

**REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA
JANUARY 30, 2003**

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on January 30, 2003 in Room 308, City-County Building, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were County Commissioners David Lewis and Vicky Kent Haire, County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas, County Attorney Scott Lewis, Secretary/Administrative Assistant Pam Smith, and Deputy Auditor Theresa James.

County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas having audited the payroll claims, found them to be in accordance with Indiana Code 5-11-10-2, and submitted them to the Board for approval with the following exception:

The pay request for Matt Dyer includes longevity pay, which is not included in the approved salary ordinance of the County Council.

A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve and sign said pay request with longevity for Matt Dyer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 2-0.

County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas reported that the Department of Local Government Finance has advised the Auditor's Office that they are holding all additional appropriations and will not send approval prior to assessed values being certified to them. However, Ms. Haas has audited these vendor claims and in an effort to get necessary bills such as the jail physician paid, agreed to process payments up to the amount of \$96,455.31 (this amount is the balance of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund with \$420,000.00 invested as of January 30, 2002) when there is an appropriation approved by the County Council. Commissioner Haire made a motion to approve and sign these claims as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 2-0.

County Treasurer Richard Jones was next on the agenda but was not present at this time.

Attorney Michael Maschmeyer representing Mr. and Mrs. James Steed appeared next before the Board with a request to vacate a public sewer line easement. Mr. Maschmeyer presented the Board with proof that the Steeds have complied with the statutory notice requirements. County Attorney Scott Lewis reported that he had reviewed the proposed ordinance and the form does comply with the statute. No one was present at the meeting to object to the request. At the advise of County Attorney Lewis a motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve and sign Ordinance 1-2003 (an ordinance vacating part of public easement in Steeplechase Subdivision Section 2). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 2-0.

Ms. Ceal Steele, Deputy Clerk, appeared before the Board along with Mr. Kevin Cook, CSI, in regard to new software and hardware for the voter registration office. Ms. Steele explained that although new cabling is necessary for the new hardware and software to work properly, they could begin the installation with the current cabling. Mr. Cook stated that his company would be willing to start the conversion after a signature of agreement and wait for as long as one year for payment. When asked by the Board County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas stated for the record that the tax bills for 2002 payable 2003 couldn't be calculated with the current tax computer system. A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to declare an emergency situation to exist that demands immediate action and prepare a requisition for additional appropriations to present to the Council requesting \$478,267.00 for tax /financial computers, tax/financial software server, annual maintenance, training, cable and voter registration software, hardware, maintenance & license including a discount from Low Associates for being a current

customer. Pursuant to IC.36-9-15.5-8(C) the Board found it necessary, to protect the public health, welfare or safety, to expend money from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund.

The Commissioners will also request an additional appropriation from the General Fund for the same amount. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 2-0.

Ms. Laura Dixon, River Hills Economic Development District, appeared before the Board with a close out report on the New Washington Township Water Corporation Grant semi-annual report. A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve and sign the report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 2-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve and sign the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and the Stop Violence Against Women Act grant applications. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 2-0.

Commissioner Haire made a motion to approve and sign the Edward Burne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Formula Grant Funds application for thirty six thousand dollars (\$36,000.00). After verification that the local match funds of eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00) will be funded from the local drug free community fund and not the General Fund. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion and it passed 2-0.

Mr. Edward Culpepper Cooper, County insurance agent of record, appeared before the Board with a report on the county's partially self funded insurance. Mr. Cooper asked the Board for permission to work with County Attorney Scott Lewis in regard to one retiree who does not carry Medicare part B insurance as is required by the County and in regard to a small group that is on the county employees insurance. Mr. Cooper reported that the recent changes in the law qualifies this group to get their own insurance and this change could reduce the County's risk as much as two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00). The Board agreed for Mr. Cooper to meet with Mr. Lewis in regard to these matters and the Board took no action.

Mr. Kent Wells, Health Department Program Director, appeared before the Board with a report and a request for the Board to approve and sign two grant applications. Mr. Wells stated that this approval does not obligate the County to any match funds. A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve and sign grant applications on the State of Indiana's sexually transmitted disease fund of up to thirty one thousand two hundred sixteen dollars (\$31,216.00) and the Indiana's State aids education fund of up to thirteen thousand six hundred thirty five (\$13,635.00). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 2-0.

Mr. Jesse Ballew was next on the agenda but did not appear.

Mr. Dale Popp, Jeffersonville Township Trustee, was next on the agenda in regard to the ambulance coverage for Jeffersonville Township. Mr. Popp was unable to attend because of a death. Commissioner Haire made a motion to table this until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 2-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve the purchase of one new tiger rotary boom mower for a total purchase price of fifty three thousand eight hundred fifty dollars (\$53,850.00) from Deeds Equipment Company Incorporated. Mr. Lee, County Engineer explained that the purchase would be made from Highway Department funds that were approved as a line item. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion and it passed 2-0.

At the recommendation of County Engineer Hyun Lee, Commissioner Haire made a motion to approve a letter of agreement with SIECO Engineering for the Clark County Landfill bridge inspection at a cost of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000.00). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 2-0. (See a copy of the agreement attached.)

At the recommendation of County Engineer Hyun Lee, a motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve increases in the settlement agreement on parcel nine Louis E. Kopp and parcel 19 John M. Secor of the Perry Crossing Road project. Parcel nine will change by one hundred fifty dollars changing from fifteen thousand seven hundred and sixty two dollars (\$15,762.00) to fifteen thousand nine hundred twelve dollars (\$15,912.00) and parcel nineteen will change by two hundred ninety nine dollars (\$299.00) changing from one thousand seven hundred one dollars to two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 2-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve project application form (FA-3) for Federal Aid to local jurisdiction highway and bridge projects on intersections where Salem Noble Road and Bethany Road intersect with State Highway 62. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 2-0. (See a copy of the applications attached.)

A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve and sign an itemized claim form for professional services rendered for new road construction and small structure over Koetter Hollow for two thousand seven hundred eighty five dollars and fifty cents (\$2,785.50). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 2-0. The Board instructed Mr. Lee to bring claims such as this before the Board in open meeting for approval and signature.

At the recommendation of Clark County Attorney Scott Lewis, a motion was made by Commissioner Haire to approve and sign a subordination agreement pertaining to lot 313 of the Meadows Unit No. III. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 2-0. (See a copy of the agreement attached.)

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

Commissioner Haire made a motion to table the appointment to the Solid Waste District Board until the next meeting.

Commissioner Haire made a motion to appoint David Lewis and John Uhl to the Emergency Management Advisory Council along with re-appointing Roger Shaw, Paul Kraft, Mike Becher, Mike Meyer, William Scott and Bob Rogge. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 2-0.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA

DAVID LEWIS, PRESIDENT

RAYMOND J PARKER, MEMBER

VICKY KENT HAIRE, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY

ATTEST:

BARBARA BRATCHER HAAS
CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR