

REGULAR MEETING
CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 10, 2015

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on September 10, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 404, Clark County Government Building, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners – Jack Coffman, Bryan Glover and Rick Stephenson, County Attorney Lisa Glickfield and Auditor R. Monty Snelling.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by County Attorney Glickfield and prayer was led by Commissioner Coffman.

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Stephenson motioned to approve the August 27, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Amendment to the Agenda:

Commissioner Glover motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Approval of Claims/Payroll

Commissioner Glover motioned to approve the claims and payroll for September 16, 2015. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Public Comments Relating to the Agenda:

Russell Brooksbank, 1716 Whittier Dr., Clarksville, IN, Vice Chairman of the Libertarian Party stated that he is in support of the Southern Indiana Rescue.

Donna Spence, 531 E. Maple, Jeffersonville, IN asked if the Rescue wasn't on the agenda, when will it be? She was told that the BZA would be the final authority for this. Ms. Spence supports the Southern Indiana Rescue and says that Trish has taken care of dogs, that are either ill or seniors, and mostly not adoptable, at no cost to the county.

Paulette Kischner, Riverside Dr. Jeffersonville, IN, supports the Southern Indiana Rescue and appreciates the work that has been done to help the dogs.

I. Administrative Agenda

A. Commissioner Coffman opened the Jail Treatment Contract by stating that the commissioners would have a discussion with both applicants present.

Commissioner Glover, directed a question to Denise Poukish regarding psychiatric services capped at 10 per year then the fee starts issue. She stated that the services are ordered for competency by the judge. She stated that Clark County has an average of 14 a year. They have reduced the amount to \$600 for over the allowed 10. She stated that is their cost with no profit in the proposal. They are a non profit agency.

Commissioner Stephenson asked if there is a comparison with a total of mental health services the jail has had in a year. Levois Davis stated that the amounts have been rising in the last 2 years since more judges are ordering them. Commissioner Stephenson asked if these services have been necessary, or is it more protecting yourself. Mr. Davis stated that it is more crossing the "T's" and dotting the "I's".

Commissioner Glover asked about the \$80,800 per year Life Spring contract. How long would the cost last? Denise Poukish stated that per the doctor performing the services, they plan to honor it through Sheriff Noel's term. She also stated that after the inmates are released, they would transition into psychiatric services with Lifesprings or VA services.

Commissioner Coffman asked if the cost would vary per evaluation? Denise Poukish stated that what we quoted is the set costs of the services. Commissioner Coffman stated that he would advise that the County Attorney review the contracts and get back to the applicants with some questions and concerns. Denise Poukish stated that she has an amendment to the original contract stating that their services are based on what the Sheriff wants.

B. Matters tabled from a previous meeting: None

C. Sheriff Business: None

D. Auditor Snelling presented the monthly Treasurers Report. Commissioner Stephenson motioned to enter the report into the record. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

E. Attorney Comments: None

F. Councilperson Kelly Khuri asked the sheriff if there is a way to determine whether an inmate is a veteran on intake. Sheriff Noel stated that they are asked if they are a veteran when they first come in. She also said that she was contacted by email by Tami Kruer regarding setting a meeting regarding the MS-4 issue. She also mentioned again that she would be interested in an Executive Session with the Council and the Commissioners regarding the landfill.

G. Ratification and Approvals: None

H. Commissioner Glover motioned to appoint Rick Stephenson to the Community Corrections Board. This appointment was for the member, Teddy Thockmorton, that passed away, Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 2-0-1, with one abstention.

II. Technical Agenda:

A. Matters tabled from prior meeting: None

B. Commissioner Coffman stated that the area of I-65 and Memphis-Blue Lick Rd overpass needs attention. The area will be about \$270,000. It would have to be shut down for approximately 4 days to repair. He asked that the \$270,000, additional appropriation, come out of the Highway fund. If approved, this request would next go before the Council at the October meeting. Commissioner Stephenson motioned to approve the request for additional appropriation for the reconstruction of I-65 and Memphis Blue Lick Road overpass. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Commissioner Glover asked what fund the appropriation would come from and that it would be no more than \$270,000? Commissioner Coffman said it would come from the Highway fund and would be under \$270,000.

Commissioner Glover asked about this project and what would happen with the INDOT work on I-65. Commissioner Coffman said that they have already checked into it and it would not interfere.

Councilperson Kelly Khuri asked if the funds could come from the TIF fund for this repair project? Commissioner Coffman stated that he has checked into that also, but believes that it would not be possible to use TIF funds because it would be repaired and not a new road. TIF funds should be used for new roads.

Councilperson Kevin Vissing asked about a timed light in that area. Commissioner Coffman stated that he looked into that and found that the cost would be immense.

C. Commissioner Coffman presented, for discussion, the 403 and the entrance to the Stone Creek Industrial Center. He said that the traffic has increased in that area because of the industrial center. He stated that they are looking into installing a light. KIPDA has been contracted for funding the light. Also, West Clark and the owner of Stone Creek Industrial Center have been contacted for funding. This light would reduce the speed limit during school hours.

D. Commissioner Coffman mentioned that the Star Hill Road meeting was today. This project is heading towards completion. The road is renamed Star Valley Way.

The Salem Noble road is being paved now. He stated that it would be finished by the middle or the end of next week. Kelly Khuri asked if the yards would be repaired. Commissioner Coffman said that yes, they would be repaired.

III. Public Comments:


Donna Spence asked what does it take to get the BZA decision revoked? Commissioner Coffman said that if you have been denied, you can go back in a year and reapply. Ms. Spence stated that the person does not operate a kennel she operates a rescue. Commissioner Coffman read the Indiana code regarding the definition of a kennel along with a proposed definition. He said that they were trying to be more lenient on the definition of a kennel for the whole county. Commissioner Coffman says that he always has supported Southern Indiana Rescue. He said that he has never mentioned shutting down and always has supported what the rescue does.

There was a discussion about if Trish is in compliance with the Indiana code defining what is a kennel.

Commissioner Stephenson motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 2-0.

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).

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CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA



JACK COFFMAN, PRESIDENT

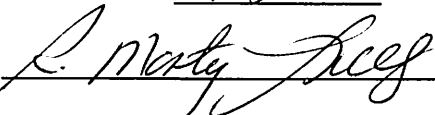
Absent

RICK STEPHENSON,
VICE-PRESIDENT



BRYAN GLOVER, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY 9-24-15

ATTEST: 

R. MONTY SNELLING, CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR