

REGULAR MEETING

CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 12, 2009

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on November 12, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 404, Clark County Government Building, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners – Ed Meyer, Mike Moore and Les Young, County Auditor, Keith Groth, County Attorney, Greg Fifer, Commissioner Secretary Kristi James and Deputy Secretary from the Auditor’s Office, Shirley Bell.

Approval of Minutes

County Auditor, Keith Groth presented the October 29, 2009 minutes for approval. Mike Moore made the motion to approve the minutes and Les Young seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

Amendment to the Agenda – None

Approval of Claims/Payroll

Auditor Keith Groth presented the payroll claims as verified and correct for approval. Mike Moore made the motion to approve both and Les Young seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

Public Comments – None

John Davis – IDNR

John Davis with the Indiana Dept of Natural Resources presented a map, letter and **Resolution 14-2009** to exchange property with the state (all documents included in the minutes). Les Young made the motion to approve this exchange and accept Resolution 14-2009 and Mike Moore seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

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YMCA

Dennis Enix presented a Partnership Grant of \$20,000 for approval. Mike Moore made the motion to approve and Les Young seconded. The motion was approved 3-0. Mike Moore made a motion to allow Ed Meyer to sign any documents for this outside of the meeting and Les Young seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

County Insurance

Joe Olson, County agent of record, and **Rick McHale** presented a supplemental insurance policy for the over 65 retirees. Joe Olson also recognized Sandy Halstead and Larry Toul with Humana. Mr. McHale gave the Board a handout presentation and explained this supplemental policy which is much better than the one with the county for retirees. Discussion was held and Mike Moore made a motion to present this to the over 65 retirees and Les Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0.

Joe Olson requested a list from the Auditor's office on the other 65 retirees and he also mentioned that Tracy Boettcher did a wonderful job in the Auditor's office and he wanted that noted in the record. It will take about 60 days.

Colonial Life

Jerry M. Byerly of Colonial Life passed out a presentation explaining his company. This is like an AFLAC policy. Discussion was held but no action was taken suggesting he talk to our agent of record.

Voting Machines

County Clerk Barbara Haas and Election Machine Mechanic William (Bubby) Vissing appeared before the Board to explain what damage had been done from water damage. Discussion was held about the machines and Bubby stated that checking of these machines could cost

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\$2500 per day to be checked out with no guarantee they would work. Another company would charge \$1000 per machine with the same outcome. An insurance claim will cover some of this but it is not known if replacement or repair would be the best way to cover this damage. A new system would cost approximately \$800,000. Ed Meyer will meet with Bubby and check out cost for new machines with all options and costs. Les Young will check with Mark VanGilder for possible storage solutions and humidity problems.

Mike Whalen – Workman’s Compensation

Mike Whalen passed out material for Bituminous Insurance Company Workman’s Compensation and how it is audited yearly for payments due. Mr. Whalen explained how 2007 due 2008 audit and 2008 due 2009 audit showed the amount in 2007 due 2008 was \$31,822 which was waived in the audit. The amount for 2008 due 2009 was \$73,521. After discussion the Board will go before the Council for a payment timetable.

Resolution 13-2009

Resolution 13-2009 is a resolution to stay the performance of design engineering and right-of-way acquisition work for certain pending road and bridge construction projects due to financial emergency. Ed Meyer made a motion to withdraw the motion and Les Young seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

Discussion was held about the purpose of the resolution and it was decided to have Attorney Fifer write a letter to the contractors listed asking them for their approximate cost over the next 12 months so the county will need to know if some projects will need to slow down or be stopped due to a shortage of funds. Les Young made the motion to have Attorney Fifer send the letters and Mike Moore seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

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Hyun Lee said the final design of St John Road has been approved and the right-of-way construction is the next portion of the project which will cost \$17,000 with the county paying \$3,000. Les Young made the motion to approve and Mike Moore seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

Mr. Lee said a Public Auction was held and approximately \$26,000 was made from the sale. Mr. Lee did not have a breakdown at this time.

Auditor's Report

Auditor Keith Groth presented the Treasurer's October Financial Report for the record.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Greg Fifer presented the appraisal work for Star Hill Road.

Hospital financing is ready for finalizing by November 20, 2009. Signatures will need to be made before that date. Mike Moore made a motion to sign the paperwork and Les Young seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

Attorney Fifer said Doug Dunlevy of Henryville Rural Electric contacted him about the possibility of obtaining funds of about 2 million. They needed to know if the county could work with them since they are not a public entity. Mike Moore made the motion to work with them and Les Young seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

Jail Holding Fund

Auditor Keith Groth brought up the question on whether there are funds remaining in the Jail Holding Fund. Ed Meyer will check with Jill Oca to see if there are funds remaining.

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Other Matters

Mike Moore asked about tax dollars staying at River Ridge which was brought up at another meeting. Attorney Fifer is checking on this.

Mike Moore also wished Keith Groth Happy Birthday!

Les Young stated he was contacted about the Fire Department at Starlight questioning whether they received any profits from recycled profits. Discussion was held but no profits have happened.

Ed Meyer said the Board had turned in a new budget with a cut of \$200,525 which is not a realistic budget. Additional appropriations will have to be made.

There being no further business Les Young made a motion to adjourn and Mike Moore seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

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).

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA

EDWARD MEYER, PRESIDENT

MIKE MOORE, VICE-PRESIDENT

LES YOUNG, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY _____

ATTEST: _____

KEITH D. GROTH, CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR