

**REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CLARK COUNTY INDIANA  
MARCH 23, 2005**

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on March 23, 2005 in Room 308, City-County Building, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were County Commissioners Vicky Kent Haire and Ralph Guthrie, County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas, County Attorney Daniel Moore, Secretary Linda Basham, and Deputy Auditor Theresa James. In President Meyer's absence, Commissioner Guthrie served as acting president.

The minutes for the meeting of February 24, 2005, having been mailed to the Commissioners and Mr. Moore prior to the meeting, were presented to the Board for approval. Commissioner Haire made a motion to approve and sign said minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 2-0.

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 Haire to approve the payroll claims as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 2-0.

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 2-0.

**Kathy Wheat** addressed the Board requesting match grant funding for **CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)**. Ms. Wheat was advised to go before the County Council and request these matching funds.

**Beth Keeney, Director of the Drug Court Program, Superior County # 2**, asked for permission to write on behalf of the Commissioners requesting a **Justice Assistance Federal Grant** in the amount of twenty four thousand three hundred thirty one dollars. Commissioner Haire made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 2-0.

**County Clerk Keith Groth** and **Systems Administrator Matt Dyer** requested three thousand one hundred fifty dollars (\$3,150.00) for payment on the maintenance contract with

Computer Services Incorporated. Mr. Groth explained that he does not have the funds to pay this because this is not an election year and he did not pay it last year because of the freeze that the County Council put on at the end of the year. By a motion from Commissioner Haire, second from Commissioner Guthrie, and a vote of 2-0, the Board declared an emergency situation to exist that demands immediate action. 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** in the amount of three thousand one hundred fifty dollars (\$3,150.00) to pay the maintenance contract. The Board instructed Secretary Linda Basham to prepare the request for the Council.

**Melissa Stanbro** was next on the agenda, but did not attend the meeting.

**Clark County Chief of Police John Haas** appeared before the Board with a request for thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) to pay for vehicle maintenance. Chief Haas stated that Sheriff Becher went to the Council last month and was denied this request. Mr. Moore asked Chief Haas if the Sheriff had funds that could be transferred to cover vehicle maintenance. Chief Haas stated that he was not the person to ask because he did not know the answer. By a motion from Commissioner Haire, second from Commissioner Guthrie, and a vote of 2-0, the Board declared an emergency situation to exist that demands immediate action. 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** in the amount of nine thousand five hundred forty eight dollars and nine cents (\$9,548.09) which is due at this time.

**Planning & Zoning Resolution 5-2005 (Louis Shepherd)** was called for public hearing. No persons spoke to the Board regarding this resolution. Commissioner Haire made a motion to approve and sign Resolution 5-2005. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 2-0. (copy attached)

At the request of **Attorney Bill Smith and Martin Padget, Clark Memorial Hospital**, Commissioner Haire made a motion to approve and sign **Commissioner's Ordinance 9-2005 (Ordinance Authorizing Clark Memorial Hospital's Sale of Real Estate)**. Commissioner Guthrie seconded the motion and it passed 2-0. (copy attached)

County Engineer Hyun Lee gave an update on Phase Two of the **Perry Crossing Road Project** stating that it is time for the Board to select the engineering firm for the project. County Engineer Hyun Lee passed out a list for them to choose from in which they chose the following three in this order:

<b>First choice</b>	<b>Bernardin, Lockmuller and Associates, Inc.</b>
<b>Second choice</b>	<b>Farra, Garvey and Associates, LLC</b>
<b>Third choice</b>	<b>RW Armstrong Engineers</b>

Mr. Lee presented the Board with a proposed list of roads to be paved in the County. This list is for the Boards review and no action was taken at this time.

A motion was made by Commissioner Haire to sign and approve payment of a claim to **Strand Associates Incorporated** in the amount of fifty three thousand seven hundred forty seven thousand dollars (\$53,747.00) for professional engineering services on the **Star Hill Road Design Project**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

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

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County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas reported that the abstract has been approved by the State Auditor's Office and that the upgrade would be completed this holiday weekend and be ready to print tax bills. **Matt Dyer, Systems Administration**, spoke regarding the data base that works with the software and scanners which are needed because of the upgrade. County Auditor Haas stated that she had a message from Commissioner President Meyer instructing her to go forward with the purchase of this necessary equipment.

Mr. Moore provided **Proof of Publication for Ordinance 9-2005 (Ordinance Authorizing Clark Memorial Hospital's Sale of Real Estate)** which was approved by the Board earlier in this meeting.

Commissioner Haire made a motion to approve and sign **Commissioner's Resolution 4-2004 (A Resolution to Administratively Fix Identification Numbers of Certain Resolutions Passed in 2005)**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 2-0. (copy attached)

Commissioner Guthrie made a motion to put into the record, a letter from the Clark County Plan Commission, regarding the request from **Charlestown** for the **two mile fringe area**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 2-0. (copy attached)

Mr. Moore reported that he would be standing in for President Meyer at the meeting of the Task Force which would be held after the close of this meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 2-0.

**Mr. Ken Minett, Butler, Fairman and Seufert**, gave an update on Gasby 34. No action was needed by the Board at this time.

Commissioner Haire made a motion to sign and approve a letter of recommendation for **James L. Shireman, Inc.** to the Board of Commissioners of Harrison County, Indiana. Commissioner Guthrie seconded the motion and it passed 2-0.

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

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EDWARD MEYER, PRESIDENT

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VICKY KENT HAIRE, MEMBER

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RALPH GUTHRIE, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY

ATTEST:

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BARBARA BRATCHER HAAS  
CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR