

**REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CLARK COUNTY INDIANA  
December 28, 2005**

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on December 28, 2005 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 Haas, County Attorney Daniel Moore, Secretary Angela Coleman, and Deputy Auditor Theresa James.

No minutes were available for approval at this meeting.

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. A motion was made by Commissioner Guthrie to approve the vendor claims as submitted. 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 with the same **exception** from prior meetings. A motion was made by Commissioner Guthrie to approve the payroll claims with the stated exception. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haire and passed 3-0.

Hyun Lee, County Engineer, reported on **Bridge #20 on St Joe Rd West**. Mr. Lee is planning construction to begin this spring. County is presently fixing the bridge to be used in the short term. Mr. Lee stated that signage is in place and he feels the bridge is safe.

Mr. Lee brought a list of engineering firms who had submitted a proposal for the county's bridge inspection. The Board took this matter under advisement until the next meeting.

**Bob Morrison** a resident of Bethlehem appeared before the Board with a complaint against **Bethlehem Sand & Gravel**. He stated that they have not finished the berm yet and have not fulfilled the requirements of the resolution. Mr. Moore requested more factual details. Mr. Moore would feel more comfortable with better documentation. Commissioner Guthrie suggested that Bethlehem Sand & Gravel be sent a letter to come to a meeting and explain. Mr. Moore requested the residents prepare a written complaint with signatures. Mr. Morrison submitted exhibit "A" for the record. The Board will notify Bethlehem Sand & Gravel to come to a meeting and Mr. Morrison will be notified of the date and time.

Commissioner Haire reported that as chairperson of the **Personnel Committee** she had received a letter from Barbara Bratcher Haas, Clark County Auditor regarding a conflict in the handbook. The conflict involves the issue of the number of hours an employee is required to work in a work week. Commissioner Haire has concerns if an employee is not required to work forty (40) hours per week to be entitled to the county's health insurance. Mr. Moore suggested a meeting be scheduled with the County Council concerning this matter. Commissioner Haire reported that she had received a quote for the printing of the handbook. Approximate cost for 400 books would be \$938.33. No action taken.

Robert Lewis, Jeffersonville Township Assessor, appeared requesting the Board to approve a contract for the purchase of computer software to be used in both the County Assessor's Office and the **Jeffersonville Township Assessor's Office** to track personal property assessments. Mr. Lewis stated that this matter is urgent and encouraged the board to approve a contract with **Appraisal Research** in the amount of \$13,980.00 which includes maintenance for one year. The funds are presently appropriated in the Reassessment Fund. Commissioners Haire moved to approve the contract providing the appropriation and cash are available in the Reassessment Fund. Motion seconded by Commissioners Guthrie and passed 3-0.

Bruce Elder, Diversified Insurance, the county's agent of record for liability insurance appeared at the request of the board regarding the breakdown of the insurance bill. Mike Meyer, County Health Department could not attend but spoke with Commissioners Haire by phone. Both parties are in agreement regarding the responsibility of the Health Department.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Haire and seconded by Commissioner Guthrie 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 **(\$57,943.41)** fifty-seven thousand nine hundred forty-three dollars and forty-one cents to pay outstanding Commissioners debts. The motion passed 3-0 and the Board instructed Secretary Angela Coleman to file the proper paperwork in the Auditor's Office.

David Trotter, Purdue Extension Agent, appeared regarding a **contract** between **Purdue University and Clark County Government**. The appropriation is already in place in the budget. Commissioner Guthrie moved to approve, seconded by Commissioners Haire and passed 3-0.

Commissioner Haire moved to approve a contract between **S & H Inspections** and the Clark County Plan Commission for electrical inspections. The amount of the contract is \$30,000 for twelve (12) months. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

Commissioner Haire moved to approve a 2006 **contract** between **Daniel Moore** and Clark County Government in the amount of \$3,541.66 monthly and an hourly rate of \$125.00 per hour. Motion seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

Commissioner Haire reported she has received numerous calls regarding the condition of the roads in **Boulder Creek Subdivision**. Commissioner Meyer stated that this is involved in litigation and there are additional problems since it is in the process of being condemned by the State of Indiana. Commissioner Haire wants to fix the roads and take it from the bonds. Mr. Moore stated this is a unique situation since this property is being condemned by the State and recommended the State be involved in any discussions. Commissioner Guthrie agreed to meet with Ed Cox (State of Indiana) Gilmore Construction, Alan Conner and Hyun Lee to resolve this matter.

Chester Hicks from the City of Jeffersonville appeared regarding Doug Messmore who is the County Commissioner's appointment to the Jeffersonville Plan Commission and the Board of Appeals. Mr. Messmore's term had expired and the Jeffersonville Plan Commission is requesting another appointee. Mr. Messmore has moved into the corporate limits of the city and no longer is eligible to serve. Commissioner Meyer advised that this appointment would be made at the January meeting.

Commissioner Meyer called **Planning and Zoning Resolution 19-2005** for action. The rules are to allow each side ten (10) minutes to speak on this matter. Steve Hawkins, Attorney with Applegate & Fifer spoke regarding this matter. Mr. Vissing spoke on behalf of the residents objecting. Commissioner Haire moved to deny which was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

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