

**REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CLARK COUNTY INDIANA  
JANUARY 15, 2004**

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on January 15, 2004 in Room 308, City-County Building, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were County Commissioners Vicky Kent Haire, David Lewis, Raymond Parker, County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas, County Attorney Scott Lewis, Secretary/Administrative Assistant Pam Smith, and Deputy Auditor Theresa James.

County Auditor Barbara Bratcher Haas stated that she had audited the payroll claims and found they comply with the local salary ordinance established by the Clark County Council and the signature of proper officials is affixed stating that the hours have been worked and the amounts are due. However, there is no approved appropriation against which to charge the amount and there is no approved levy from which to pay claims. A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve the payroll claims as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0.

Ms. Jill Saegesser was next on the agenda but River Hills Economic Development District was represented by Ms. Melissa Woods instead. Ms. Woods presented the Board with invoice # 0105157 Project # CFLM.011 Center for Lay Ministries Food Bank totaling one thousand thirteen dollars and twenty five cents (\$1,013.25). A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve and sign the invoice a submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0.

Commissioner Parker made a motion to approve and authorize President Haire's signature on a Community Development Block Grant (CF-02-132) Program Semi-Annual Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0.

The recent fire on Spring Street in Jeffersonville damaged the office of River Hills Economic Development. Ms. Woods provided the Board with the new address and phone number which are 123 W Court Ave. Jeffersonville, 1-502-558-2098.

Ms. Connie Kitts appeared before the Board representing the Sheriff's Office and presented a copy of the most recent inspection of the jail.

Ms. Connie Kitts, also, appeared representing the ACE (Alliance of County Employees). Ms. Kitts began by thanking the Commissioners for keeping their promise to the employees by not approving the funds for a statue. Ms. Kitts also introduced the new officers of ACE which are Dennis Cole, Ted Hobson, Tammy Kruer, Suzy Wiggam and Tammy Bussey.

Mr. Mike Harris, Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz appeared before the Board with a certificate of Liability Insurance and performance bond on the new management of the Clark County Landfill. Also, Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve and sign a Solid Waste Permit Transfer Application, SWF-13. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve and sign the revised rate schedule on the Clark-Floyd Landfill operation and maintenance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0. (See a copy of the schedule attached.)

Mr. Mike Harris, Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz, informed the Commissioners that he was contacted by Amaresco proposing an agreement to take the landfill gas and split the revenue from the sale of it. Mr. Harris stated that this would be of no cost to the County. No action was taken at this time.

Ms. Marsha Miller Smith, Culpepper Group, appeared before the Board with a report on vision insurance for the County Employees. Ms. Smith reported that the current vision insurance with Bizer Optical is dissolving and the Culpepper Group has tried to match the coverage with a new company. Ms. Smith presented the Board with a spread sheet of the companies that submitted a quote. The Culpepper Group's recommendation was that the County contract with Guardian Insurance. The Commissioners gave a copy of the spread sheet furnished by the Culpepper Group a member of ACE (Alliance of County Employees) and decided to get a recommendation from ACE (Alliance of County Employees) at the next meeting and make a decision at that time.

Mr. Harold Hart, President of the Drainage Board appeared before the Board with a letter proposing new Drainage Board fees. Mr. Hart stated that the reason they are proposing these rates is so the Drainage Board can be self sufficient and that they may come back with a request to raise the soil conservation fees. The Commissioners decided to wait for the request for the additional fees and instructed County Attorney Scott Lewis to prepare the necessary documents for the Boards approval at the next meeting.

In regard to drainage problems in Ridgeview Acres, Drainage Board President Harold Hart made a recommendation that the County hold the performance Bond and letter of credit until these matters are resolved. The Commissioners reported that they have made three visits to the site and agreed with the Drainage Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to hold the performance Bond and instruct County Attorney Scott Lewis to send a certified letter to execute the letter of credit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0.

A the recommendation of County Engineer Hyun Lee, Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve and sign Ordinance 1-2004 (An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 7-1983). This is an amendment to Article 6, Section 6-3 of the Clark County Traffic Ordinance adding the intersection of Court Street and Main Street (Memphis-Charlestown Road) in Memphis, Indiana to the list of stop and yield intersections. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0. (See a copy of the ordinance attached.)

County Engineer Hyun Lee made a recommendation that the Board not act on a traffic light at Bennettsville Road at this time.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve and sign the following three contracts for the Drainage Board.

1. William A Dawkins, Attorney for legal services.
2. Anna McCartney for staff services
3. Brian J. Dixon, PE. DBA/ Dixon Engineering for professional services

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0. (See copies of the contracts attached.)

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker to approve and sign the Memorandum of Independent Contractor Agreement for Animal Control Services with Mr. Frank Ettel. Mr. Ettel will assist the Animal Control Officer in on call part time services for three hundred dollars per month. This agreement does not provide Mr. Ettel with county benefits and is the same contract as the County had with him last year per County Attorney Scott Lewis. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0. (See a copy of the contract attached.)

Commissioner Parker made a motion to approve and sign a letter to the Clark County Officeholders, Department Heads and Employees in regard to the computers and e-mail services. Copies of this letter will be submitted to the Elected Officials who will distribute to the employees as needed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0. (See a copy of the letter attached.)

On December 30, 2003 County Councilman Jim Smith presented the Board with a credit application from Ford Motor Credit and a request that the Commissioners sign and approve the application. At that time Commissioner Haire made a motion to table the request and it passed after a second by Commissioner Parker. At this meeting Mr. Smith returned with the same request. Commissioner Haire questioned whether the price per vehicle would be the same if they leased nine cars instead of the eighteen requested. Councilman Smith agreed to check into this and Commissioner Parker made a motion to sign the application without a stipulation on the amount of vehicles. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0.

The Treasurer's monthly report for December 2003 was submitted for the record.

The Clerk's monthly report for December 2003 was submitted for the record.

The Youth Shelter Quarterly Financial Report for the period of October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2003 was submitted for the record.

The Commissioners signed a Letter of Recommendation and Commendation to David Sweeney, Chris Keene, Jimmy Carpenter, Officer Jamie Noel, Officer Mike Meyer and The Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department for Exceptional and Brave Service in the Rescue of Shonna Broadus on December 18, 2003 when she was trapped in her UPS truck. (See a copy of the letter attached.)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to approve Commissioners Ordinance 2-2004 (An Ordinance Adopting a New Fee Schedule for Planning, Zoning and Establishing the Clark County Planning and Zoning Non-Reverting Fees Fund). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0. (See a copy of the ordinance attached.)

Mr. Charlie Moon attended the meeting representing the Charlestown Volunteer Fire Department in regard to an appointment to the Charlestown Fire Protection District Board. Commissioner Parker reported that it was a joint decision by Charlestown Mayor Hall, Charlestown Fire Chief Callwell and Charlie Moon to submit the name of Mr. Dan Morgan for this appointment. At those recommendations a motion was made by Commissioner Parker to appoint Mr. Dan Morgan to the Charlestown Fire Protection District Board for a four year term beginning January 15, 2004 and expiring the first Monday in January 2008. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to table the appointments to the Jeff-Clark Building Authority, Physicians Advisory Board, Public Safety Corporation and the Public Safety Authority Corporation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to re-appoint Ramona Bagshaw to the Monroe Township Fire Protection District for a term beginning the first Monday of January 2004 and expiring the first Monday in January 2008.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to appoint Mr. Phil Melton to finish out the term of Mr. Bill Bridges on the Clark County Plan Commission ending December 31, 2007. When Mr. Bridges spoke with the Commissioners he expressed that he is pleased with this change. Mr. Bridges will also have a development coming before the Plan Commission later this year and would prefer there be no conflict of interest. Commissioner Parker seconded the motion for the appointment and it passed 3-0.

Due to the untimely death of Mr. Kevin Lorenz it was necessary to appoint someone to finish out his term on the Clark County Plan Commission. A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to appoint Mr. David Roth Stephens to finish out the term which will expire December 31, 2005. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0.

Mr. Lorenz also served on the Board of Zoning Appeals and a motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to appoint Mr. Phil Melton to finish out the term which will expire December 31, 2005. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed 3-0.

The Commissioners and Mr. Melton expressed their respect for Mr. Lorenz and what a loss this was for the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker to appoint Mr. Jim Carter to the Solid Waste Management District for a term beginning January 15, 2004 and expiring December 31, 2004. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker to appoint Mr. Rex Lockard to the Wage Determination Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed 3-0.

There being no further business to come before the Board and on a motion made by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA

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VICKY KENT HAIRE, PRESIDENT

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RAMOND PARKER, MEMBER

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DAVID LEWIS, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY

ATTEST:

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BARBARA BRATCHER HAAS  
CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR