

REGULAR MEETING
CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 13, 2018

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on December 13, 2018, at 5 p.m. in Room 418, Clark County Government Building, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners – Jack Coffman, Connie Sellers, and Bryan Glover, Commissioners’ Assistant Allison Ruddell, and Deputy Auditor Keisha Reschar. County Attorney Scott Lewis, Clark County Engineer Brian Dixon, and Auditor Monty Snelling were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brad Jones and the prayer was led by Jack Coffman.

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Glover made a motion to approve the November 29, 2018, Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 2-0.

Commissioner Coffman presented the amendments to the agenda. An opening of bids for materials for the Highway Department for the upcoming year will be added to the agenda. Also, the ArcMail contract will be tabled until the next meeting. Commissioner Glover motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Keisha Reschar, deputy auditor, presented the claims and payroll for December 12, 2018. Commissioner Sellers motioned to approve the claims and payroll. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

I. Administrative Agenda

A. Commissioner Coffman presented the opening of bids for materials for the highway department in 2019.

1. IMI at 1019 E Utica Street Sellersburg, IN, submitted a bid for aggregates which included various prices. The bid was submitted in a timely manner.
2. B&G Enterprises at 1602 E 8th Street, Jeffersonville, IN, submitted two bids, one for aggregate and one for cold mix. These bids were submitted in a timely manner.
3. Makowsky Oil at 1626 Fabricon Blvd, Jeffersonville, IN, submitted a bid for fuel cost. The bid was submitted in a timely matter.
4. Civilcon at 605 Northshore Drive, Jeffersonville, IN, submitted a bid for culverts and bridge materials. The bid was submitted in a timely matter.
5. MAC Construction at 1908 Unruh Ct, New Albany, IN submitted multiple bids. This included bids for bituminous material, asphalt, cold mixes, road material, surface and binders, and mixtures of cold patch prep material. These bids were submitted in a timely matter.

Commissioner Sellers made a motion to take the bids under further advisement. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

B. Greg Fifer, on behalf of Summit BHC, discussed the amendment of covenants and restrictions for the Wooded Glen Retreat Center property. Summit BHC is under contract to purchase the Wooded Glen Retreat Center. The property is currently zoned B-2, along with restrictive covenants. Summit BHC is moving to get these restrictions lifted. In order to do so the issue must go before the Plan Commission and the Clark County Commissioners. The Plan Commission has unanimously voted to lift these restrictions. If this is approved by the County Commissioners, Summit BHC will move forward with their pending application for a special use permit for a Convalescent Care Center.

Next, Fifer discussed some of the issues that have been presented along with lifting the restrictions. The Convalescent Care center will be only for patients who want to be there, as it is a voluntary commitment. Also almost all of the patients have private insurance. The facility will not use suboxone or methadone. The biggest complaint from the community has been traffic. Summit BHC believes that daily traffic will actually be less than it is currently. There will be no more tour buses coming to the facility. There will be acreage designated as a buffer between the facility and its neighbors.

Scott Schwigger, Counsel for Summit BHC, discussed the company further. The company is based around commercially insured patients, they do not run luxury facilities. They work closely with community providers and payers. They employ a professional staff, including at least one medical doctor and a compliment of nurses, mental health techs, and professional therapists. The patients are busy throughout the day. More than half of the people they treat are there for alcohol addiction, as this is consistently the most abused substance.

Bryan Stase, VP of Operational Development for Summit BHC, discussed daily operations for the proposed facility. Stase stated that the maximum capacity for Wooded Glen would be 100 beds. The program is very structured and runs 24/7. The average length of stay is anywhere from 20-45 days. The target occupancy, at least for the first few years would be 40 beds. This would require a 55-60 person staff. This number would increase with increased occupancy. Wooded Glen served 16,000 clients last year which is significantly more than Summit BHC would provide care for, especially in the first few years. In their current facilities, 90% of the clients Summit BHC serves come from 90-110 miles of the facility. They strive to be a part of the community the serve.

Stacia Franklin, with Planning and Zoning discussed that approval will give Summit BHC a chance with The Board of Zoning and Appeals. It is just allowing them to move forward with the process. If the community has concerns they should present them at the Board of Zoning and Appeals. If the BZA does not allow Summit BHC to move forward, the process would have to start over again.

Daniel Kersey, who lives at 2605 Hebron Church Road, presented his concerns. He stated that the proposed facility would bring around 36,000 people on the road per year. He is also stated his concern of his and his family's safety due to those who chose to walk out.

Jane Eiler, a member of the community and the mother of an addict discussed her support of the proposed facility. She stated that there is a definite need for a facility such as this in the area. She also stated that active addiction is more dangerous to the community than a rehab facility.

Barb Anderson, with Clark County Cares, discussed her support of the facility. She also stated that this is desperately needed. She said our area had to ship their love ones out. Everyone keeps saying to take it to Jeffersonville, but there is already something there and this area still has a need for this facility.

Fred Finch, who lives at 7270 Heil Road voiced his concerns. He stated that a public safety officer was against the proposed ideas at the Plan Commission. He also reminded those present at the meeting that it takes quite a while for police officers and EMS to reach Henryville. He said he is most concerned about his property values and how this facility will affect them.

Phyllis Garmon, with Wooded Glen, voiced her support of the proposed facility. She stated that the retreat center was not wanted in the community 20 years ago when they first started out. She believes they have since been a very good neighbor, increased property values, and been very supportive of the community. She stated it took two years to make the decision to go forward with Summit BHC. Her family decided to originally start the retreat center as a memorial for her son who took his own life. She believes the facility Summit BHC has proposed just enhances their vision.

Dale Able, a Henryville resident for 20 years and law enforcement officer for 37 years, discussed his support. He says Summit BHC should be given a shot if the community has any sort of compassion. He asks for everyone to please pray about it.

Marylin Greenwell, whose daughter died due to addiction, expressed her support. Her daughter had a baby who was only 10 month old when she died. She says they couldn't find anywhere to help her daughter. The only place that gave them any hope was the University of Alabama and they decided they could not help her because she was pregnant.

Shawn Basham, life time resident of Clark County, discussed his support. He stated he and his wife are volunteer chaplains at the jail and they see firsthand the need for a facility such as this. He says it would not only save the addicts life, but also their families'.

Greg Pfeiffer addressed the concerns of decreasing property values. He explained that Wooded Glen is a multi-million dollar property and they would suffer if property values were to decrease. If they drive property values down then they have a poor business plan.

Commissioner Glover made a motion to approve the amendment to the covenants and restrictions on the Wooded Glen Retreat Center property, located at 2602 Hebron Church Road Henryville, IN. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

The Board of Zoning and Appeals meeting will take place January 16, 2019.

C. Commissioner Coffman opened a public hearing to present the Rezoning Ordinance No. 22-2018 asking for comments from the public.

Stacia Franklin spoke on behalf of Josalito Milan, who petitioned for the Ordinance. She stated the ordinance is concerning the rezoning of a piece of personal property located at 10001 State Road 60. This would switch the property from R-1 Single Family Residence to A-1 Agricultural. Milan is in the process of selling the property contingent upon the rezoning. The buyer, David Bower, plans on having horses that he will rehabilitate. There was no one to speak against the rezoning and it was a unanimous decision with the Planning and Zoning Board. Commissioner Sellers made a motion to approve Ordinance 22-2018 to make an amendment to the Clark County Zoning Map. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

D. Commissioner Coffman opened a public hearing to present Ordinance No. 23-2018 asking for comments from the public. The ordinance which was petitioned by several members of the Book family would vacate public roadways.

Attorney Brad Benson spoke on behalf of the petitioners. The unimproved platted public ways are commonly known as 2nd Cross Street, Livery Street, and Water Street located in Memphis, Indiana. The roadways are surrounded by the property of all of the petitioners. They plan to separate the property equally if the ordinance gets approved. This does not hinder any of the four requirements to vacate a public way. Commissioner Glover motioned to approve Ordinance No. 23-2018 which would vacate 2nd Cross Street, Livery Street, and Water Street located in Memphis, Indiana. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

E. Matters tabled from the previous meeting: Commissioner Coffman discussed the Interlocal agreement for Curbside Recycling between Clark County and the Solid Waste District. This was presented at the last meeting and the county attorney has since clarified and approved the verbiage in the agreement. Commissioner Sellers motioned to approve the Interlocal agreement for Curbside Recycling. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

F. Sheriff Business: None.

G. Keisha Reschar, deputy auditor, presented the Clerk's Report and the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Sellers motioned to approve the Clerk's Report and the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

H. Attorney's Report: None.

I. Officeholder/Department Heads Present at Meeting: None.

J. Ratifications and Approvals: None

K. Appointments: None.

II. Technical Agenda: None.

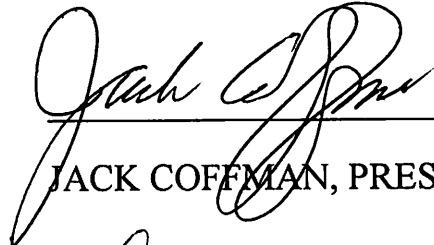
III. Public Comments:

1. Wayne Kirchgessner discussed the right of way to his property off of Kruer Road. Commissioner Coffman explained that the commissioners could not advise on this subject as the County Attorney was not present at the meeting. Commissioner Coffman suggested that Kirchgessner contact Attorney Scott Lewis.
2. Michelle Hoskins of Charlestown, Indiana discussed the continuing issues with the breaches in water lines due to the Bethany Road Project. She stated that this has become a monthly occurrence. Commissioner Glover explained that he has spoken with County Engineer Brian Dixon and he is unsure that the contractors that were hired by the county are at fault. Commissioner Glover stated that he and Brian Dixon will investigate this further when another break occurs, in order to figure out who is at fault.
3. Michelle Hoskins also raised her concerns with the traffic issues caused by businesses in the River Ridge area, especially Amazon. She said police officers completely stop traffic in order to let Amazon employees out. This has made her and her daughter late on more than one occurrence. Commissioner Coffman advised her to contact the Board of Public Works in Jeffersonville as Jefferson City Police Officers are the ones who stop traffic.

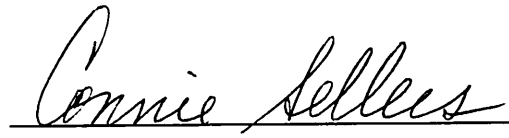
Commissioner Sellers motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

To the extent, the Board held an executive session of any type under (IC-5-14-1.5-6) or otherwise, the Board hereby 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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JACK COFFMAN, PRESIDENT

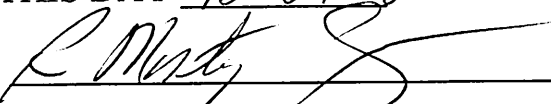


CONNIE SELLERS, VICE PRESIDENT



BRYAN GLOVER, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY 12-27-18

ATTEST: 

R. MONTY SNELLING, CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR