa James.

The minutes for the meeting of February 10, 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 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. Jeremy Mull appeared before the Board with a request to transfer fifty five thousand eight hundred ninety nine dollars and thirty two cents (\$55,899.32) from **the Indiana Drug Free Communities Fund** into Drug Prosecutor Fund (#515), for Drug Prosecutor Salary. As per statute Mr. Mull intends to take the request to the County Council after approval from the Commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve the transfer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

Ms. Melissa Woods and Ms. Laura Dixon, River Hills Economic Development District, presented the Board with a letter of no findings on the State Community Development Block Grant Program (Grant No: CF-02-132). Commissioner Haire made a motion to approve and sign the Financial Settlement/Expenditure Report and the Administrative Closeout Form on this grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

Commissioner Guthrie made a motion to approve and sign draw request # 1 for nine thousand three hundred thirty three dollars (\$9,330.00) on the **Clark County Planning Grant No. PL-01-068-Lifespring Turning Point Expansion** and a letter requesting authorization to incur costs on the Childplace Specialist Care Unit Planning Grant prior to receiving a fully executed grant agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

Mr. Dean Boerste, Bernardin, Lochmuller and Associates, Incorporated, introduced Ms. Jonna Stack to the Commissioners. Commissioner Haire made a motion to approve and sign the Planning Services Contract with Bernardin, Lochmuller and Associates, Incorporated with the understanding that **Jonna Stack** would perform primary planner work responsibilities. For the record the website for address for Ms. Stack is www.blainc.com. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0. (See a copy attached.)

Mr. Jim Bullitt, Bernardin, Lockmuller and Associates, Incorporated, gave an update on **Bridge Project # 97 (Bowyer Road)**. Commissioner Haire made a motion to approve and sign the plans for the project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Guthrie to approve and sign a **contract** with **London Witte Group** for Certified Public Accounting and Financial Advisor Services on behalf of the **Clark County Jail Building Corporation**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0. (See a copy attached.)

Commissioner Guthrie made a motion to approve and send a letter of Direction and Authorization to **James Shiremen, Inc., J P Morgan, The Estopinal Group, The London Witte Group** and the **Clark County Jail Holding Corporation** regarding the Clark County Jail Expansion Project. Commissioner Haire seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. (See a copy attached.)

A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve and sign an **Extension Contractual Services Agreement** between **Purdue University** and Clark County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0. (See a copy attached.)

County Engineer Hyun Lee reported that the three new **Ford Trucks** arrived and will be on the road Monday.

A motion was made by Commissioner Guthrie to make a recommendation to the **Clark County Plan Commission** to increase the term for bond security from two years to four years and eliminate the letter of credit for subdivision bond security. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

Mr. Moore reported to the Board that the City of Jeffersonville has asked that the Commissioners pay one half of the bill for gravel used to **gravel** the lot of the **Old Jeffersonville School Lot** which the Clark County Sheriff's Officers will use along with **Jeffersonville City Officers**. The Board took it under advisement and instructed Mr. Moore to check with **Mr. Les Merkley**, Attorney for City of Jeffersonville. The Board asked the Auditor to hold onto the bill until further notice.

Commissioner Haire made a motion to approve an attachment to the **County Employee** paychecks. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0. (See a copy attached).

Upon the recommendation of County Engineer Hyun Lee, Commissioner Haire made a motion to take the subdivision bond report on **Polk Run Estates Subdivision** under advisement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

Upon the recommendation of County Engineer Hyun Lee, Commissioner Haire made a motion to take the subdivision bond report on **Deer Lake Subdivision** under advisement. The Commissioners instructed Mr. Moore to research the status of this subdivision and report back before they take action. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

In response to a request at the previous meeting, County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas reported that her staff did not find a claim from **Simplex** referenced in the Commissioner's minutes. Also, Auditor Haas stated that payment of the claim had not been paid by her office. The Commissioners instructed Auditor Haas to tell **Mr. Greg Read, Attorney** for the **Jail Holding Corporation**, to forward the claim to James Shireman, Incorporated.

County Auditor Haas reported that **Ordinance No. 6-2005** (An Ordinance Exercising the Police Powers of Clark County) was published as instructed by the Commissioners at the meeting of February 24, 2005.

County Auditor Haas also reported that she reviewed the documents from **PC Recovery Systems Telecommunications Consultants** as asked by the Board and that the County is under contract with SBC for telephone service.

County Auditor Haas thanked the Commissioners for creating the **Revenue and Reassessment Committee** and offered the names of **Mike Hodson, Greater Clark County Schools** and **Paula Schindler, representative of Monroe Township, Charlestown Township and New Washington Township Fire Protection Districts** for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Haire made a motion to appoint Mr. Hodgson and Ms. Schindler to the Revenue and Reassessment Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

County Auditor Haas informed the Commissioners that the tax calculations for the 2003 pay 2004 **taxes** are on the computer and her office is preparing the abstract to send to the State Auditor's Office for approval.

Commissioner Guthrie made a motion to assign general supervision of the **contracts** with **London Witte and Barnes and Thornberg to the Jail Holding Corporation**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

A letter from **County Surveyor Bob Isgrigg** was entered for the record. (See a copy of the letter attached.)

Mr. Moore asked permission from the Board to hire a **mediator** and pay one half along with **S. K. Wilson, Incorporated** in an attempt to settle a dispute over a contract with the previous Board of Commissioners entered into on July 18, 2002. Commissioner Haire made a motion to approve the hiring of a mediator and pay one half of the cost. Mr. Moore stated that one of the Commissioners would have to be present at all times. Commissioner Guthrie agreed to attend the mediation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

County Auditor Haas reminded the Board about the Commercial Lease Agreement between **Jesse Ballew Enterprises** and **Clark County Emergency Management Agency in which** Mr. Moore recused himself because of a possible conflict of interest. Mr. Nachand reviewed the agreement and submitted a memorandum to the Clark County Emergency Management Agency and submitted it to the Auditor. Auditor Haas sent copies of the memorandum to each Commissioner and Mr. Moore Prior to the meeting of February 24, 2005 and brought the originals to the meeting for the Boards consideration. At that time the Commissioner moved to table approval of the agreement until the next meeting. Commissioner Haire made a motion to approve and authorize President Meyer's signature on the documents outside the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

Mr. Mike Farrar, Farra, Garvey & Associates, L. L.C. gave an update on Bridge # 40 and County Line Bridge over Silver Creek.

Mr. Scott O'Neal, WTH Engineering, gave an update on Bridge # 78.

The Commissioner instructed Mr. Moore to research the appointments to the **Jeff-Clark Building Authority** and report to them at the next meeting.

To the extent the Board held an executive session of any type under (I C 5-14-1.5-6) or otherwise, the Board hereby certifies that no subject matter was discussed therein except that posted in the notice for session or meeting. (I C 5-14-1.5-6.1).

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