

**REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CLARK COUNTY INDIANA  
MAY 3, 2007**

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana, met in Regular Session on May 3, 2007, in Room 404, Clark County Government Building, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were County Commissioners Edward Meyer, Ralph Guthrie and Mike Moore, County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas, County Attorney Daniel Moore, Secretary Kristi James and Deputy Auditor Theresa James.

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 proper official has affixed a signature stating that the hours have been worked and the amounts are due. A motion was made by Commissioner Guthrie to approve the payroll claims as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moore and passed 3-0.

The Board recognized State Representatives **Bill Cochran** and **Mr. Denny Oxley** in the audience.

**County Assessor Vicki Haire** was next on the agenda, but did not attend the meeting.

At the recommendation of **Brad Meixell, Clark County 911 GIS Coordinator**, Commissioner Guthrie made a motion to approve and sign the **2006 Homeland Security Grant Program Sub-Grant Agreement** to supply laptops for first responders. Mr. Meixell assured the Commissioners that no match fund is required by the County for the grant and he will handle reporting and vouchers to claim the money. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moore and passed 3-0.

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Judge Vicki Carmichael gave the Community Corrections Report and spoke to the Board regarding **funding for the Work Release Facility Program Manager**. Commissioner Meyer made a motion for the Jail Holding Corporation to interview the applicants for the position of program manager of the work release program and submit the top three applicants to the Commissioners, **Sheriff Rodden, Judge Fleece, Mayor of Jeffersonville** or representative and the members that are on the committee for hiring for the work release facility for review before hiring for this position. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

At a motion by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Guthrie, and a vote of 3-0, Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve and sign the **Community Corrections Grant Act Amendment**. Attorney Moore suggested that the Commissioners discuss the number of beds available. Attorney Moore agreed to represent the Commissioners in a conference call with **Judge Carmichael** and **Ms. McMurry** regarding how the beds are used.

At the request of Auditor Haas, Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve and sign a one year **contract with Maximus Inc.** for professional consulting services to be paid from contract services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

At the request of **Scott Johnson, Project Director YMCA of Southern Indiana**, Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve and authorize President Meyer's signature outside the meeting on a grant agreement with the **Indiana Criminal Justice Institute** for thirty-five thousand two hundred dollars (\$35,200.00)

**Connie Keith, Clark County Youth Coalition**, presented the Board with the **Drug Free Communities Fund Grant Allocations List**. A motion was made by Commissioner Guthrie to approve the list of allocations as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moore and passed 3-0. Ms. Keith also, presented the Board with a copy of the Clark County Youth Coalition Connection Newsletter.

**David Abbott, President Clark County Council**, addressed the Commissioners regarding the Commissioner's Contract with **Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz** for redistricting, payment to **Lifesprings** for services for inmates and the study by **Hal Kovert** for distribution of office space in the Clark County Government Building.

**David Abbott, President Clark County Council**, attended the meeting and stated that the County budget had not yet been approved and the Council would be watching the county funds. Mr. Abbott and the Commissioners agreed that they want to work together.

Attorney Moore questioned **Mr. Abbott** about why the **Lancassange Creek** renovation project, which is a federal contract, is not funded this year. County Council President Abbott stated that he would be glad to meet with Attorney Moore and the Commissioners concerning this and **the Stormwater Drainage Funding**.

**Sheriff Rodden** did not attend the meeting.

At a motion by Commissioner Guthrie, seconded by Commissioner Moore and a vote of 3-0, the Board moved to authorize by power of attorney **Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas, Deputy Auditor Nancy Shepherd and Attorney Moore** to correspond with the **Internal Revenue Service** regarding the recovery of funds from **Chase Bank**.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve and sign the **Report of School Congressional Districts**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

The Clerk's monthly report was submitted for the record.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moore to sign the lease between **Clark County 4-H Club Corporation and Irving Materials Incorporated** which was discussed and approved a prior meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

Commissioner Guthrie made a motion to start the process for an interlocal agreement with the **Greater Clark School Corporation and Sheriff Rodden** to have **Sheriff's Deputies** on the grounds of **Charlestown Schools**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moore and passed 3-0.

Attorney Moore submitted for the record some historical materials including a **memorandum** for the law firm of **Bakers and Daniels** regarding the separation of powers between the **Board of County Commissioners** and the **County Council**.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moore to terminate **health insurance coverage** on county highway and bridge employees that are off the county payroll, but have not been terminated, and have not paid their premium within a fifteen day grace period. The letter of notification is to be hand delivered to the employee by a superior. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie and passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moore to return the jail utility bills to **Sheriff Rodden** for reimbursement because they were put in the **Jail Budget** beginning this year. The Board instructed Secretary Kristi James to forward all future bills to the Sheriff and not to accept "drop offs" by Ms. Kitts (Ref: Commissioner Internal Rule regarding being present at Commissioners meeting if a vote is requested on a document). Commissioner Guthrie seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

**Ms. Sherri Hinds, USI Consultants/American Timber Bridge**, made a brief presentation and a request to be considered for future projects by Clark County.

**Danny Oxley, Robert D. Fisher, Butler, Fairman and Seifert Incorporated**, gave an update on the **St. Johns Road** design project.

**Harold Hart, Civil Engineer/Surveyor, Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz**, attended the meeting representing the **City of Charlestown**, regarding an **interlocal agreement** for the highway construction, maintenance and related matters on the **Bethany Road Federal Aid Road Reconstruction Project**. Mr. Hart presented a draft copy of the agreement that he and Mr. Lee had been working on for review only. County Engineer Hyun Lee stated that he was in agreement with Mr. Hart. No action was taken by the Board at this time.

At the recommendation of Mr. Lee, the Commissioners signed and unanimously approved the formal acceptance with **Kentucky Truck Sales** on the purchase of seven dump trucks which was awarded at the meeting of April 25, 2007, meeting.

County Engineer Hyun Lee made an announcement that on May 9, 2007, there would be a **public hearing** for the **Star Hill Road Project** at the **Borden Elementary School Building**. Mr. Lee stated that someone from the State Highway Department would attend the meeting.

Regarding the decision to send a letter to **Clark Memorial Hospital Board** suggesting security officers equipped with taser guns be considered at the hospital for public safety at the meeting of April 5, 2005, Attorney Moore reported that he spoke to Sheriff Rodden and Attorney for the Hospital Bill Smith and their opinion was that they could not equip security officers with taser guns on the premises. Commissioner Moore asked to get that opinion in writing.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to refer three dilapidated properties to the Plan Commission and meet with the **Township Trustees** to discuss the possibility of Township Trustees ordering **Sheriff Rodden** to send the jail trustees to mow and clean up dilapidated properties in the County. Attorney Moore recommended that Commissioner Moore follow up with his concerns with the **Plan Commission** and **Tony Semones**, Clark County Plan Commission make a report back to the Board.

Commissioner Moore stated that he met with **Bob Morrison** and Mr. Morrison showed him a long list of demands concerning Bethlehem Sand and Gravel. Commissioner Moore agreed to be Mr. Morrison's contact person on the Board of Commissioners.

At a motion by Commissioner Guthrie, seconded by Commissioner Moore and a vote of 3-0, the Board moved to change the meeting date of the next **meeting** from May 17, 2007, to **May 16, 2007**, at the regular meeting time.

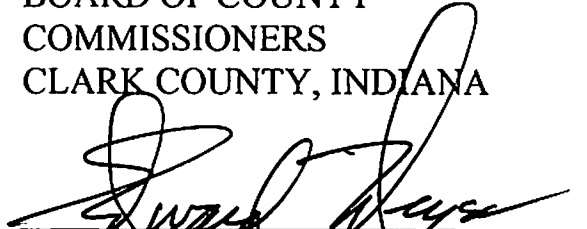
Auditor Haas told the Board of Commissioners that the **Auditor and Treasurer** have jointly sent out courtesy letters to taxpayers that have delinquent taxes or penalties from spring of 2006 and are eligible for a **real estate tax sale**. Auditor Haas also informed the Commissioners that there is at least one property on the list in the name of Clark County and asked for direction from the Board as to who to contact regarding this matter. Commissioner Meyer stated that they would check into this and get back to Auditor Haas.


Commissioner Guthrie stated that he has been approached by some employees interested in a **health fair**. Commissioner Guthrie made a motion for Secretary Kristi James and himself to check to see if the office holders are in agreement and possibly arrange a health fair for the employees.

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).

The Board proceeded with a meeting with **Hal Kovert**, judges and office holder where **Mr. Kovert** gave his presentation and the office holders and judges asked questions and made suggestions about the distribution of office space. After the presentation and questions the meeting was adjourned.

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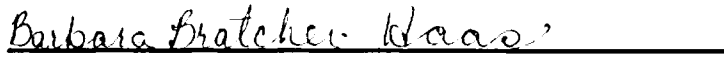
  
EDWARD MEYER, PRESIDENT

  
MIKE MOORE, MEMBER

  
RALPH GUTHRIE, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY

ATTEST:

  
BARBARA BRATCHER HAAS  
CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR

