

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

July 30, 2015

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on July 30, 2015 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 Bryan Glover, Payroll Clerk Mischell Settles and Auditor R. Monty Snelling.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Kevin Burke and prayer was led by Jack Coffman.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Commissioner Stephenson motioned to approve the July 16, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

**Amendment to the Agenda:**

Commissioner Stephenson motioned to approve the agenda as printed. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

**Approval of Claims/Payroll**

Commissioner Glover motioned to approve the claims and payroll for August 5, 2015. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

**Public Comments Relating to the Agenda:**

1. **Carolyn King**, 615 E. Maple, Jeffersonville, IN stated that she has been working with Scott County and Austin, Indiana with the needle exchange program. She feels that the exchange is good news for Austin with the positive side; the cases have gone down and there is help for people that come in.

2. **Barb Anderson** is coming as a community representative that works with homeless people. She stated that one of the people that works in her shelter did community service work and he picked up 200 used needles in one month in a

short amount of distance. She also said that she has talked to several communities regarding this program and has positive feedback from all of them.

**3. Heather Price**, 209 Savannah Nicole Rd, Jeffersonville, IN, wanted to go on the record as being in support of the needle exchange program.

**4. Marcia Shafer**, is not a resident, but works in the Family Health center and she is in support of Dr. Burke's proposal.

**5. Nancy Woodworth Hill**, 321 E Market St, Jeffersonville, IN and is a Co-Paster of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. She would like to see this as a public health issue and is speaking in behalf of the needle exchange program.

Commissioner Stephenson motioned to recess the meeting. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

**Commissioner Coffman** opened the Public Hearing and turned the meeting over to Dr, Kevin Burke, with the Clark County Health Department. Dr. Burke opened with the 4 reasons for the need of a needle exchange in Clark County.

1. Increase rate of HIV
2. 35% increase of Hepatitis C
3. Adjacent to Scott County. He said that we have the first resident in Clark County case of someone using IV drugs in Scott County.
4. Drug overdose deaths have increased.

Dr. Burke feels that the needle exchange would improve the statistics in Clark county. At this time he doesn't have anywhere to go to get the statistics for IV drug use in Clark county. If we adopt the proposal, we would improve the health and the life expectancy of the user. Commissioner Stephenson asked if we've contacted Scott county regarding what has worked and what has not. What can we do better? Commissioner Glover stated that he doesn't want to see Clark county turn into a "safe harbor" for IV drug use.

Ed Clere, State Representative, stated that the needle exchange program can only be offered for one year and after that Dr. Burke would have to come back and prove there is an epidemic. He stated that this is more of a "harm reduction strategy" not a "drug reduce strategy". He also stated that this would start with the County Health Officer presenting before the Commissioners for their approval. Commissioner Stephenson asked if this would be funded by the State, and the answer was that the State is prohibited from funding this kind of project. He did state that there were private companies that would donate the supplies, the only concern would be the personnel to work.

Commissioner Stephenson asked Dr. Burke if he knew what Scott County has spent on their needle exchange. Dr. Burke stated that the Aids Health Foundation is working with Scott County, and if we approach them, they will help with funding. He stated that the Health Department plans to be aware of the cost to the taxpayers.

Commissioner Glover wanted to know the statistics of where the need for this program is the greatest. Dr. Burke stated that the greatest need would be in the heavier populated city areas. Commissioner Glover also asked where the treatment services would be offered around this area. Dr. Burke said Lifespring, Turning Point and Wellstone have the services. Barb Anderson stated that there is a 8 week waiting period at Turning Point because they don't have enough treatment beds. She feels that this program would create more treatment beds. Commissioner Glover stated that there needs to be a plan put in place. Dr. Burke said that this is a work in process with ideas he is getting from meeting with concerned citizens.

Dr. Burke spoke his thoughts on the proposition, but would like to know Sheriff Noel's thoughts. Sheriff Noel stated that traditionally he'd be against this, but seeing firsthand what is going on in the community, he said he can see the need for it. He did add that he hopes that the program doesn't last more that one year.

Dr. Burke asked Representative Clere what counties have been using this program. Mr. Clere stated that of course Scott, but also Madison and Fayette. There are about another dozen that have something in the process. Commissioner Stephenson asked why the State needs to recognize the problem if we don't get funding from them. Mr Clere stated that the needle exchange needs to be passed by the State so that it's not considered illegal drug paraphernalia.

Steve Voelker, 615 E. Maple, said that he was at first against it, but with the statistics presented he is convinced that we need it.

Auditor Snelling stated that he is for this needle exchange program for one year, but he also feels that there needs to be more education, treatment and law enforcement training and manpower to stop other illegal actions in this county. He knows that the county has no money, but whatever legal efforts that can be done for the well being of the citizens of the county, should be done. That would mean

that we need to draw the line and at some point, funding other parts of the attack and the courts need to do their part as well. This is a war, not just a battle.

Barb Anderson stated that Turning Point meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday every month at St. Pauls in Jeffersonville to discuss this subject. They focus mostly on education, increasing treatment beds, proactive stances, reducing the amount of criminalization issues and reducing the rate of arrests. She definitely agrees that there needs to be a plan written.

Commissioner Stephenson asked about residents going to Louisville for treatment and how would this effect the numbers for the County. Dr. Burke stated that the resident of Indiana would have their information sent to Kentucky and they would notify Indiana. Dr. Burke also stated that we will have to think about if the program is going to be for Clark County residents only.

There was a discussion about how to adopt the resolution. There should be 3 things that are included in the resolution.

1. Find that there is an epidemic of HIV or Hepatitis C
2. Primary mode of transmission is IV drug use
3. Syringe use is medically appropriate response to the problem

Commissioner Stephenson motioned to move forward since Dr. Burke has proven the three guidelines and he has declared a public health emergency. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Commissioner Glover motioned to adjourn the public hearing. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0

Commissioner Stephenson motioned to reconvene the regular commissioner meeting. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

## **I. Administrative Agenda**

**A. Barbara Gallegos and Ed Cooper** presented the renewal information of the Property and Casualty Insurance and the Worker's Comp. They presented the proposal in a printed booklet. Randy Atwood, with the Burham and Flower Group, stated that they had a bad year with claims. There was over \$550,000 of claims submitted for the first year with Travelers. The deductible will be raised from \$10,000 to \$ 25,000 for the Law enforcement and Employee Practices.

Ms. Gallegos reported that we will stay with Travelers and IPEP for Worker's Comp. Commissioner Stephenson motioned to approve the recommendation to accept the insurance renewal. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

**B. Commissioner Coffman** presented, for Brad Meixell, the new EMA grant for \$649.35 non-matching grant. Commissioner Stephenson motioned to approve the grant. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approve 3-0.

**C. Commissioner Coffman** presented two grants for Mike Meyer. One was for \$90,000 non matching grant. Commissioner Stephenson motioned to approve the \$90,000 grant. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

The next grant is for \$181,000 from the state. This grant will allow HIV care. Commissioner Glover motioned to approve the \$181,000 grant. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

**D. Commissioner Coffman** presented the Resolution No. 10-2015, A Resolution Approving The Restated And Amended Interlocal Agreement For The Development And Construction Of The Heavy Haul Connector Project.

Commissioner Glover motioned to approve the Resolution No. 10-2015. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Commissioner Stephenson motioned to approve the Interlocal Agreement for the Heavy Haul Road. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

**E. County Attorney Glickfield** presented the Muddy Fork interlocal agreement. The agreement would cost \$14,000 with a credit back for the end section for \$4-5,000 Commissioner Stephenson motioned to approve the interlocal agreement. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Next, County Attorney Glickfield presented the Muddy Fork Resolution No. 11-2015, A Resolution Approving The Interlocal Agreement For Road-Related Services (Guardrail). Commissioner Stephenson motioned to approve the Resolution 11-2015. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

**F. Matters tabled from a previous meeting: None**

**G. Sheriff Noel** stated that they have dropped off the estimate for the air conditioner in the commissioner's office. Also, he stated that West Clark has

asked the sheriff's office to do traffic control at S. R. 403 and West Commerce. He said that this would get burdensome for the sheriff's department quickly. Brian Dixon asked if the Clark County Schools could pay for the traffic light at that intersection.

Commissioner Glover asked that when the needle exchange program gets going, he would be interested in the statistics on how it is going.

**H. Auditor Snelling** stated that the City of Jeffersonville Redevelopment was approved for \$750,000 which brings the total up to \$3.5 million.

**I. County Attorney Glickfield** presented the Tolling Agreement amendment was approved in March. This would extend into November. This tolling agreement is with Neace Lukens. Commissioner Stephenson motioned to approve the amended agreement. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approve 3-0.

**J. Officeholders/Department Heads Present at Meeting: None**

**K. Ratification and Approvals: None**

**L. Appointments: None**

## **II. Technical Agenda:**

**1. Brian Dixon** stated that we need to put up 3-way stop signs at Rank Road and St. Johns. There needs to be an Ordinance drawn up and Attorney Glickfield stated that there should be a 90 day wait after it is passed. The signs can be put in place, but all legal issues would need to be waived for that 90 day period.

**2. Brian Dixon** next stated that the Star Hill Road project is underway and should be completed by the end of October. He would need \$183,000, plus or minus, for inspection services that will go to November 1.

**3. Brian Dixon** next stated that the Weisoka Hill project has poured one footer. He would like to put in a change order for time extension for 14 days.

**4. Brian Dixon** stated that he is putting in to KIPDA for a planning study for State Road 311 and County Line to State Road 31 because it is an accident prone area. This would also include some culverts in the area.

5. **Brian Dixon** stated that he was given a table showing the intensity and frequency of rain events. The rain that has occurred in the last month was a one and a 1000 year event, according to the table he was given.

**Mike Harris**, with Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz, presented his quarterly host fee report. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2015. He asked if it is approved to take to the council meeting.


Next, Mike Harris presented the Landfill Improvement Fund Calculation Project that will be paid out of that over the next 5 years. Commissioner Stephenson motioned to approve and have the President sign the report. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

### **III. Public Comments: None**

Commissioner Glover motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

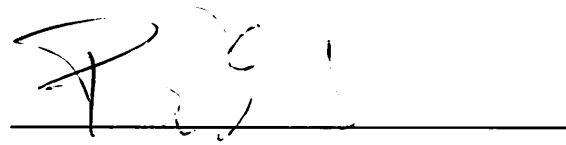
To the extent the Board held an executive session of any type under (IC-5-14-1.5-6) or otherwise, the Board thereby certified that no subject matter was discussed therein, except that posted in the notice for sessions or meeting (IC-5-14-1.5-6).

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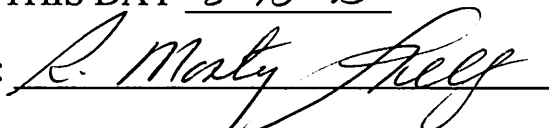
  
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JACK COFFMAN, PRESIDENT

  
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RICK STEPHENSON,

VICE-PRESIDENT

  
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BRYAN GLOVER, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY 8-13-15

ATTEST:   
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R. MONTY SNELLING, CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR