

REGULAR MEETING
CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 9, 2014

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on October 9, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 404, Clark County Government Building, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners – Jack Coffman, Rick Stephenson, and John Perkins, County Attorney Jacob Elder, Auditor R. Monty Snelling, Commissioners' Secretary Allison Richey and Payroll Clerk Mischell Settles.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Perkins and prayer was led by Auditor Snelling.

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Perkins motioned to approve the September 25, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Amendment to the Agenda

Commissioner Perkins motioned to approve as presented. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Approval of Claims/Payroll

Auditor Snelling presented claims and payroll for October 15, 2014 for approval as submitted by the officeholders and department managers stating all figures had been signed, verified and funds are available. Commissioner Perkins motioned to approve the claims and the payroll. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Public Comments Relating to the Agenda: None

I. Administrative Agenda

A. Attorney Elder presented the letter of engagement with the Ice Miller Law firm out of Indianapolis. There has been a conversation between the County Commissioners and Ice Miller for the law firm to help with the Clark Memorial Hospital and Nortons merger. Commissioner Perkins motioned to hire Ice Miller as the Commissioner's and the Council's law firm. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0

B. Martin Padgett was present for questions that might have come up about the merger of Clark Memorial Hospital and Nortons. Commissioner Stephenson asked what would be the make up of the board. The answer was the hospital board would be made from the current hospital board, until their term expires, and Nortons. Commissioner Stephenson was concerned about the lack of Clark County representation on the board and the \$50 million bond that is still owed. In 2019 the first call date for the \$50 million bond. Commissioner Stephenson requested that one Commissioner and one Council person be able to be appointed to the board to help with the financial decisions and report back.

Councilperson Vissing asked about Clark County hurting themselves by a move they made several years ago by "buying doctors". The answer was we didn't buy doctors, but employed them.

C. Sandy Halstead presented the Medicare renewal for the retirees. Commissioner Perkins motioned to approve the rate increase would be absorbed by the County, leaving the rate for the employees to remain the same. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0. Commissioner Perkins amended the motion to allow the President of the Commissioners to sign the Medicare document. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0

D. David Reinhart, Treasurer presented a proposed contract with River Valley Bank for them to collect tax payments. Commissioner Perkins motioned to approve the contract with River Valley Bank. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

E. Adam Day, 106604 Elk Run Trail, with Elk Run home owner association, is asking for approval to have speed bumps installed to protect the residents. The speed is posted, but people do not follow. Commissioner Coffman said that they can't put speed bumps on county roads because, in the future if there is a need for maintenance of the road, it can damage county equipment. Brian Dixon offered that the emergency vehicles also would have problems. Commissioner Coffman stated that this is not a pass through subdivision, so the

only people affected would be residents. He suggested that they might ask the Sheriff's Department to increase their presence. Another resident asked why speed bumps were allowed in the Covered Bridge neighborhood when they were a part of Clark County. Brian Dixon stated that he didn't know the history of those speed bumps and they are now a part of Sellersburg.

Councilperson Vissing suggested that they put in speed boards that flash the speed limit up to make people aware of how fast they are going.

Commissioner Coffman said that they would talk to the police department about this issue.

F. Attorney Elder presented Ordinance No. 28-2014, An Ordinance Amending And Replacing Previously Passed Unsafe Building Ordinances. This would be pursuant to the provisions of IC 36-7-9. Commissioner Perkins motioned to approve the Ordinance No. 28-2014. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

G. Commissioner Coffman stated that the Animal Control vehicle was becoming too costly to maintain, so bids were taken as follows:

Jim O'Neal Ford – \$27,212.12

Coyle Chevrolet – \$27,500.00

The Ford truck was a little larger with a V-8 engine so we chose that one. They would get \$28,000 from the Cum Cap fund for this. Commissioner Perkins motioned to approve the bid from Jim O'Neal Ford for the purchase of a new animal control vehicle. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

H. Commissioner Stephenson presented approval of the Website Election Results invoice from Victoria George for \$300.00. This would be for the uploading of the election results on the website as soon as they are available. This would be taken out of the IT funds for the voter registration. Commissioner Perkins motioned to approve the invoice for the Website Election Results invoice. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

I. Commissioner Coffman presented the 2015 Holiday calendar. Commissioner Perkins motioned to accept the 2015 Holiday schedule. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

J. Matters tabled from prior meeting: None

K. Sheriff's Business: None

L. Auditor Snelling presented the monthly Treasurer Report. Commissioner Perkins motioned to approve the report. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

M. Attorney Elder presented the letter to Martin Padgett, with Clark Memorial, to notify them that the Commissioners have hired Kevin Woodhouse of the Law Firm, Ice Miller as counsel on the merger. Commissioner Perkins motioned to allow the President to sign the notification letter. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

N. Officeholders present: Councilperson Vissing

O. Ratifications and Approvals: None

P. Appointments: None

II. Technical Agenda

A. Brian Dixon presented the Star Hill Rd change order for conditions. The soil is too wet to be used effectively and they would like to use rock at the site. They are asking \$768,122.00 with ½ would be shared by MAC with CRI and the other ½ would have the 80% from INDOT and the cost remaining for the County would be at 20% or \$76,000. Commissioner Perkins motioned to approve of the change order. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

B. Brian Dixon presented the Bethany Road Supplement Agreement #2 for the Right of Way engineering for Lochmueller. Brian Dixon also added that he contacted INDOT to tell them that we didn't have the funds set aside for this. He was told by Kathy Eaton, with INDOT, that INDOT would add \$500,000 to the contract. Commissioner Stephenson motioned to approve the amendment as long as INDOT comes through with the funds. Commissioner Perkins seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

III. Public Comments:


There was a question about who would be in charge of the unsafe building ordinance. Attorney Elder stated that the Building Authority board would be in

charge of that. Commissioner Coffman also made the comment that the Building Authority was responsible for most complaints about property issues that could involve zoning laws


Commissioner Stephenson motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Perkins 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 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



JACK COFFMAN, PRESIDENT



RICK STEPHENSON,
VICE-PRESIDENT



JOHN PERKINS, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY 10/23/14

ATTEST: R. Monty Snelling/mrs

R. MONTY SNELLING, CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR