

REGULAR MEETING
CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 13, 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 Commissioner Coffman and prayer was led by Auditor Snelling.

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Stephenson motioned to approve the July 30, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes and the July 30, 2015 Special Joint Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Amendment to the Agenda:

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

Approval of Claims/Payroll

Commissioner Stephenson motioned to approve the claims and payroll for August 19, 2015. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Public Comments Relating to the Agenda:

Commissioner Coffman asked that the public comments wait until after item E, Regional Cities Initiative. Most of the public on the sign-in sheet wish to comment on that subject.

I. Administrative Agenda

A. Levois Davis, presented the contract for mental health services with the jail. He explained how he started with the county jail and stated that he has been doing the job since then. He further explained the Forensic Services Proposal paperwork.

B. Bill Bussey, Oregon Township Trustee, presented a request for \$6,320.00 for the cost of materials to repair their school tennis courts. He says that Clark county will take care of labor. He offered the copy of the minutes from their board meeting dealing with this issue. Commissioner Stephenson motioned to approve the payment for materials from the township trustee's tornado fund and signing the interlocal agreement after it is drafted by the attorney. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approve 3-0.

C. Attorney Glickfield presented an issue of non-employees getting insurance benefits. These were the township trustees. These issues need to be addressed due to the Affordable Health Care Act and the county now has self funded insurance. Commissioner Stephenson motioned to offer insurance only to Clark county employees and contract employees. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

D. Dr. Kevin Burke, presented the ordinance for the needle exchange program. He handed out paperwork summarizing the details of the request and what the county hopes to accomplish. Ordinance No. 19-2015, An Ordinance Adopting Clark County Health Officer Recommendations Regarding A needle Exchange Program. Funding has not been secured, but he is aware of the process and will follow through with the State Commission after it is authorized by the commissioners. There was a discussion about the percentage of the population that could possibly be counted in the needle exchange program. Commissioner Glover motioned to approve the Ordinance No. 19-2015. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

E. Regional Cities Initiative discussion regarding the signing of the proposal signed by the Clark County Council meeting.

Martina Webster, from Sellersburg appeared to represent the Sellersburg town council as a person starting on the town council in January. She says that there are officials in Sellersburg that want to opt out of the RDA. She says that

they aren't sure at this time if they can be removed, but they are looking into it. She said that she is against the RDA because she has read the statutes and feels that we should not be able to sign our financial control over to unelected people.

Don Compton is neither for or against but he is concerned that there is no guarantee of funding.

Ruth Ann Rawling is the president of the Charlestown City council and wants to report that 4 out of 5 council members oppose the RDA. The major concern is that 5 individuals have control over eminent domain and she can't support it.

Beverly Karens, a resident of Charlestown/Pleasant Ridge, has experienced eminent domain in Pleasant ridge and hopes that it won't happen again with the RDA.

Jim James stated that he spoke to the Charlestown Chamber of Commerce and they do not support the RDA as reported at the meeting on Monday. He is also concerned about eminent domain and he feels that the RDA appointee should not be in charge of the Pleasant Ridge redevelopment.

Kathy Heil, from Harrison County, was appearing to try one last time to tell Clark county to vote it down. She said that she fought tooth and nail to talk this RDA down in Harrison county. She stated that you have to look at everything. For example, she discovered that there could be a penny tax increase in sales tax for the RDA. She says that is not too bad for small purchases, but for big purchases, like cars it is more of a concern. She also said that the initial investment could be 50%. She stated that in the past, we have redeveloped areas without the help of an RCI or RDA. She stated that Harrison and Floyd have voted against, but they are still pushing Washington. She heard Washington county still didn't want it. That would mean that Clark and Scott would stand alone. She stated that if we vote for this, then the board would be saying that there is someone, that would be appointed, that can do a better job than what the commissioner's do. This person could be anyone with no history with this area or no knowledge of our best interests.

Joseph Moore, from Floyd County, says that he has read the information on this and he is concerned about the eminent domain. This ordinance would give them the power to take your property if it is deemed necessary. He mentioned

other adverse things that have been discussed previously. He says that we would be employing anyone and possibly not someone that would act in the county's best interest. We should not commit until we know what we are doing.

Doug Rieter, has served on a town board and thinks that since the commissioners were elected by the public, they should listen to what the public is trying to say.

Commissioner Coffman stated that we will take into consideration all of the comments. He reminded the audience that the board does not have the power to veto. The statute says that the population determines the powers of the commissioners. Commissioner Glover reads the publication regarding the structure of the governing body of the county. He further stated that we only have the authority to appoint board members for the RDA. They would be appointed by a written agreement. He referred to the Indiana code to clarify this.

F. Matters tabled from a previous meeting: None

G. Sheriff Noel stated that they are in the process of getting the air conditioning system. He sent out the information for the quantity of air compressors.

Commissioner Glover asked the Sheriff if he has had experience with a needle exchange program and what were the concerns. The Sheriff stated that due to this issue, the sheriff department would need to contact the building authority to put Recepticles in the restrooms.

H. Auditor Snelling submitted the Clerk/Treasures monthly report. Commissioner Stephenson motioned to enter the report into the record. Commissioner Glover seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

I. Attorney Comments: None

J. Officeholders/Department Heads Present at Meeting: None

K. Ratification and Approvals: None

L. Appointments: None

II. Technical Agenda:

A. Kimberly Holland, Borden, has a drainage problem and Borden won't do anything about it. She stated all of the processes she has tried and there has been several excuses to not help her. She doesn't know who she needs to go to for help. She has a recorded easement, but the town will not recognize it. Brian Dixon stated that the county does not do any work in the corporate limits of Borden. Borden says that they do not have legal access to it. Attorney Glickfield stated that the county does not do this, it would be a court of law issue. Ms. Holland asked if the county could help, but Brian Dixon said that an agreement would have to be drawn up with the town of Borden and the Commissioners would have to agree with the agreement. There was lengthy discussion about this. Commissioner Coffman suggested that she talk to the county drainage board. Attorney Glickfield suggested a good real estate attorney.

B. Matters tabled from the prior meeting: None

C. Brian Dixon reported on the Old Salem Road project. The county attorney needs to draw up an agreement for what needs to be done.

The Star Hill road paving is done, but INDOT has put a freeze on it. INDOT has an issue with the pavement. Mac needs to start paving by September 7 or we will not meet our deadline.

Commissioner Glover asked about the Salem Noble road project. Brian Dixon stated that they are planning to start paving the end of this month. Paving will take at least 2 weeks.

III. Public Comments:

Wendy Dant Chesser wanted to thank everyone. She thinks we are starting something good for this area. This region has the possibility of great things and we need to have a vision for the future. She feels that change shouldn't happen to us, but with us. She believes that we can work well together. There are 31 counties that are now starting to work together. One Southern Indiana gets nothing out of this, but she is looking forward to working with Clark County on this.

Auditor Snelling stated that he works for all of the public when he is in his office.

Martina Webster wanted to know if we would have agreed with the RDA if the money wasn't offered. She feels that since the other counties have not agreed, then we would not qualify for the funds.

Commissioner Coffman stated that we would meet the population requirements.

Ms. Chesser stated that the RD plan has to cover a 200,000 population and that would be the 5 county area. If we meet the deadline, then we should be in compliance with the guidelines.

Commissioner Stephenson motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Glover 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

 Absent

BRYAN GLOVER, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY 8-27-15

ATTEST: R. Monty Snelling

R. MONTY SNELLING, CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR